

2021 Election

Board of Directors and Regional Executive

The 2021 Board of Directors election will be in October.

Candidate statements appear in this issue of The Wheel and also on the web page www.sfrscca.org.

The Region Board of Directors consists of the Regional Executive and six Directors. Three members of the Board of Directors are elected for two-year terms in even numbered years, and three members are

elected in odd-numbered years. To be eligible for Regional Executive, you must be or have been a member of the Board of Directors. Only SFR members may hold elected offices.

The election process will be through online voting on MotorsportReg.com.



Linda Rogaski



Tim Sullivan



**Christopher
Linkous**



Joe Montana

Candidate Statement

LINDA ROGASKI



Hi, my name is Linda Rogaski. I've been on the Board for two years, and boy has it been an eye opener! We have had a pandemic, a continuing decline in workers and an increase in drivers!

This Region belongs to all of us, all our voices need to be heard. If I am re-elected I commit to continuing to work on:

- Opening two-way lines of communication, I will let you know how and why decisions are made. I will listen to your concerns and suggestions and take the information to the Board.
- Establishing work-groups to address issues the Region is facing today, such as:
 - o Member recruitment
 - o Volunteer training
 - o Drivers concerns
 - o Competition from other sanctioning bodies
 - o Passing the torch from baby boomers to millennials and younger members
 - o Identifying what we do well and how do we build on it
 - o Identifying what we should be doing better and how do we get there

Jim and I have been members of SFR for almost 40 years. In the early years we were auto-crossers and then moved to road racing. I started doing registration back in our autocross days and stayed with registration in road racing. It's the best crew there is, you get to meet everyone! I have seen a lot of change in those 40 years. Once upon a time we were the only game in town. Times have changed, people have changed, and we need to make sure the Region changes also.

We have three outstanding autocross programs in different areas of the Region - Fresno, Bay Area, and Sacramento. The needs and challenges are different for each area. Let's address those needs and make sure our autocross programs remain strong and continue to grow.

Road Racing has seen many challenges over the years. We are continuing to experience strong competition from other sanctioning bodies, escalating track rental costs, and reduced number of volunteers. Without a strong volunteer program we are not going to be able to sustain a racing program. We need to encourage drivers, their friends and families to volunteer when possible.

What can we take from other groups that make them successful, how can we adapt those programs to fit our needs? We need to build a Region that supports the passion that our members have for the various racing venues.

This certainly is not going to be done by one person, five people or 25 people. This will take the efforts of all our members to build the Region we want SFR to be.

Let's do this!

Candidate Statement

TIM SULLIVAN



Another year in the books. Well almost! But these elections keep happening before the end of the year. Yet again, I ask for your vote for the Regional Executive position. I think we have accomplished a lot this year. The Covid issue has slightly let up and we were able to keep a somewhat normal schedule. The protocols we had at the tracks have been pretty much lifted and it almost feels like normal again.

Our Office Manager has worked out well. Trish has been getting items organized as well as directing and implementing new systems. Amanda resigned mid-year and we have a new employee, Courtney, who is working out really well. She is assisting in timing and scoring as well. We have finally isolated our phone system and it is now stand alone. We are using Ring Central as of September 8 (when our previous service was not renewed). The new system enables remote access as well as messaging capabilities. This will eliminate the lost voice mails and calls transferring to other entities. This took a while to accomplish but as soon as our contract was up, we were ready to go with the new system, we also have our own private internet connection. These were goals we wanted to accomplish this year and they are done. I am sure everyone will notice a change.

We are also in the process of updating our webpage. We have hired a firm to maintain our website, Warrior Webmasters. They were retained earlier this year and soon we will have a new improved website. We will have the ability to update items within 24 hours. It is being designed so that it will basically be the same no matter what device you sign in on. This was a project that took a bit of time, but in the very near future, you will see how this will be a better vehicle for the Club.

We have also updated some of our equipment. We have gotten new Jaws of Life and cutters for the E Crew. They are modern and can be operated by one person. They weigh half of what our old ones weighed. They are battery powered. Our budget really can't allow for other things this year, but on the wish list in the upcoming year is a possible replacement for our Rescue trucks.

