

# Buccaneer Times

The official publication of the Buccaneer Region Sports Car Club of America

## Drivers School a Success, Despite Mother Nature

By Lindsay Fox  
Buccaneer Times Editor

Contrary to what many may think, All-In-One Drivers School doesn't refer to the weather. But if you happened to be at Roebling Road for Valentine's day you might argue your point.

120 drivers gathered for four days of fun, and every weather condition you can imagine. Thursday drivers arrived to have their cars teched and receive instruction.

Friday they got their first look at the track. Weather conditions were nice and sunny, a good day for learning the line.

The students were divided into three groups. The smallest group was group one, which included open-wheel and sports racers.

Groups two and three were about equal with

close to 50 students in each group. The Buccaneer Region had four new drivers take to the track.

Justin Edwards completed the school in an EP Acura Integra.

There were two Buccaneer Region members in ITS. They were Andrew Eriksen and Gerald Campbell. William Randolph also represented the Buccaneer Region in ITA.

Saturday, the skies opened up and it rained. It was cold all day, and rained some more.

Saturday there was more track time. Drivers slowly gained confidence and started to really push themselves. Some found the limit of their cars and tires. One brave student even went out on slicks for the wet sessions.

After a lot of time on the track



the students lined up for their practice races. They all had two "practice" starts and then the real thing. After the real start they raced for five laps.

Sunday morning didn't look much more promising, but as the day wore on the sun came through.

When it was time to line up again for another round of practice races the track was dry.

Over the weekend drivers got to practice one race in the wet and one in the dry. They learned all about red flags, black flags and even the checkered flag. Once again, the All-In-One Drivers School was a success.



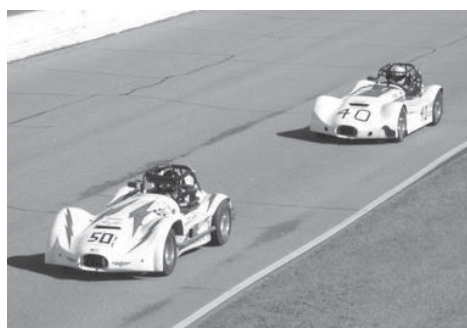
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- ◆ Next newsletter deadline is March 15
- ◆ Tom Nehl National is March 13-14
- ◆ Next Board Meeting March 8 at Captain Joe's in Brunswick

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## Letter From the Editor



some improvements made to timing and scoring. It is easier to see down the track.

Plans are already starting to be talked about for the Open House in April. It will take place the Saturday of the Jim Stark event. That will be April 24. If you are interested in helping out please let Ted know.

The Drivers School is now in the record books and we're looking ahead to the Tom Nehl National that is right around the corner.

This is always a popular event with great racing. If you are looking to get more involved in you Club, this would be a great opportunity.

All of the different specialties can always use your help. There have been

Once again our newsletter placed at the National Convention. I would like to thank all of you who have contributed. I hope we can continue to have a great publication that keeps you informed.

If you have anything you would like to share please send your comments and suggestions to me at:

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## RE Ramblings

By Ted Migchelbrink  
Regional Executive

Hello Buccaneer Region, It has been a very busy start of a new year for me. The SEDiv meeting was interesting with much conversation about tires for the SM class. The BoD decided to use the tires as spec'ed for 2003 for 2004. The general feeling is things are going pretty well in the division and communication seems to be open to improve areas where needed. The complete minutes of that meeting should be on the SEDIV Website soon.

The national convention was, as always, packed with information with a focus on safety equipment. I want to thank Fred Clark and Julius Ashley for joining me on that trip to the frozen Heartland. When we arrived Wednesday evening the city was in the midst of what I heard was "the snow storm of the century." We did not

have to leave the hotel for anything, but being the intrepid adventurers that we are we did venture out for dinner one evening. One very exciting happening was our newsletter winning third place in our size category. Please make it a point to congratulate our editor Lindsay Fox. I would like to thank all the folks that contribute to the newsletter and urge everyone to keep sending articles.

We have just finished a very successful driver school that was well attended and generated many positive comments from the attendees. The mix of weather conditions, with a dry track Friday, a wet track Saturday and the dry again on Sunday could not have been better situation for the students to hone their skills. We really need to give a resounding ovation to the workers that had to perform their duties in

very rough weather conditions. Thank you all!!!!

We were able to get some more paving done on the paddock roads prior to the school and that too, drew rave reviews from our visitors. Our next project at the track will be to improve the false grid and its entry to the track. We will be discussing the iCard system at the next BoD meeting. That system will give everyone with the iCard real-time access to the T & S output from our AMB timing system.

The good news from the Solo II programs is that the first event for Julius Ashley, the new race chair in Jacksonville, was a super event with over 100 competitors. In Savannah, Mike Powers has agreed to chair the first event. We have also been told that we will have access to

Hutchinson Island for the Savannah events.

