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Buccaneer Champs Honored at SEDiv Banquet

By Lindsay Fox Buccaneer Times Editor

The banquet room at the Holiday Inn at Jekyll Island was filled with



Eight mem-

bers took

in their

top honors

respective

classes.

Stafford

(DSR) and

Lacombe

(FP) were

each pre-

sented with

a plaque, bags, shirts,

hats and other goodies

when the Road Racing

awards were presented.

Suzie Quinlog (E-Stock

(F-Street Prepared La-

Prepared), Ron King (D-

dies), Bill Coffey (A-

Ladies), Sharon Kapusta

Craig

John

January 18 for the annual awards banquet.

Jim Creighton, the banquet chair, welcomed everyone and then turned the show over to Steve Johnson. President and CEO of SCCA.

Johnson spoke of successes of the past year and the hopes for the upcoming year. The SCCA University was launched with the move to Topeka. Many partnerships were formed including the Stars of Tomorrow/World Karting Association and SCCA and the Speed TV World Challenge Series was a huae success.

In the year 2003 they plan to make some other big announcements.

Following Johnson and dinner the annual awards were handed out.

Prepared), Kirk Reber (E-Prepared), Lee King (D-Modified), Nick Rickert (Formula Jr.) and Mike King (Street Modified) took top honors in the Evolution Performance Driving School Solo 2 Championship Series.

Wanda Cecil was the recipient of the Reuter Award. The Reuter Award has been awarded annually to a SEDiv member since 1963. Wanda was recognized for her hard work and dedication to

both the South Carolina Region and the Region.

Several other Buccanee racers placed in the year-

end awards. They are: Todd Wimberly (4-AS), David Hoover (6-FC), Russell Stalvey (3-FV), Fred Clark (4-FV), Dave Bacher (5-GT1), Alan Harriman (2-HP) and Jeff Ryan (3-IT7).

POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Next newsletter dead line is February 15
- Letters to the Editor
- More Track Improvements
- Corner Worker Bear Introduced
- SEDiv Champion Pictures

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Nick Rickert in his champion's jacket

SCCA members from throughout the Southeast Division Saturday,

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Letter From the Editor



I just got back from the 2002 Awards banquet at Jekyll Island. This was another successful banquet. The Buccaneer Region was well represented at both the annual meeting and the banquet.

Several of our members received top honors in their classes in both Road Racing and Solo 2 competition. Congratulations to all of those who placed and to those who participated.

I attended three sessions on timing and scoring and registration. The latest thing is online registration. This is a great idea if you ask me, since I'd rather do some of the things we do everything from my computer. This system also cuts down on the time our registrar has to spend inputting information into the computer.

If you register online the information can be downloaded into Edge or AMB's Orbits program for registration and T&S. What a areat idea!

I spent over an hour in a session for PR and Newsletters. There was no real agenda, so it was a free-for-all comment session. A few of the people in there had some different ideas on how we can attract new members and workers.

It was a relief to hear that we are not the only region who is having a difficult time with this. I also shared with the group for our members such as pay for their membership and give away awesome prizes.

Speaking of awesome prizes the Driver's School is right around the corner. I hope you will all be able to make it and support our Region. This is a great time to come to the track and try something new. Everyone is a student, not just the drivers.

I hope to see you at the track, but if not I can be reached at:

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Letters To the Editor

Dear Editor,

The latest issue of the **Buccaneer Times reports** that the BoD has decided to ban pets at Roebling Road Raceway, this news has met me with great dismay.

I have been a long time member of the Buccaneer in race events at Roebling Region and have raced at Roebling Road since 1975. The banning of pets was with great concern is shocking and saddening that I read the January to me. Roebling Road is a 2003 report on the Board unique place, the track is owned by the Region and would allow pets. With the Buccaneer Region being a "family" oriented region, it is hard to believe that a no pets allowed policy would even be considered.