I, and our current BOD, had many decisions to make in order to make sure the Club moved forward, and not backwards. If we are to insure SFR remains a viable and vibrant Club, we need to make sure we are set up for the future, and not mired in the past. We are on that path now.

We also had to yet again get another bookkeeper. Our goal is to keep all expenses categorized and easily tracked. This is per event as well as for administrative purposes. Let's face it, we are a million-dollar business. It's not just a bunch of folks saying they are a club. We have to be conscious of costs and waste. You have probably seen that we have made some arrangements to lower our unfunded VIP points debt. At one point it was over \$90,000 dollars. We can't have that hanging over the Clubs financial heads. That is why we have instituted a plan to limit the accrual to \$500 per person. This limits the Clubs debt load and also makes sure we pay about the points for the hard work our volunteers do. There have been some issues with it, but after this year concludes we will have that debt under control. RJ will continue to be the "go to" person for swag such as shirts, jackets, etc. The goal is to have our accounting firm take over day to day accounting. They lost a few employees due to Covid, but within the next 6-9 months, we should have this accomplished. We will keep you informed.

As a result of the accounting change, and replacing the old system with the new, we took an undertaking of cleaning out almost 20 years of "bogus and erroneous" entries in the quick books system, while modernizing it. For 2020, our road racing revenue was flat. In other words, we didn't lose

money. On the books for the IRS, yes, we did. We did this to clean up all the BS from years past. Better to take the hit now and move on with a clean slate. I can't help but thank Bill Booth for assisting in this massive undertaking. Without him we would not have been able to do this. We have a highly qualified Board that will do whatever it takes to make the Club more successful. I thank the entire Board for that. I may be your RE now, but in the future, I want to leave a clean, successful enterprise to whoever follows me.

We also have listened to your advice on races, costs, track time, etc... Yes, I am the competition Director as well. All our tracks have different times we can be on track. Laguna is the most restrictive. I plan on working on getting us an extra 30 minutes per day there. I think this is something we can do. After working Pro events there, I see how the system works. It also helps that we assist them in other areas. More to follow on that.

Solo folks: I don't want to forget you. Nor do I forget RALLY Cross. Rally Cross has really gained interest. Thunderhill has sponsored quite a few this year. This is not an interregional event. Thunderhill Raceway Park has been handling ALL their events. It is becoming successful. The Sac chapter of SOLO is doing all their events at Thunderhill. As spaces for SOLO dry up, this is what happens. That is why Tom McCarthy and others decided to build our own track! Visionaries! As far as the Bay Area Solo goes, they still have funds to buy a piece of land for their events. Thunderhill is a ways off, but the prices for land are astronomical today. We will need to keep looking I ask the membership if they know any parcels in the Bay Area to reach out and let us know. I know our membership. There has to be something out there for a million or less. We do have some money to make this happen

As for our biggest asset, Thunderhill Raceway Park. It is doing well. As you know (or may not) I am the sole shareholder, as the RE of this asset. Last year, I replaced the Properties Board with acute businesspeople, who have evaluated how we run it. I did retain certain people who could not be replaced. Steve Archer is still our Treasurer. Steve runs a chain of Wendy's restaurants as is as knowledgeable as there is in day to day operations as well as a CPA. Brian Ghidinelli was retained. He founded MSR and his knowledge is invaluable. RJ Gordy was retained for his knowledge of the history since founding. Additions include Jim Davenport, a successful real estate person and also a CPA (Also a great Driver) Joe Briggs.. (SFR Driver) who also is a Vintner. He also gives generously to the worker prizes. Jeff Lederman (attorney), who also does SFR driving school and races with us.

We have a great Properties Board. New bathrooms are being installed on the north side of the paddock. Those smelly portables will be gone. A shower will also be installed. All Osha compliant. The gift shop will also be removed and replaced by another structure. The gift shop foot print will be replaced with another canopy with solar panels. If nobody has noticed, Thunderhill Raceway Park is always in the top 5 of raceways in the country.

