

Editor's Note: The following is a short introduction to the SCCA and our local chapter. I originally composed this as part of a new membership information package. It is reprinted here to encourage our non-members, receiving this newsletter, to better understand the structure and diversity of our club, as well as, the many opportunities it offers for participation. Members: Offer this as a flyer to someone you might think is interested in what our club is doing. We would like to invite everyone to join us!



What Is the SCCA?

The Sports Car Club of America is a 53,000-member non-profit organization featuring the most active membership participation organization in motor sports today, with over 2,000 amateur and professional motorsports events each year. The SCCA was started on the east coast in 1944 and held their first road race in 1948. The Hawaii Region was granted a charter by the SCCA in 1952, and held its first race, a hill climb, on March 27, 1954. Today the Hawaii Region has approximately 110 members, and an additional 50 or so non members who regularly race in the Solo II program.

True grassroots motor sports participation remains the backbone of the club, as 110 regional chapters conduct the vast majority of the club's participation events. These events include: Solo I, Solo II, Club Racing, and Rallying. Additionally, the SCCA sanctions several professional race series, including Trans-Am, and offers members a chance to participate at the club and professional levels as course workers and race officials. The individual SCCA regions are brought together into a powerful national club, and the national office, under the leadership of Nicholas W. Craw, coordinates and administers rules, licensing, insurance and member benefits. The Hawaii Region is led by Regional executive

Lindsey Akamu. He is assisted by numerous volunteers, including the Board of Directors: Ed Hollman, Ed Kemper, M.G. Lewis, and Paul Schwartz. The wheel to wheel racing program is under the guidance of "the committee of four", Steve Hirasuna, Art Sonen, Chuck Garner, and Bill Clutter. Our Flagging chief is Gerald Luke.

Many of these regional chapters have their own Web sites. Here you can locate information about events they sanction, regional meetings and gatherings, schedules and results, regional officials, and much more. The national web site address is: <<http://www.scca.com>>. The Hawaii Region web site address is: <<http://www.hawaiiis.com/scca>>.

Providing direction to the national office is an 11-member SCCA Board of Directors, elected by the membership for three-year terms and representing each of the club's 11 geographic areas. The Board of Directors sets club policy, maps the future direction of the club, resolves issues and ensures that the needs of individual members are met.

The SCCA's monthly magazine, SportsCar, offers lively coverage of the many different SCCA activities, and most regions also have their own publication. Hawaii's monthly newsletter, sent to all members and club friends, is the *Huila*. It covers issues, race results, schedules, and classified advertisements.

The foundation of the SCCA remains its Club Racing program, as more than 8,000 licensed participants compete in 300 amateur road racing events conducted at the regional and national levels. The year culminates in October with the annual Valvoline Runoffs®, which determines the national champions in 25 classes.