Our new website is up and running and we all need to spread the word, [buccaneerregion.com](http://buccaneerregion.com). That is where you can keep up with the latest news in our Region. The response to the site has been very positive, but we are always interested in your comments.

OK, that's all great news but there is still a lot to be done. Here are jobs that need to be filled this year. We need a registrar, stewards in training, F&C people to staff the corners, T & S people to help in the tower and a paddock marshal would really round out our race staff very nicely.

That's all for now, please feel free to contact me with any comments or suggestions. Thanks for your time.



# Notes From the Grid

By Amber Walters  
Chief of Grid

Hi everyone. I just returned from Drivers School at Roebing Road.

Saturday was awful. It rained all day and we were freezing by the end of the day! Many of the students could not see and they were pulling off to the side of the track trying to clean their windshields.

A few actually tried doing that going down the track. We had tires flying in the air. A couple of racers met the wall on the front straight.

Thanks to Dave Brown, he saved an energetic racer from being hit after he ran in front of a car after the 'one' was given on the grid.

Poor Dave, he then lost \$200.00 somewhere. It fell out of his pocket and we never found it. I felt really bad about this as he spent the entire weekend helping other students who did not have a crew. He went from car to car to people

he did not even know to help out. What a guy! He is what the SCCA is all about.

Ruth and Larry were very generous with their RV. They let the kids spend Friday and Saturday in it with the baby.

Hylar Craft spent Friday and Saturday deathly ill with that stomach virus that is going around. He shared it with Faye and Wanda. Hylar ended up spending part of Sunday in the RV. We spent the weekend trying to avoid him.

Our very own Lindsay Fox won an award for her newsletter. She does a great job with that. Congratulations Lindsay!

Sunday started out ugly and cleared up to be a beautiful day. The students were getting very confident by then and a few were arguing about when to put on their safety gear.

Unfortunately, by Sunday the rules were strict and

those that were not ready at the one lost their spot and went out at the back of the group. They were good about it and they were ready by the one the next time out.

Poor Dave's student either didn't see his point or reentered the track against point and caused an accident. He wasn't allowed in the final race. He qualified in 10th spot out of over 40, so maybe better luck next time.

Richard is busy paving the in field. He is trying to get permission to pave the grid. The grid needs some work. Very uneven with holes. The open-wheeled cars had a hard time negotiating in and out of the grid. I spoke with Ted about it. Many of the surveys that were returned also mentioned paving as an improvement. So maybe in the future we will get our grid paved.

All in all it was a great race weekend. See everyone at the nationals!



## Schedule of Events

2004

### March

6 - 7	SARRC/ECR/Pro-IT	Atl	Road Atlanta
13 - 14	Tom Nehl National	Bucc	Roebing Road
20-21	Solo II School/Event 3		Whitehouse
20 - 21	SARRC/ECR/CCPS	Ncar	VIR
27 - 28	National/Pro IT	Atl	Road Atlanta
27 - 28	SARRC/SARRC	Fla	Moroso

### April

3 - 4	Drivers' School	CFla	Daytona International Speedway
4	Solo II Event 4		Gainesville Raceway
10	ECR	SCar	Roebing Road
10-11	12 Hour Restricted Regional	Fla	Homestead
24 - 25	Jim Stark-SARRC/SARRC	Bucc	Roebing Road

### May

1 - 2	National/ECR	CFla	Daytona International Speedway
7 - 9	SARRC/SARRC/MARRS/MARRS	NCar	VIR
15 - 16	Solo I-Blue Ridge Sportscar Hillclimb	CCR	Sparta, NC
15 - 16	Regional/ECR	Fla	Moroso
22 - 23	Pro Rally	Chatt	Chattanooga
23	Solo II		Whitehouse
29 - 30	Solo I	Wiregrass	Skelly Field
29 - 31	SARRC/SARRC/ECR/CCPS	CCar	Carolina Motorsports Park

### June

5 - 6	Regional	CFla	Sebring Club Course
5 - 6	National/Double Pro IT	Atl	Road Atlanta
12 - 13	Drivers' School	Fla	Moroso
19 - 20	SARRC/ECR/CCPS	CCar	Lowe's Motor Speedway
26 - 27	SARRC/Enduro	Fla	Moroso
27	Solo II Event 6		Whitehouse

### July

3 - 5	Lou Ella Cook Dbl National	SEDiv	Roebing Road
10 - 11	Regional/ECR	Fla	Moroso
10 - 11	SARRC/SARRC	Ala	Barber
17 - 18	Drivers' School	CFla	Sebring Club
17	Mid-Year Meeting		Atlanta
24 - 25	SARRC/ECR/Pro-IT	Atl	Road Atlanta
25	Solo II Event 7		Whitehouse

