

## **Racing Season Enters Round Two Today with Columbia Roofing & Sheetmetal Spring Regional Races**

*Two Days of Competition Set for Portland International Raceway, Presented by Fluge Global Adventures*

**Portland, Ore.** (PRWEB) April 18, 2009 -- The Oregon Region of the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) sanctioned racing series enters its second round with a series of 14 races for the Fluge Global Adventures Road Racing Championship at Portland International Raceway's 1.967-mile circuit.

This weekend features the Columbia Roofing & Sheetmetal Spring Regional Races with some of the best road racing drivers from the Northwest in a series of sprint and feature races. Competitors race in a variety of vehicles, ranging from specially-build sports racer and formula cars to GT, sedan, touring and vintage race cars.

Weekend practice begins Saturday at 9 a.m. for the vintage race car group with qualifying sessions beginning at 1 p.m. Twenty-minute long sprint races begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday, with 30-minute long feature races for each group starting at 1:00 p.m. Admission and parking are free, courtesy of Columbia Roofing & Sheetmetal of Tualatin, OR.

The Fluge Global Adventures class championships are for GT1 and GT2 sports cars. Though built to look like street Corvettes, Mustangs, Mazdas, Nissans and more, these are often purpose-built racing cars. Fluge Global Adventures also is organizing a special Worker of the Year award for one of Oregon Region SCCA's volunteers. The feature race for GT1 and GT2 cars takes the green flag Sunday at 1:35 p.m.

Another highlight Sunday is the MiataCage.com Championship for Spec Miata race cars which are similar to those driven on the street, but have been modified with safety and some speed equipment. The MiataCage.com Championship feature race begins at 2:55 p.m.

Among the featured events on this weekend's schedule is the Victoria Express Formula 500 Series for the Victoria Express Cup. Drivers competing for this season's Victoria Cup pilot open wheel, single seat formula race cars that are built solely for racing. Their feature race begins Sunday at 3:40 p.m.

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.

## **2009 Fluge Global Adventures Road Racing Championship Schedule**

March 6-8

Mindy's Drivers School and March Regional with Vintage

April 18-19

Columbia Roofing & Sheet Metal Spring Regional Races

May 8-10

Fluge Global Adventures Regional/National Races

June 12-14

Rose Cup Races Presented by Temp-Control Mechanical Corp.,  
Double Regional

July 3-5

The Fourth of July Independence Day Double Nationals

August 8-9

Fluge Global Adventures Regional Races

September

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October 3-4

Fluge Global Adventures Regional Races

### **About Columbia Roofing & Sheet Metal**

Columbia Roofing and Sheet Metal is a unique construction and roofing company with over twenty years of experience in all aspects of re-roofing, roof maintenance, seismic upgrades and service. Client's roofing concerns are solved by addressing the entire building envelope to develop the correct solution for each individual project.

The company's slogan, "Expert Solutions, Guaranteed Results", summarizes their commitment to maximize the life of a roof at a low cost for the building owner. Columbia Roofing & Sheet Metal strive to create a team effort and close working relationship with building owners, tenants and suppliers.

Homeowners can rest assured that the company tries to get the most life out of their current roof, but every home eventually needs a new one. High skilled professionals provide photos, a detailed report and a complete roofing plan to protect the homeowner's family and belongings.

Estimates for any re-roofing projects, emergency repairs or for any building envelope problems are available by calling (503) 684-9123. [www.reroofnow.com](http://www.reroofnow.com).

## **About Fluge Global Adventures**

In late 2008, Nick Fluge, Lead Adventurer of Fluge Global Adventures, packed his bags, bought a coach seat to the South of France, and began a period of study that led to experiences that ranged from oil painting on canvas, to ceramic painting and finally to glass blowing.

In 2009 Fluge brings his work and enhanced expression to the Russell St Gallery and Pie Diner as “Artist in Residence.” The Gallery and Pie Diner is located at 807 N. Russell St. in Portland. Nick hopes people enjoy viewing his work as well as that of others who will be featured there on a periodic basis.

Several years ago, Fluge’s journey through life took new turns, leading him away from the realm of eCommerce development, to new arenas that included sitting behind the wheels of SCCA super-cars and playing next to Las Vegas card sharks at the World Series of Poker. In the last few years, Fluge and his FGA Team-mates have climbed 19,000-foot Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, the largest freestanding mountain in the world. They’ve crossed the country in the “Cannonball Run” a rally / road race from New York’s Central Park to Los Angeles.

In late 2007 two FGA teams tackled a serious hike to Base Camp at Mt. Everest in Nepal, and also explored Loch Ness in Scotland (returning without the monster). A full-scale onslaught on the World Series of Poker in 2006, 2007 and 2008 took Team FGA “all in – many times!” High Octane Adventures in the SCCA led to Team FGA Class Championships in 2007 and 2008 in the Oregon Region. An Olympic Length Triathlon, the STP 200 Mile Cycle Championship, and the Magical, Digital, Mystery Stationary Bike Tour, occupied team members for much of 2008.

So far in 2009 a final “four table” finish in the World Poker Challenge spring event has been a great start to a year that will include more adventures such as Exposing the World to Art and Pie at Russell Street.

Finally, “One World - Infinite Adventures” promises to be one of the most exciting FGA adventures yet – 47 sixth graders will conclude their “Outdoor School” experience by writing a paper on “What adventure or dream I hope to achieve in my life” – winners and details on that event will be forthcoming on the FGA website and promise to keep team FGA active well into the future.

For more on these events and adventures, go to [www.flugeglobaladventures.com](http://www.flugeglobaladventures.com).

## **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, member 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."

The roots of SCCA and Oregon Region run deep in racing history. The origin of SCCA can be traced back to the pre-World War II "Auto Racing Club of America" which disbanded because of World War II. Originally, the State of Oregon was included in the territory of Northwest Region, SCCA (NWR), and it remained that way until the official creation of Oregon Region in 1962.

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. The Web site is [www.oregonscca.com](http://www.oregonscca.com) and may also be reached at (503) 224-9469.

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