



# Straightpipe Blast

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## Regional Executive - Paul Anderson



The Region's bylaws committee is getting close to wrapping up their work on a revision to our bylaws. It's been ten years since the last time they were looked at. Since SCCA's national bylaws require that regional bylaws be consistent with them, we realized late last summer there were some changes needing to be made. There will be several new features in the revised bylaws and I would encourage you all to read them (and vote) when voting opens a little later this year. Driver's School got

the Club Racing season off to a good start a couple of weekends ago. The weather even cooperated, sort of, with no precipitation and thirty some new novice permits were issued. Thanks to all the volunteers who braved the chilly winds on Sunday. PDX got their season started the second weekend in March with the second event the first weekend in April. RallyCross ran the last weekend in March and next up is April ninth. Solo starts with a school April first and second and the opening event on the twenty third. MARRS starts at Summit Point April eighth and ninth combined with the NEDiv Championship opener. And the Rally folks start with a school on April eighth.

The calendar is getting busy fast. Come on out and have fun!! Oh yeah, please don't forget to jump in help out with one of our events. Newbies are always welcome.

## Not Racing = Harder than Racing - Eric Wallgren, BoD

For the first time since the spring of 2011, I'm not barely on schedule to have a completed race car on the trailer at T-minus 24 hours to departure for M1. The car is in the shop sitting on the setup rack exactly as it rolled out of impound at M10. The owner/driver/crew chief/mechanic is prudently concentrating on a medical deal that runs until about MARRS 8, with no bandwidth to disassemble and rebuild a car and lay up and fit a fresh set of bodywork. If you've participated regularly in any aspect of motorsports, and particularly if you've done so with a feverish level of near-obsession and drive to be successful, you've probably wondered what you'd do if you didn't have IT to do. I was seriously stressing over what I'd be without an outlet for the countless hours and dollars expended in the off-season, and during the race season. Then I simply broke it down into its most basic parts. I'm not going to be fit enough to competitively wrestle a sports racer for 20 laps of Summit on a 100 degree day in the 2017 season. The rebuild and re-body is hundreds of hours. It's just not reasonably possible. So I'm going to rediscover instructing at PDX events. I'll work at some CR events. The bodywork will get made this summer and fall when it doesn't require 100# tanks of propane to get the garage warm enough for resin to cure. I've got a full year for both driver and car versions 2.0 to be ready for the MARRS 1 2018. Make the obstacle an opportunity and when it feels like the right thing to do, you'll know you're making the right choice.



## MARRS Points:

MARRS 1 is right around the corner... don't forget that the points will be updated online within just a few hours of the race. Visit [MARRSPoints.com](http://MARRSPoints.com) for more info.

## SCCA WDCR Competition

## School Results:

Congratulations to the 33 newly licenced racers! Thanks to the drivers, workers and very talented instructors!

## Upcoming Events:

Apr. 8th  
Road Rally School  
Parkville, MD

Apr. 8th-9th  
MARRS 1  
@SPR Main

Apr. 9th  
RX Event #2  
The Rally Farm

Apr. 23rd  
Solo Practice  
FedEx Field

Apr. 29th-30th  
SCCA Majors  
Summit Point, WV

Apr. 30th  
Solo Event #1  
FedEx Field

May 6th  
Solo Test & Tune  
FedEx Field

May 7th  
RX Event #3  
The Rally Farm

May 7th  
Road Rally  
Joppa, MD