**August**

7 - 8	SARRC/SARRC	CFla	Daytona
7 - 8	Solo I/Solo II	CCar	Carolina MP
7 - 8	National	NCar	VIR
14 - 15	SARRC	SCar	Carolina MP
22	Solo II Event 8		Whitehouse
28 - 29	Drivers' School	Fla	Moroso

**September**

4 - 5	Regional/ECR	CFla	Sebring Long
4 - 6	SARRC/SARRC/Pro-IT	Atl	Road Atlanta
11 - 12	Regional Open Wheel/Vintage		Roebing Road
11 - 12	Regional/Enduro	Fla	Homestead
11 - 12	Performance Rally	Chatt	Chattanooga
18	Divisional Road Rally	Chatt	Chattanooga
20-26	Runoffs	Nat	Mid Ohio
25 - 26	Regional	CFla	Daytona
26	Solo II Event 9		Whitehouse

**October**

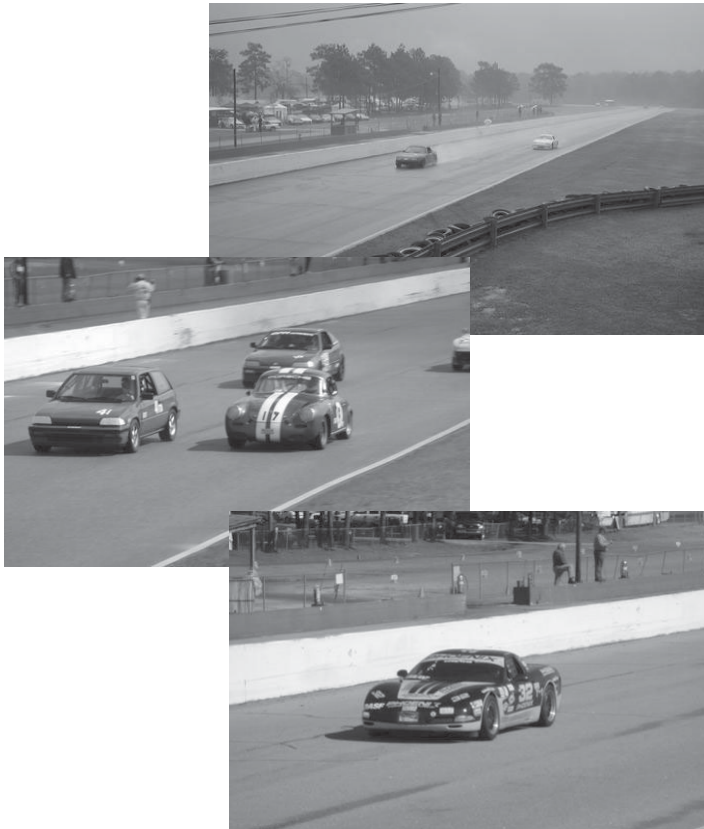
9 - 10	SARRC Invitational Challenge		Roebing Road
9 - 10	Regional	Fla	Homestead
16 - 17	2005 SARRC/ECR	Al	Barber
23 - 24	Regional	CFla	Sebring Club
22 - 24	8/10/12 Hour Enduro	NCR	VIR
24	Solo II Event 10		Whitehouse
30 - 31	2005 SARRC/2004 ECR/2004 CCPS		VIR

**November**

5 - 7	SARRC	Atl	Road Atlanta
20 - 21	Solo I	Bucc	Roebing
20 - 21	SARRC 2005/ECR	Fla	Homestead
21	Solo II Event 11		Whitehouse
27 - 28	Regional/SARRC2005	CFla	Sebring Long



## More Drivers School Photos



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## SEDiv Awards Banquet Held at Jekyll Island

By Lindsay Fox  
Buccaneer Times Editor

The weekend of January 23-25 SCCA members from throughout the Southeast Division gathered at the Holiday Inn in Jekyll Island to discuss the future of the Division and crown the 2003 champions.

As usual Saturday was filled with informational sessions for everyone imaginable. Group meetings ranged from Solo to Timing and Scoring.

Saturday evening the 2003 Divisional champions were crowned.

The Buccaneer Region was represented by

several top competitors. Congratulations to all of our winners:

**John Lacombe**, First Place FP

**Kevin Eves**, First Place Legend

**Steve De Simone**, Second Place Legend

**Pete Bogart**, Third Place Legend

**Hylar Craft**, Second Place SSB

**Fred Clark**, Third Place Formula Vee

**Russ Stalvey**, Sixth Place Formula Vee

**Brad Wimberly**, Fourth Place AS

**Tom Turner**, Fourth Place EP

**Mark Higdon**, Sixth Place GT1

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