My pets are my family, they go everywhere I go. I am responsible for them so the liability should lie with me and not Roebling Road. Since the report in the Buccaneer Times stated no specifics, I presume these two bites were minor incidents.

It is too bad the BoD has to make all the responsible pet owners suffer. Liability rests with the pet owner and not the track.

I hope the BoD will reconsider their "pet ban" decision, I truly believe this action taken will limit any decision will have detri-

mental effects on the success of the race track.

Tom Turner

Dear Editor,

As a Buccaneer Region Member and a Vintage race car driver, I have attended and participated Road since 1991 along with my fox terrier dogs. It Meeting (the Minutes of December 14) to find, based on the suggestion that because two children were bitten by dogs at the track and that the liability to the track is "too huge", no pets should be allowed. I was doubly disturbed that, upon motion, second and five affirmative votes, the track now has a no pet the cars and motorized policy?

The three most disturbing aspects of this action were: First, that no objective evidence was stated for this action (which I ,without being there, would characterize as a knee jerk response to vague information). Has the track been sued over these two incidents? Has track has ever been held liable with damages awarded? For what? Second, is that there is no proof that the "huge' liabilities the track

may have. In my capacity as a corporate lawyer, I am very interested in prevention of harm rather than reparation afterwards, but I also believe we often go way too far in trying to live in a liabilityfree bubble , and in doing so, do not have a life. Third, that it is misguided to believe that a proliferation of more rules will cure harm, as opposed to enforcing time- tested rules already in place.

Perhaps, for their own safety, we should ban CHILDREN from the track to protect them from all possible intimidation and harm found there. Otherwise, besides dogs, the much greater threats to their health and safety would need to be banned as well. We'd need to ban vehicles, especially race cars, driven in places where children play, stand, walk (paddock, grid, track) We would need to ban food that is too hot or too fattening. And what about banning the "wrong sort of people," since we all know that most harm to children is inflicted by humans, often their own parents? All of these elements create much greater liability threats to the track than two dog bites in how many years? Actually, are not children already banned from a "non-

spectator" track? What jury would believe that a toddler or child was a crew member or participant?

Of course, I say this only to illustrate that more legislation is not the cure to all ills. The traditional means by which children are best "protected" is by parental / adult supervision and education, not by legislation. And, traditionally, liability for dog bites is put upon the owner of the dog.

The track already has all participants and crew sign WAIVERS from liability that state that they are assuming the risks of a dangerous place where dangerous activities occur. Perhaps the addition of pets as a named danger on the waiver would be the most unobtrusive action to take in this case. Also, EN-FORCEMENT of existing rules (from no spectators, no vehicles driven by unlicensed drivers, no smoking around flammables/ gas pumps, no unleashed pets) presents the best solution and would do much more to limit the track's liability than by enacting more rules.

Karen Perrin

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Trackside

By Art Corbitt Flagging and **Communications Chief**

I'm sitting here trying to figure out where I am. I live Racing season and I'm in Georgia, but the weather feels like Minnesota. I don't like ice on my windshield much less in my door lock. Fortunately, the other side worked. I can see my Boss's face when I told him I couldn't come to work because my people and their families, van door locks were frozen. I finally got under way and as I passed the Chiropractor's office that has a big thermometer outside it was reading a blistering 23 degrees. At least there was no wind. How long before that groundhog does his thing? fully by the time the sea-I'm ready for some 80-90 degree weather!

It's time to start the 2003 glad. If this gets delivered before the Driver's School, please come out and support the new people that want to race. If you missed the school, come out to our races. You will meet a lot of nice plus get to see some great racing.

During the winter months the track has undergone some improvements. Paving is one of the projects and I'm sure the drivers will love it. Hopeson is under way the new bathroom will be under

construction. The track has a new set of white lines on each side of the pavement. The worker stations have better access in and out of the station and more dirt has been added to the barrels. Several of the buildings have fresh paint. There are more I'm sure, but I can't think of them now.

One last thing: You are the ones that pay your membership dues every year, are you participating so you can enjoy the benefits?

