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Sincerely, Philip

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The people are the show

It has been three days since returning from the National Championship Runoffs. What a great week – but most of all, what a diverse and interesting group of people. We are from Nebraska, and Sunday night we went to dinner with a couple from Washington and a couple from Florida. Obviously, we don't have geography in common, but we do have the SCCA.

We spent the 10-day trip sleeping in the spare bedroom of a

couple from Kansas, whose generosity made our trip possible. We partied with people of all age groups, social backgrounds and financial status from Missouri, Iowa, Oklahoma, California, Arizona, Oregon, Michigan, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Florida and North Carolina. We met Ferrari people and Ford people. We met GT-1 and Formula 500 racers. All were different, but all were SCCA.

I listened to hundreds of racers, and at least as many workers, complain. The food, the track, the sun, the rain, the heat, the cold – you know the drill. And yet there we all were, actually enjoying everything. I think complaining is a necessary SCCA activity, but I am already reconfiguring enduring the weather, sore feet and sinus congestion into something to brag about at future Runoffs campfires.

In other words, the racing is great, but the people are the real show. Next year, go to the Runoffs and get to know all the friends you have that you haven't yet met. Find the hidden benefit you get for your SCCA dues – other SCCA members. And as an added bonus, watch some great racing.

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