We are also looking at purchasing more property. Perhaps a dragstrip but more importantly, having test sites for vehicles of the future. We are currently renting out more dates for this than anything else. I am glad we are close to Silicon Valley!

We are the largest Region in the country. We need to keep it that way. I hope we will make our mark both in terms of changing to new technologies, as well as keeping our passions there. We, the people in the 21st century will see many changes. We have to answer and adapt. So far we are.

As most of you know, I am always available to your inputs. I do ask for your vote this year. We have made a lot of accomplishments with everyone. I want to continue this. The SFR Region is the best!

Tim Sullivan

Candidate Statement

CHRISTOPHER LINKOUS



My name is Christopher Linkous, I have 5 years of experience with the San Francisco Region SCCA family. As a volunteer for the past 5 years, I have met and worked with many of you.

Those who do not know me, I will change that in the coming months. You may ask what qualifies me to run for the board, aside from a passion for motorsports. I have spent my short time absorbing the necessary knowledge from the long-time, dedicated members to spread it to

new members for the future.

The San Francisco Region SCCA has a legacy that is worth protecting by growing. In order to continue we must adapt to a changing society and bring ourselves into a more modern era utilizing the immense knowledge base of the existing members. If elected, I will work closely with my fellow Board Members, the RE, the Office and all members of the club to ensure we all have a voice in the future of this great club.

I started out quickly becoming the Co-Chief of the Course Marshal crew, I was successful in maintaining and building on a core group of members to ensure we all remained safe on track. I orchestrated the duplication of the equipment for the two primary racing locations to simplify not only for my own crew, but also for all the future crews.

After finding a replacement chief, I was asked to join the Steward-in-Training program, and now to become a Steward. This has opened for me

a whole new aspect of road racing. The nucleus of this organization stems from the driver's themselves. I want every one that comes out to have a safe and fun-filled weekend of wheel to wheel racing. I recently began working with the Race Chairman/Social chief to ensure all the worker crews and driver's have what they need for a fun and safe weekend.

From the Course Marshal Co-Chief, to a Steward, to an Assistant Race Chairman, I have proven that I am up for the tasks. If elected I will take that same enthusiasm I exhibited for each of those areas and apply it to the Board of Directors duties and the future of the organization.

Future strategic planning for the club going forward will be one of my primary missions. I will work to create a program(s) for the driver's that incentivize them to race with the SCCA and not other racing organizations. I will work to solve the ever increasing crisis of volunteer shortages, utilizing attraction and retention programs.

We all love the SCCA and want to see it survive these challenging times. I am always open to listening and from that creating a forward plan to move this organization into the future.

I am asking for your vote to be elected to the board of directors of the San Francisco Region SCCA.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Christopher Linkous

Candidate Statement

JOE MONTANA



To all my fellow SFR SCCA members, racers, volunteers and staff my name is Joe Montana and I am a candidate for your Board of Directors. I joined the SCCA in 1977 and raced in the A sedan class till 1988. At that time, I was invited to participate in what was

then called the Pepsi Challenge 24 Hours of Daytona. That was the ultimate racing experience of my life, and still is today. After that, I hung up my helmet. I stayed away from racing until 6 years ago. I was testing my Cobra at Thunder Hill, and told my wife Teresa, "I'm hooked again." I re-joined the SCCA and started racing in GT-1 and SP classes.

Those who aren't familiar with my background, I'll give you a short description. I have a BS college degree in Business Administration and a minor in Human Resources from Columbia State University. My work experience has encompassed all facets of my education. I have extensive

experience in recruiting and finance. For the past twenty years I have been working in the Medical industry as a hospital director. I was responsible for maintaining multi million dollar budgets. I was also responsible for hiring personnel, ranging from Housekeeping to Medical staff.

What I hope to bring to the members if I am elected is a new set of eyes and a willingness to help the San Francisco Region grow in a positive direction. As a racer, I have some ideas to improve the driver experience, and as a businessman I have some ideas to hopefully better the SF Region of the SCCA better. If I am fortunate enough to be elected, I promise I will do my best to represent the members. It is most important to gather suggestions and ideas from the members and apply what is beneficial to the organization. Thank you for your support and I will see you at the races.