Want to get close to the racing action? Want to interact with the drivers? Your chance is only a phone call away!

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Schedule of Events

2003

February 6-9 15 16 22-23 22-23 23	Double Driver School Solo II-Savannah School Solo II-Savannah SARRC/Regional/Vintage National Solo II-Jacksonville	Buccaneer CFR CCAR	Roebling Road Hutchinson Hutchinson Sebring Club CMP Whitehouse
March 1-2 8-9 10-15 15-16 22-23 22-23 23 29-30	SARRC/ECR/Pro-IT Tom Nehl National International Cherokee Trails Rally Regional SARRC/SARRC SARRC/ECR/CCPS Solo II-Jacksonville National/Pro IT	ATL Buccaneer ALA FLA NCAR ATL	Road Atlanta Roebling Road Chattanooga Barber Moroso VIR Whitehouse Road Atlanta
April 5-6 6 12-13 26-27	Driver School Solo II-Jacksonville ECR SARRC/SARRC	CFR SCAR Buccaneer	Daytona Gainesville Roebling Road Roebling Road
May 3-4 9-10 9-10 17-18 17-18 24-25 24-25 24-26 25	National/ECR Solo I Hillclimb SARRC/SARRC/MARRS/MARRS Solo I Sparta Hillclimb Regional/Vintage/Citrus Enduro Solo I SARRC/SARRC/ECR Solo II-Jacksonville	CFR ATL NCAR CCAR FLA WireG CCAR	Daytona Brasstown Bald VIR Sparta, NC Moroso Skelly Field CMP Whitehouse
June 7-8 7-8 7-8 21-22 21-22 29	Regional/Vintage Driver School National/Double Pro IT SARRC/ECR/Carolina Cup Regional/Vintage/Citrus Enduro Solo II-Jacksonville	CFR FLA ATL CCAR FLA	Sebring Club Moroso Road Atlanta Lowe's Moroso Whitehouse

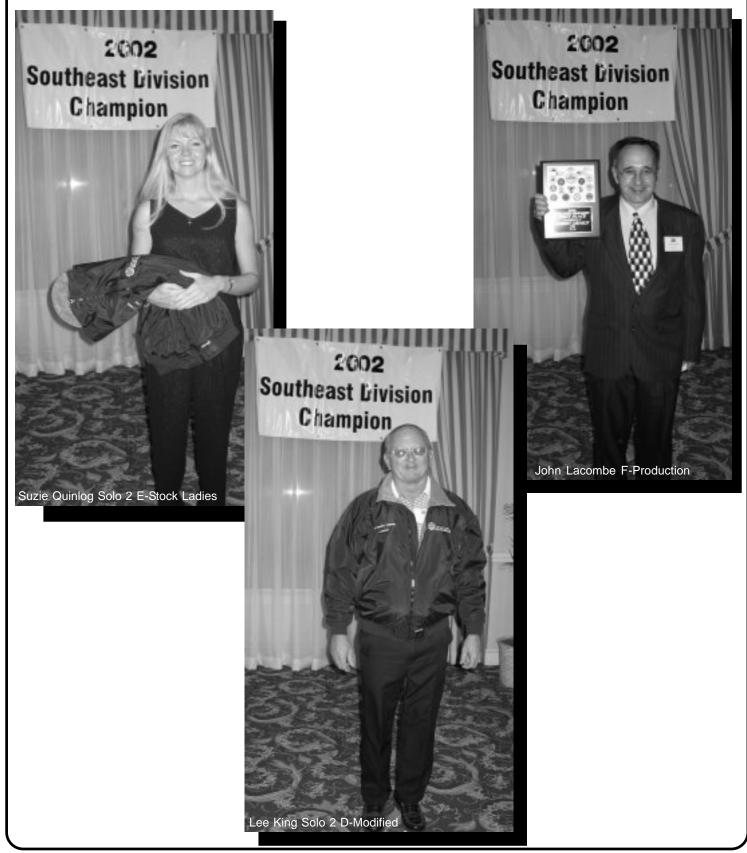
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July 4-6 12-13 19-20 26-27	Lou Ella Cook Double National Regional/Vin/SARRC/Citrus Enduro Drivers School SARRC/ECR/Pro-IT	SEDiv FLA CFR ATL	Roebling Road Moroso Sebring Club Road Atlanta		
August					
2-3 9-10 9-10 16-17 30-31 30-1	SARRC/SARRC National Solo I/Solo II SARRC/ECR Regional/Vin/ECR SARRC/SARRC/Pro-IT	CFR NCAR CCAR SCAR CFR ATL/ALA	Daytona VIR CMP CMP Sebring Long Road Atlanta		
September					
13-14 13-14 20	Open Wheel/Vintage Regional/Vin/Citrus Enduro Divisional Road Rally	BUCC FLA CHATT	Roebling Road Homestead Chattanooga		
October					
4-5 18 18-19 18-19 18-19	SARRC Invitational Challenge Solo I ECR/2004 SARRC Restricted Regional Regional/ECR	SEDiv ALA NCAR CFR FLA	Roebling Road Talladega VIR Sebring Club Homestead		
November					
1-2 1-2 7-8 15-16 22-23 29-30	Drivers School Solo I SARRC Solo I 2004 SARRC/ECR/Regional Regional/Vin/2004 SARRC	NCAR NCAR ATL BUCC FLA CFR	VIR-North Course VIR-South Course Road Atlanta Roebling Road Homestead Sebring Long		



