

## **"SCMC on Track" at Texas World Speedway--2003**

The South Central Region hosted its first-ever open track event in August, partnering with Joe Myers Ford and Texas World Speedway and – **“declared a complete success.”**

Several of the track officials and representatives were heard complimenting how well organized we were, being our first major track event. Thanks go to the tremendous support and encouragement coming from Tony Sorrentino and many other club officers who offered valuable experiences and suggestions.

Planning started nearly a year in advance, with Michael Krause, South Central Region Representative, and Tony Sorrentino contacting Texas World Speedway to begin the negotiations for an event date. Once the date was nailed down, the logistic planning began.

Michael quickly assembled an event committee and began meeting on a regular basis. Starbucks became “Event Central”. Darrell McBryde and David Mizler were co-event coordinators, Edmond Vahedi, managed the web boards, Amanda Gullien handled much of the event promotion, Andy Menard took on instructor coordination, while Jim & Jackie Boden worked through the administrative duties.



**Richard Hammond receives a warm welcome in the drivers' meeting.**



Once again, our partnership with Richard Hammond (aka "Pinky"), SVT Sales Manager with Joe Myers Ford of Houston, proved its value.

"Pinky" was greeted with cheers and applause during his introduction in the driver's meeting. Mike Krause, our regional officer – expressed our gratitude for his enthusiasm and support.

We'd like to extend our sincerest thanks to the Joe Myer's family of dealerships and especially to Richard (Pinky) Hammond for his continued support.

Friday night's early registration was a grand success. Jerry Albrecht, Sales Manager with the Manor House Inn, allowed us full use of the hotel lobby for registration; his staff is to be commended for their support and cooperation.



### **Manor House Inn of College Station**

Tables and chairs were ready when we arrived, the copy machine was at our disposal, free coffee and fresh fruit were enjoyed by all.

The pre-registration at the hotel gave members' time to catch up and gave us a jump on tech inspections.

We had 43 entrants on the initial roster with 12 instructors signed up to take care of the Novice groups. For many of us, this would be our first road-course experience and in anticipation of the event, 10 to 20 of us lined up at the Track's gate before 6:30 a.m., Saturday morning.

The classroom experience was valued by everyone especially the novice groups. Instructor assignments had to be adjusted at the last minute and throughout the weekend but it just proved how flexible everyone was prepared to be.



**60 covered garage bays were a lifesaver!**



**On the Grid!**

We had opened this event to any make and model and never dreamed we'd enjoy the diversity so much. Several exotics and pure racecars signed up for track time – and many members were able to ride along in the Ferraris' and Porches. I saw Michael Krause climbing out of the Ferrari 355 Challenge car with the biggest grin you've ever seen.



**Fox bodies and "R's" – what a combination!**

**"We learned a lot this year, which will make next years' event even better"**

A unanimous comment from everyone on the event committee and we have so much confidence that we've already booked the track and hotel for next year (October 16 & 17, 2004). October is a beautiful time of year in South Texas – so put this event on you calendar, it'll be worth the drive.

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