



# The Course Record

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## Arkansas Region Solo

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War Memorial Stadium

(East side Parking lot)

Points Event #3

War Memorial Stadium is located at Markham Street and Fair Park Avenue — just off I-630 in Little Rock.

### Schedule

7:00 – 8:30	Course set-up
8:00 – 10:00	Registration
8:00 – 10:00	Tech Inspection
8:30 – 10:30	Course open for walking
10:30	Drivers Meeting
11:00	First car off

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**Price**            \$25 Members  
                      \$35 Non-members

A registration form can be found on the region web site ([www.arscca.org](http://www.arscca.org)).

With this form you will be able to go straight to tech, have the Tech Inspector fill out their part of the form, then take your completed form to registration with your entry fee and driver's license. This will speed up registration.

## Arkansas Region Hosts 2008 Newport ProSolo

Date: April 12 — 13, 2008

Event start time: 8:00 am

Location:  
Newport, Arkansas Airport

Entry Cap is 200

Register on-line or print-out and entry form at:

<http://ww.scca.org>

Entry fee higher after April 1st.

Additional event information inside.

The ProSolo National Series provides national-level competition in a series structure using all of the regular national Solo classes.

**Entrants must be SCCA members, weekend memberships will not be accepted for this Series.**

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SCCA now requires all event participants to be SCCA members. For non-members a weekend membership is provided for the \$10 non-member fee. Weekend memberships can be upgraded to regular memberships.



## Club Racing Car Numbers and Transponders

Each year I try to prompt members to put legible numbers on their cars and to be sure you have a working transponder. Number requirements are in the 2008 GCR on page 86 under 9.3.28 Identification Markings.

A. Numbers and Class Letters: Numbers shall be placed on the front and both sides of the car so that they are legible. All Formula cars with a rear wing shall have legible numbers on each rear wing side plate. Numbers shall be no more than two (2) digits, and shall meet the approval of the Chief of Timing and Scoring. Three (3) digit numbers may be used when individually approved in advance by the Chief of Timing and Scoring. Class letters shall be placed on both sides of the car so that they are legible. Rear numbers and class letters are recommended.

B. Size of Numbers and Class Letters: Numbers shall be at least eight (8) inches high, with a 1.5 inch stroke on a contrasting background (rear winged Formula cars shall have as large a number as possible on their rear wing side plates). Metallic (reflective) numbers and class letters are prohibited. The distance between two (2) numbers shall be at least as wide as the stroke of the numbers. Class letters shall be at least four (4) inches high, with a half (1/2) inch stroke on a contrasting background.

On page 77 of the GCR, 9.3.3 Advertisements and Graphics: Advertising and graphics (names, symbols and logos) may be displayed on cars provided they are in good taste and do not interfere with identification marks and SCCA logos.

Now I would like you to picture yourself driving down the front straight past T&S. How fast are you going, 50 miles an hour, 70 or even 90? Do you think an 8 inch number can be seen easily? I know sponsors are important, but if your car cannot be identified it may cause you not to be scored. Please try to keep your number isolated from your graphics, maybe your sponsor can see you on the track as well as on the results! You know, we are not sitting in T&S looking for ways to pick your car apart – we want to be able to identify you easily so that you can be scored. Now I know you are going to remind me that we now have transponders and you shouldn't need a legible number. At every race at Heartland Park last year I heard corner workers calling in bad numbers. They must be able to read the numbers, too, as well as medical, start and ES. So you see, BIG numbers, contrasting with the background, are your friend as well as the volunteers giving their time so you can go racing! Try to keep your numbers plain and simple in contrasting colors.

OK let's talk about the transponders. I know some of you have gotten messages like low hits. What exactly does that mean? When you cross the timing line the loop reads the transponder many times any where from 1 to 180 or more. When the number of hits falls below 40 the loop tells the computer that something is not right with your transponder and we inform you of low hits. It most likely indicates your transponder is not mounted in the best place. The transponder must be within 3 feet of the track, with no metal or carbon fiber between the track and the transponder. There needs to be sufficient space around the transponder, a 4 to 6 inch circle. The detection loops emits a frequency in "V" shape and the transponder picks it up in an inverted "V" shape. If there is something blocking the signal is cuts the signal from reading and receiving your information. The transponder cannot be affixed with metal wire or hose clamps at the bottom of the transponder, since that will reduce and block the signal coming out of the transponder. If you get this message from T&S, you should visit with your friendly competitors to see how and/or where they have located their transponders. The correct transponder for SCCA racing is the Tranx260 and is RED in color. The yellow transponders are for go cart racing and need to be extremely close to the loop. By the way, as close to the front bumper is best – that is what crosses the timing line first, hopefully! If you are told that your battery is low, that indicates you should charge it now as you are in the last 12 hours and the battery could quit at any moment!

