

Championship Battles Intensify in Oregon Region Road Racing Championship, presented by Fluge Global Adventures

National Championship Races also on Tap this Weekend at PIR

Portland, OR (PRWEB) May 3, 2008 -- The third of eight Oregon Region Sports Car Club of America road racing championship events is set for this weekend at Portland International Raceway. The schedule also features special races counting towards the season-long national championship titles.

The Pro Drive Spec Racer Ford Championship saw a new class winner emerge at the most recent race weekend in March, and there has been a shuffle in the season standings. Portland's Daniel Halloran holds a slim 10-point lead over West Linn's Steve Fogg, Brian Ward, Gary Manchester, Johnny Humphreys and 20 other competitors in this class.

In the Spec Miata class, Sherwood's Ken Sutherland leads Portland's Gary Bockman by only five points, 43-38 after two races. The pair is closely followed by West Linn's Bruce Wilson, Will Schrader, Brian Richards, Alec Osenbach, Joey Atterbury, Matt Schultz, Jim Graffy and 13 other Spec Miata drivers.

In the A Sedan class for Camaros, Mustangs and similar American iron, Marshall Atherton leads by 14 points over Tim Jorgensen and John Davies. In GT2, Matt Crandall has just a four-point lead over Andrew Foley, 44-40. Jim Walsh and Greg Pierson are both within striking distance.

Qualifying for the Oregon Region Road Racing Championship presented by Fluge Global Adventures begins Saturday at 8:30 a.m. with racing beginning Sunday at 2:30 p.m. National Championship class qualifying starts Saturday at 1:30 p.m. with races beginning on Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. Admission and parking are free, courtesy of Fluge Global Adventures.

All eight Oregon Region SCCA events counting towards class championships take place at the newly repaved Portland International Raceway. Portland International Raceway is owned and operated by the City of Portland through its bureau of Parks and Recreation. The raceway is operated as an Enterprise Fund, meaning that its operating expenses and capital improvements are covered by the revenues that it generates, as Portland International Raceway receives no general fund tax dollars. The raceway's varied, year round activities bring between 30 and 40 million dollars into the surrounding community each year.

About Oregon Region SCCA

The Oregon Region of the Sports Car Club of America was established in the 1960's and has grown to its present membership of over 1,200 members. The Region obtained its charter from SCCA in 1962. It is a member oriented and operated club with the primary

purpose of "promoting, maintaining and improving automobile sports and interest in the ownership, operation of, and safety of sports cars."

From its beginning, Oregon Region SCCA has been organizing and administering sports car/club racing events at Newport, Goshen (South of Eugene) and Portland's West Delta Park (now Portland International Raceway - PIR). The Region's first race was held at the Newport municipal airport (an ex-WWII air base) in 1962.

Currently, Oregon Region has active programs in Club Racing, Vintage Racing, Road Rally, Rallycross, and in Solo II - SCCA's autocross program where competitors compete against the clock in a controlled atmosphere. The Oregon region also provides workers and officials to major professional international racing competitions here in Oregon and across North America.

Individual event sponsors all hail from the Portland metropolitan area, including Monte Shelton Jaguar, Temp-Control Mechanical Corp., Parr Cabinet Outlet, Brewer Bros. Construction, and Pro Drive. The region's Web site is at www.oregonssca.com. Phone: 503.224.9469.

About Fluge Global Adventures

Last year, Fluge Global Adventures (FGA) won the prestigious Rose Cup at Portland International Raceway, captured the Improved Touring E (ITE) class championship with the Oregon Region Sports Car Club of America, competed in a 3,000-mile cross country race rally, climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro and to the Base Camp at Everest, competed in professional Las Vegas poker tournaments, and went "Nessie" watching in Scotland.

In 2008, (FGA) tackles some exciting new challenges. Besides entrance in selected Sports Car Club of America races, the FGA team will participate in the World Series of Poker, take on world class bikers in a 200 mile Cycling Classic, attempt an Exorcism at Amityville in New York, take part in the Duel in Death Valley in the fall, and compete in The Million Dollar Race in Las Vegas this November. For more on these events go to www.flugeglobaladventures.com.

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