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2002 SEDiv Champions







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Track Improvements Underway

by Jackie Travison

Many things get done behind the scenes at Roebling Road Raceway. that

the general public is not privy to. However, whoever said we were the general public!

The first thing I'd like to let you in on is at the December board meeting the Directors voted that "No Pets" (excluding service animals that is) will be allowed to enter the track. No, it isn't because Bogie (my cute dog) had such a wonderful time there and made a pest of himself. Truth is, during one weekend in December, a child wanted to pet someone's dog and as the story goes, the dog sunk his teeth into the

child's arm, cut through a vein and she/he was rushed to the hospital. Now that wasn't quite enough to stop animals from being allowed. (I asked for all animals to have muzzles on to pass the gate - voted down!) The following week, another child wanted to pet a dog (hmmm, should children be allowed?) and that dog jumped up and bit her on the face, she was rushed to the hospital and required six stitches. So, when it comes to events at the track, if you have a sweet dog (like my Bogie) you can either leave her/ him home or ask for the name of a nearby kennel to hold your precious for the day.

Next, if you ever tried to do timing and scoring during the cold spells, then you know how truly cold the booth is. Not any more! On the second floor a new heating/air conditioning unit is in, the old A/C gone (no more bumping heads!). A new system is soon to be added to the third floor as well.

Also, a new road is being paved in the infield. It will continue the road that you use to enter the facility and go right to the emergency exit at Turn 4. No more mud for those cars that need to be carried off the track. They continue to receive bids for more paving at the track.

Some of the buildings are being painted yellow. And talking about painting, the bathrooms behind the concession stand are getting a new coat of paint to spruce them up and a white line has been painted on the side of the track to help motorcycles get their perspective.

And get ready for this...the new bathroom plans have been approved. The permits have been applied for and a new bathroom facility will be in place soon. Stay tuned for further details.

To end this on a good note, the latest update on the two bitten children - both are recovering splendidly.

Corner Worker Bear Introduced

Corner Worker Bear aka CW Bear is a cute and cuddly bear who is equipped with his own corner worker uniform (white overalls) complete with the SCCA logo on the back. His visor has the They are available for \$19 SCCA logo on it and on the top is an American flag For more information on rendition. The box he comes in has all of the flags with descriptions of

what they are used for and then another description of what they "really mean" in corner worker lingo!

CW Bear will be available the first week of February. a piece (plus shipping). ordering yours please contact David Treffer at 843-224-5722.



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