

THE 2016 KASIK AWARD

In 2002 we lost a good friend of our region and a friend to all of SCCA, a real citizen of the racing community. His name – Bob Kasik, GT1 driver – and to those who knew him, he was bigger than life. His persona, on and off the track - one who embodies the spirit of BVR and those qualities that all of us would admire in a charitable person, is what we on the Board set for this Award.

This award seeks to recognize someone who, thru actions, demonstrate their willing desire to serve all of SCCA – putting that above service to themselves. The Kasik Award both honors and holds up to all of us, an inspiration to think of our efforts, as really contributing to all of sports car racing.

Year after year our selection process reminds us of the fact that we are blessed by a wealth of dedicated members. This year we realized there was a person in our midst who shared Bob Kasik' vision for all the members and to all of SCCA.

But a little background you all might not know about. This person started back in 1972 with a Triumph Spitfire that spent more time breaking than running. In 1979 he acquired a FF and went thru an SCCA Drivers School. The next move was a GT4 which had just become a popular class but his true passion was for formula cars. So in 1990 saw him in a FC which he drove until 1997.

All this time however, thru the 80's he was prepping other peoples cars to pay the bills on his own racing hobby. Having a regular job,

prepping cars and racing himself demonstrates a commitment to our sport that is not often seen.

But one of those life changing moments occurred in 2000 that changes the path one takes. The corporate job evaporated and because the prepping part of his life had gotten so big, a new business was launched, so he could pursue this new vocation full time and commit himself to SCCA Racing.

As the motorsports firm grew, we can see our nominee launched into a new world, as a wider group of people requested his talents for numerous boards, advisory committees, and planning groups for racing.

He served on the MIL Region board to 2012 –at which point he was then elected as an Area Directors to the National office. This person has provide input to our Scheduling directives, as well as steering coordination with neighboring Divisions. We all know of his efforts to make the Majors Program workable for all regions, and has led the discussions with that office to show the path to a sensible series.

It would be easy enough, with the demands of a busy prep facility, to not take on a second term. But the desire to serve all of us in this Division, and take on the issues of our racing world, solo and road racing alike, demonstrate the qualities this Board looks for. Our recipient has been a voice for all of us, a sounding board so many of the regions rely on in shaping the current and the future that SCCA is facing. It is with great thanks, for your dedication to the sport, that we give the Kasik Award to Bruce Lindstrand.