

## ST LOUIS REGION-"VINTAGE ROAD RACING SERIES"

### 2013 VINTAGE SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

1. PURPOSE: To provide a venue for people with older competition cars who, for various reasons, do not wish to participate in the full Regional or National competition events, but instead want to participate in the exciting and social aspects of our sport in Vintage Road Racing.

The preservation of 1988 and prior cars in a road racing environment is viewed as important to the sport and to SCCA. In addition, the retention of experienced vintage drivers fosters continuity in our valued SCCA history and culture.

These Supplementary Regulations lay out **car preparation standards as well as driver conduct standards** and are considered part of the St Louis Region Entry Form as required when including Vintage/Historic cars in SCCA programs per General Competition Rules (GCR) section 3.1.9.

Vintage run groups are conducted according to the Event Supplementary Regulations, the Vintage Supplementary Regulations (GCR) and the SCCA General Competition Rules. The only exceptions to compliance with the GCR and its provisions are contained in these Supplementary Regulations and relate to,

(a) Acceptable racing licenses for drivers and

(b) Car preparation allowances as allowed per GCR 3.1.9.C. Section 7. These Vintage Supplementary Regulations provide the specifics on car preparation. It is the general policy of St Louis Region to recognize cars originally manufactured 25 years ago (1988) and earlier in the Vintage Racing Group.

2. DRIVER ELIGIBILITY: **Drivers must be current SCCA members.** (Weekend Memberships are acceptable) Acceptable licenses for individuals participating in St Louis Region events are listed in GCR 3.1.9. where the SCCA Road Racing Board defines the requirements for an SCCA Vintage competition license. The following licenses are also accepted for participation in the St Louis Region Vintage run group.

BMW Car Club of America (BMWCCA)

Classic Sports Racing Group (CSRG)

Corinthian Vintage Auto Racing (CVAR)

Heartland Vintage Racing (HVR)

Historic Motor Sports Assoc. (HMSA)

Historic Sportscar Racing Group (HSR)

International Conference of Sports Car Clubs (ICSCC)

Porsche Club of America (PCA)

Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing (RMVR)  
Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts (SOVREN)  
Sportscar Vintage Racing Assoc. (SVRA)  
Vintage Auto Racing Assoc. (VARA)  
Vintage Auto Racing Assoc. of Canada (VARAC)  
Vintage Driver's Club of America (VDCA)  
Vintage Motorsports Council (VMC)  
Vintage Racing/British Columbia (VRCBC)  
Vintage Sports Car Club of America (VSCCA)  
Vintage Sportscar Driver's Association (VSDA)  
Vintage Sportscar Racing, Inc. (VSCR)

**3. DRIVER CONDUCT: Vintage drivers are expected to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all participants and spectators. This requires recognizing that vintage grids include cars of many ages with great disparities in speed, cornering, and braking capabilities. Drivers, as well, tend to possess widely varied experience and ability. Accordingly, drivers are expected to exercise great care, prudence, and courtesy in traffic and in passing. The slowest car and driver has as much right to be on track as the fastest, and all drivers must conduct themselves accordingly and make room for each other. Drivers of slower cars are reminded to watch their mirrors and allow faster cars room to pass (both on the straights and in the corners). See Section 6.11 "Rules of the Road" in the GCR.**

**4. CAR-TO-CAR CONTACT: Contact is absolutely contrary to the spirit of Vintage racing. Drivers judged at fault may be penalized with exclusion from the event and with the referral to the Stewards of the Meet (SOM) with the possibility of probation or suspension of driving privileges at the discretion of the event Chief Steward. The event Chief Steward may rely on advice from the Region's Vintage Committee\*.**

5. CAR ELIGIBILITY FOR VINTAGE CLASSES: Generally, cars originally manufactured in 1988 or earlier that have been prepared to, restored to or preserved in vintage/historic racing condition as far as possible.

Examples include 1988 or earlier cars with racing history and 1988 or earlier production cars restored to, prepared to, or converted for, racing to these Vintage Supplementary Regulations and specifications. Safety improvements are encouraged (see car preparation requirements, Section 7).

Continuation model years later than 1988 may also be accepted in vintage.

SCCA has reissued publications for earlier years to help in determining appropriate configurations.

Special interest cars may be included at the discretion of the event Chief Steward with the advice of the Vintage Committee\*. Logbooks from vintage organizations listed in Section 2 will be accepted for St Louis Region Vintage classes only. Cars accepted for vintage group participation may not qualify for regular SCCA Regional or National Class run groups.

Cars prepared and presented for Vintage Classes and not eligible for regular SCCA classes shall be issued a special Vintage Log Book (this may be a regular SCCA log book stamped or marked to indicate acceptance in only the Vintage Run Group).

#### 6. CAR CLASSES:

VP1 – Production cars up to 1900cc

VP2 – Production cars 1901cc up to 3200cc

VP3 – Production cars over 3200cc

VFSR – All Formula and Sports Racers (no displacement split).

Production cars that are substantially faster than the majority of other cars in their class may be asked to move into the next class. The decision to move a car shall be at the discretion of the Event Chief Steward with advice from the Vintage Committee\*.