Respectfully

Joe Montana



Hi Everyone,

Well, we have another summer in the books. With the past Laguna race weekend ended, we now have our Halloween season finale as our last regional racing event. It should be a good one. It's three days, double points, and we will be running three configurations at Thunderhill. Friday will be the original 1.9 mile configuration, Saturday will be our

3-mile route, and Sunday we will be on the full 5-mile course. Quite a bit of a mix-up! It should be fun. We will also be doing the Barbecue on Saturday night, and Saturday morning the Rotarians will be having a pancake breakfast for us. What a way to end the season. Hopefully everyone can make it.

As of this writing, people are preparing to go back to Indianapolis for the Run-Offs. We should have quite a few there from our Region, both drivers and Volunteers. Good luck to everyone and hopefully everyone comes home with a podium finish!

Our Awards Banquet is on for December 4th. We will be doing the Kart races again and details will follow for this free event, which is open to everyone. Banquet Dinner is at 7, with cocktails at 6. It is at the Doubletree in Pleasanton.

We also have an election coming up. Two people will be stepping down from the Board. Long time member R.J. Gordy will be stepping down, but assuredly not leaving us. Ben French will also be stepping down. I want to thank them for their service and look forward to getting advice from them moving forward. Chris Linkous, Joe Montana and Linda Rogaski will be running for the three open spots. Yes, I will also be running for the RE position again. How quickly a year goes by! Voting will open on MSR October 18 and close November 15.

Our San Jose State SAE program volunteers have been working out very well. Some have become full members and have worked several of the Pro events. Our next event is IndyCar at Laguna, and many have signed up. (This will be a historical event when this issue is published.)

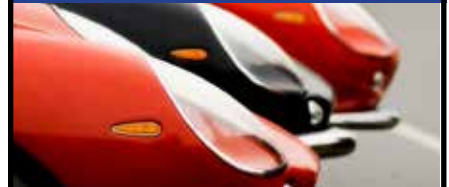
We have added one more Pro event in November. It is the Velocity Grand Prix. It will be November 11th-14th. This used to be a Sonoma event called Speed Fest. We are looking for Volunteers for most crews. It should be fun. The Track and the Region are planning on a Thanksgiving-type dinner on Saturday night.

For those who were at the last regional, you may know there was an incident requiring an airlift life flight. As an update, the driver involved is recovering. I want to thank all folks who assisted that day: our E Crew, the volunteers as well as AMR and everyone involved. They showed professionalism and we couldn't have asked for more. I am sure all the prayers of everyone have helped him as well.

Thanks again to everyone for volunteering and being part of the San Francisco Region SCCA. We have had a great year so far and it's not over yet.

Until next month.... Tim

FANTASY JUNCTION



Alfa Romeo '56 Sprint Veloce	Ferrari '67 33 GTS
Alfa Romeo '62 Sprint Speciale	Ferrari '71 365 Daytona
Aston Martin '58 DBR2 recreation	Ferrari '76 308GTB
Aston Martin '67 DB6 Volante	Ferrari '80 308GTSi
Aston Martin '07 DB9 Volante	Ford '32 Roadster
Benjamin '04 1948 Special	Ford '65 Shelby GT350 #342
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BMW '66 2000ti race car	Lamborghini '67 400GT
Bristol '55 Model 404	Lancia '52 Aurelia B52 Vignale
Cadillac '37 Model 85 V-12	Lola '71 T212
Concours '63 Mk1 race car	Marenda '32 Special 13/70
Devin '59 SS	Maserati '49 A6 1500 coupe
Ferrari '54 500 Mondial 0408	Maserati '70 Ghibli
Ferrari '54 500 Mondial 0430	Mercedes '56 300SC sunroof coupe
Ferrari '55 750 Monza	Mercedes '63 300SL roadster
Ferrari '58 250 TdF 0881	Porsche '58 356A Outlaw
Ferrari '58 250 TdF 0899	Porsche '61 356B T5 1600S coupe
Ferrari '58 250 TdF 1031	Porsche '63 356B race car
Ferrari '59 250 GT Series I PF Coupe	Porsche '65 356C coupe
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