



Connecting Rod

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Governing Board Meeting

When: January 13th; 4:30pm

Where: Room 1J; Freightliner Corporate Building, [4747 N Channel Ave, Portland OR](#)

Meeting minutes and agenda are located at <http://www.oregonsae.org/GovBoard.html>

January Evening Meeting

What: Race Engineering and Go-Karting

When: January 29th, 2009 from 6:00 PM to end of second heat of racing

Where: Round Table Pizza, 12085 SW Hall Blvd # A, Tigard, OR. [map](#)
Then move to SyKart, 8205 SW Hunziker St, Tigard, OR. [map](#)

Cost: \$10 for dinner meeting for members and guests
\$15 per 10-minute karting session (\$10 for Sykart members)
\$2 hygienic helmet liner required (or bring your own full-face helmet)

RSVP: Jason Wilkening at jason.wilkening@daimler.com by Tuesday, January 27th

News/Announcements

This month is devoted to racing! January is the start of our Go-Kart Championship Series. The competition is heating up. To kick of the season, Todd Harris from Pro-Drive Driving School will be giving us driving tips. Then, we get to practice those skills on the track at SkyKart in some head to head racing!

Want to see when local SAE Events are happening but don't have the Connecting Rod handy? You can now check them out on our on-line calendar events at:

<http://www.oregonsae.org/calendar.html>

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Race Engineering & Go-Karting

How the Combination of Engineering and Driving Skills Win Races

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Please indicate whether you will attend the dinner or will race, or both.

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For this meeting, we will meet at Round Table Pizza for pizza and a discussion with Todd Harris. Then we will transfer to Sykart Indoor Racing center (1/4 mile away) for some fast-paced Go-Kart Racing where we can practice the pointers that Todd gives. Todd's racing experience started in shifter karts so expect great instruction and competition!

This will also be Round 1 of our 2009 Oregon SAE Go-Kart Championship Series. You are welcome to attend just the dinner meeting or the karting, but we hope you will enjoy both!



Schedule:

Round 1 – **Sykart** January 29th

Round 2 – **Sykart** May (date TBD, www.oregonsae.org/Karting.html for details)

Round 3 – **Sykart** August (date TBD, www.oregonsae.org/Karting.html for details)

Race Format:

- Each round will consist of 2, 10-minute heats, fastest single laptime wins
- Top 3 finishers of each race will receive a plaque

Series Format:

- Rounds will be scored 1 point for 1st, 2 points for 2nd, etc.
- Points will be counted for the two races.

Fine print: Race control reserves the right to make-up rules as needed to maintain fairness and fun ;-)



Todd in a 800 horsepower Corvette Trans-Am driven during in the 2007 and 2008 Rose Cup races

A few of Todd's motorsports accomplishments:

- 2008 Rose Cup Runner-up
- 2007 Rose Cup Champion
- 2007 SCCA Oregon Region Most Inspirational Driver
- 2006 Bronze medalist at SCCA National Championship
- 2006-2008 Ferrari Challenge race series driver coach and test driver
- 1997 SCCA National Driver of the Year
- 1995-2008 Multi Divisional and Regional Champion in a variety of sports racers, formula cars, and grand touring cars
- 1991-1995 Multi Regional and State Champion while racing go-karts

Has raced at over 30 racetracks across North America while accumulating more than 150 wins and multiple track records.

Has been featured on many local television and radio stations offering driving advice to motorists.

Has racetrack tested over 50 production based sports cars including the Ferrari Enzo, Lamborghini Murcielago, Porsche Carrera GT, and Ford GT to name just a few.

2008 Oregon SAE Go-Kart Championship Series Results

Think you can beat this guys?

Name	Round 1 Points	Round 2 Points	Total Points	Overall Finish
Doug Heredos	2	0	0	1 (Tie)
Johnny Perlman	0	5	0	1 (Tie)
Doug Dufrense	8	2	2	3
Tony Corless	3	6	3	4 (Tie)
Vijay KGS	dns	3	3	4 (Tie)
Darin Schnoor	dns	4	4	6 (Tie)
Devin	4	dns	4	6 (Tie)
Brad	5	dns	4	7
Josh Stone	6	dns	6	8
Dan Brown	7	dns	7	9
Jason Randall	9	dns	9	11 (Tie)
Dazza	dns	9	9	11 (Tie)
Ana Hoang	10			12
Lee Shadbolt	11			13
Matt Freitag	12	dns		14