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Sports Car Club of America – Chicago Region

Good evening friends and fellow members of the racing community.

More than 60 years ago a friend of mine took me to a race at Elkhart Lake which dramatically changed my life. I fell in love with racing and sports car racing in particular. The next natural step was joining the Chicago region of SCCA, which I did in 1952. I raced under the auspices of the SCCA, from 1952 to 1966; winning some, losing some, but most importantly learning about the business of racing and deciding that this was what I wanted to do with my life.

In 1965, I formed my own race team and competed in SCCA's USRRC with drivers Masten Gregory and Churck Parsons, CanAm with drivers Peter Revson, David Hobbs and Jackie Stewart and the Formula 5000 Series; winning championships with drivers Brian Redman, Patrick Tambay, Jacky Ickx and Alan Jones. SCCA provided me with the basis for professional success and realizing this made me want to give back. I proudly sat on SCCA's board for 12 years, serving as it's Chairman from 1993-1996. In addition, from 1993-2001 I was SCCA's Pro Racing Chairman.

I've been blessed with good fortune during my racing career but amongst my proudest moments was receiving SCCA's Woolf Barnato Award in 1985; having the award bear my name from 1994-2001, and being inducted into SCCA's Hall of Fame in 2007.

I am grateful and honored to be part of this organization and look forward to SCCA's ongoing contribution to the great sport of auto racing.

Best wishes to all.



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