7. CAR PREPARATION: All Vintage cars must conform to Appendix Z of the SCCA Vintage Competition Rulebook (VCR), publication #5684 dated March 2005. (Available in hard copy or on line)

Roll cages as defined in Appendix Z (pages 18 – 26) of the current VCR are required in all production cars considered model year 1973 or later. There is no requirement for cars from model year 1972 or earlier to have roll cages; however, members are encouraged to install roll cages in such cars where satisfactory installation can be achieved. At a minimum, roll bars are required for production cars from model year 1972 or earlier. Where allowed, roll bars must conform to Appendix Z of the current VCR (pages 27 -31).

Vintage cars shall have no minimum weight requirement.

Driver restraint systems must meet current GCR requirements. Driver window safety net or arm restraints are required in closed cars. Open cars require arm restraints.

NOTE: An SCCA approved Head and Neck Restraint device is required for all SCCA classes including vintage beginning in 2012. See the current GCR for details.

Page numbers listed from the Vintage GCR relate to the 1972 Vintage GCR requirements.

8. TIRES: Must be approximately the same size, width, and profile as those originally offered on the car (either on the standard or optional rim).

All cars participating in the vintage production classes (VP1, VP2, and VP3) shall use DOT molded tread tires.

Formula and Sports Racing (VFSR) cars may use slicks. If there is a specified slick tire available, for the Formula or Sports Racing cars that may run in other groups (e.g. Formula Ford or Club Ford), those cars should run the "spec" tire.

A waiver for the use of slicks by any car may be granted with the approval of the event Chief Steward as advised by the Vintage Committee\* (a log book notation of the exception will be made).

Avon, Goodyear and Dunlop vintage tires that have been re-grooved to a specific pattern are allowable. Shaving of excess tread (as in the Improved Touring Classes) is permitted. Note the reasoning behind the treaded tire rule includes (but is not limited to):

- a) Reduction of cornering loads on elderly suspensions;
- b) Equalization of cornering speeds to keep drivers from trying unsafe passes (reducing the opportunity for contact) and because we are running cars of greatly varying speeds in one group;
- c) Vintage racing is not a contact sport.

9. FUEL: Vintage classified cars participating in the Vintage Run Group shall meet fuel specifications as defined in GCR 9.3.26. This allows cars running in Vintage Classes to use unleaded pump gas if they so choose. Leaded racing fuel is also acceptable. Cars running in only Vintage Classes do not require a fuel port. However, fuel used in any vintage class car may still be tested.

10. SPLIT START: **In the event of a combined Open and Closed Wheel Group**, the Vintage races should begin with a **split start** between formula/sports racing and production car groups unless the event Chief Steward or their designee determines the composition of the run group makes a split start unnecessary.

The lead group will be determined by the event Chief Steward or their designee as appropriate. It is recommended that the pace car pace the second group if only one pace car is available.

11. OTHER ISSUES: Cars that are upgraded to current level racing specifications may not be considered in the "spirit" of the Vintage group and may therefore be excluded.

Drivers whose driving or other actions are observed to not be in the "spirit" of the vintage group, as determined by the Event Chief Steward, with advice from the members of the Vintage Committee\*, may be excluded from the run group (see Section 3).

Determination of car or driver eligibility or appropriateness for participation shall be at the sole discretion of the event Chief Steward with advice of the Vintage Committee\*. It is expected that individual situations will arise at various events (i.e. a second driver using a car that might otherwise be excluded) and final participation decisions will be determined by the Event Chief Steward with advice or members of the Vintage Committee.

## 12. POINTS FOR YEAR END AWARDS:

- Three (3) points for entering. (If the entry is withdrawn and fees refunded, no points will be awarded.)
- One (1) point for posting a qualifying time
- One (1) point for every lap completed during the main race
- Four (4) points for first through fifth place finishing positions (in class, note that means that 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> both earn 4 points)
- Two (2) points for sixth through tenth place finishing positions (in class, ditto above)
- One (1) point for eleventh through fifteenth finishing positions (in class, ditto above)

13. PENALTIES: Penalties will be in accordance with the current GCR and include but are not limited to the potential loss of St Louis Region SCCA Vintage Points.

## 14. AWARDS:

- No trophies for finishing positions will be awarded.
- Championship trophies will be presented at the Region's annual banquet to the winners of each class in the group.

Points will be accrued based on the two weekends consisting of four St Louis Vintage races, with all four race finishes accounting towards the year end points total. The Vintage events counting towards year end points are as follows:

15. 2013 SCHEDULE: for the "St Louis Vintage Road Racing Series". All events will be held at Gateway Motorsports Park.

Date Event Type:

April 19-21 Super School, Double Regional/Vintage/PDX .

Please note that by participating in the Super School you can earn an SCCA Novice and a Heartland Vintage Racing Novice License, or both! Should you finish the weekend up by completing two of the Regional or Vintage races you can be approved for your SCCA Regional or HVR Vintage License, or both!

October 19-20 fall Festival, Double Regional/Vintage/PDX.

\*The St Louis Region Vintage Racing Committee is a "Sub Committee" of the "Club Racing Committee" and consist of Bob Eichelberger, Tim McGinley, Tony Pandjiris and is Chaired by Chuck Udell. See the Region's web site for contact information.