The sups at most tracks state that if your transponder is not working you may not be timed and that is true. However, T&S is not sitting there saying ha, ha, ha! We now have to recognize your car and push a button to give you a manual time. Of course that time will not be as accurate as one read by the loop and we might be busy and miss your car entirely. So I would suggest when you get a message from T&S regarding your transponder you seek advice from other drivers, tech, or even T&S. We want you to have fun and enjoy your race and we want to share that fun with you and our volunteers!

Gini Ragan, Midwest Division

DA for Timing and Scoring



## Pro Solo

The Tire Rack SCCA ProSolo® combines the excitement of drag racing and the skill of Solo on side-by-side, mirror-image autocross courses. Lining up at the familiar “Christmas Tree” start, drivers compete heads-up in various classes by combining their fastest times from each course. After class competition is completed, all ProSolo events feature the top drivers from each class, competing head-to-head in a variety of single- elimination, handicapped Challenges. The Hawk Super Challenge determines the Top Eliminator for the event, the Ladies Challenge draws from the two Ladies classes, the Honda Street Challenge draws from the six "Street" classes, and the Bonus Challenge is for those who have not qualified for one of the other challenges.

Entry fee is \$80.00 — when entry is received 10 days before the event — late charges apply after that date.

**Cancellation Policy:** Cancellations received 10 days prior to the event will receive a full refund. Cancellations made after the 10 days prior to the event but before 12:01 am (CST) the Monday prior to the event will receive half of the entry fee paid. Cancellations made after 12:01 am (CST) the Monday prior to the event will not receive a refund. No Exceptions. Cancellations must be in writing. Email or fax is acceptable. 785-232-7215 or [ndowning@scca.com](mailto:ndowning@scca.com).

### Area hotels:

Fortune Inn and Suites, 901 Hwy 367 North, Newport, AR 72112, 870-523-5851

Days Inn, 101 Qlivia Dr, Newport, AR 72112, 870-523-6411

Lakeside Inn, 203 Malcom, Newport, AR 72112, 870-523-2787

Multiple National Franchise Hotels in two separate 20 mile distances: Arkansas Hwy 69 W to Batesville, AR or Arkansas Hwy 18 NW to Jonesboro, AR

**Site:** Newport Municipal Airport, 502 Victory Blvd., Newport Arkansas, 72112

Signs will be posted from the last/first exit off US 67 North — from the 4 lane to the city street.

### Region Board Meetings

Board meetings will be first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. beginning February 6th - Jason Stuart is allowing us the use the conference room at his office. The address for the meetings will be: 415 N. McKinley St. Suite 310, LR, AR 72205 (just north of Park Plaza Mall). If the building is locked press the buzzer and ask for Jason Stuart.

### Board Meeting Schedule

April 2  
 May 7  
 June 4  
 July 2  
 August 6  
 September 3  
 October 1  
 November 5



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### Welcome New Members February 2008

David Barkley	Gina Olson
Josh Davis	Deborah Reynolds
Matthew Gill	Gary Reynolds
Tre Jensen	Melvin Williams
Shawn McAllister	Zach Shaddox
Melissa McPherson	

## 2008 Arkansas Region Schedule

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>EVENT</u></b>
02-16-2008	War Memorial	Test & Tune
02-17-2008	War Memorial	Event #1
03-08-2008	War Memorial	Drivers School
03-09-2008	War Memorial	Event #2
03-30-2008	War Memorial	Event #3
04-12-2008	Newport Airport	Pro Solo Day 1
04-13-2008	Newport Airport	Pro Solo Day 2
05-17-2008	War Memorial	Event #4
06-08-2008	War Memorial	Event #5
07-13-2008	War Memorial	Event #6
08-16-2008	War Memorial	Event #7
09-28-2008	War Memorial	Governor's Cup Event #8
10-18-2008	Newport Airport	Tri-State Day 1 Event #9
10-19-2008	Newport Airport	Tri-State Day 2 Event #9
10-25-2008	London to Paris Rally	London, AR
11-23-2008	War Memorial	Event #11
12-06-2008	TBD	Christmas Party
12-07-2008	War Memorial	Hangover Race