

Class Points Battles Continue at PIR in the Oregon Region SCCA Road Racing Championship, presented by Fluge Global Adventures

Portland, OR (PRWEB) April 19, 2008 – Round Two of the Oregon Region Sports Car Club of America championship is underway this weekend at Portland International Raceway. The Neil Swanson Memorial Regional Races are for area drivers competing in categories ranging from exotic purpose-built sports racers and open-wheel formula cars, to GT, sedan and vintage cars.

This weekend also marks the second event in the Pro Drive Spec Racer Ford (SRF) Championship.

Leading the way after last month's first race of the season in the Pro Drive SRF Championship is Portland's Todd Harris, followed by Dan Halloran, also of Portland, and West Linn's Steve Fogg. The SRF is an enclosed wheel, open cockpit, purpose built race car powered by a Ford 1.9 liter, hemispherical head, four cylinder engine. It is one of the most popular and closely contested classes in the Sports Car Club of America.

Another hotly contested and popular class in this season's championship is Spec Miata. March race winner Ken Sutherland of Sherwood, OR is looking to improve on his points lead over Portland's Gary Bockman and West Linn's Bruce Wilson.

Porsches lead the way in the ITE Class with Portland's Keith Jones in first, followed by Seattle's Val Korry and Aloha, OR's Earl Green. The PCA4 class for Porsches is a Washington affair for now, with Redmond's Jim Robison leading Seattle's Jim Bushnell and Kirkland's Scott Powell.

Vintage race groups are also on hand this weekend, with Seattle's Jim Bushnell leading VP2 in a Porsche, Kennewick, WA's Michial Shumate on top with his Titan Formula Ford in VFSR, Robert Dustan of Allyn, WA leading the points in VP1 with his Lotus Europa, and Robert Macherione of Eugene, OR in first with his Austin in the VP3 class.

Qualifying begins Saturday at 1:15 p.m. with racing beginning Sunday at 9 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.oregonscca.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.