



RED & JEFF: The Story That Put Erie On The SCCA Map

With thousands of hours, a one-design BMW, and a passion for racing, Jeff turned a worn-down road car into a podium-finishing Spec E46 competitor in the SCCA Mid-States Conference. | WRITTEN BY - STEVE SCHLOSSER, SPONSORED BY NAVAUTO1

The Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) was established in 1944 to rejuvenate the amateur automobile racing culture dissolved at the onset of World War II. Several surviving members of the previous club, The Automobile Racing Club of America, came together to sanction road racing with the inaugural event being the Six Hours of Watkins Glen; held at the Watkins Glen Race Track in New York; a track that still exists today. Today the SCCA exists across 6 conferences, each divided by divisions. Colorado falls into the Mid-States Conference, Rocky Mountain Division.

In 1984, the SCCA established the Spec Racer class to fulfil a One-Design Racing series. The idea is that the playing field of cars are largely the same, with specific modifications and narrow rulesets leaving the only two uncontrolled variables being the driver and car setup (Tire Pressures, Alignment, etc) instead of engineering skill and budget.

In 2010, one such class created was the BMW Spec E46. Provisioned solely for the 2001-2005 BMW 330Ci (Coupe)

and i(Sedan) with an M54B30 Inline-Six naturally aspirated engine and a 5 speed transmission. The platform boasts a whopping 225HP.

Erie resident Jeff R. purchased his BMW, nicknamed "Red", in 2023 as a mostly beat down road car, barely able to drive home. Working out of his mother's 4 bay-garage-turned-race shop complete with a 2 post lift, he spent thousands of hours completely dismantling and transforming his aging clunker into a Spec E46 racecar.

Today the car sits fully gutted and complete with a safety cage and class specific modifications such as suspension, differential, brakes, exhaust, and a sealed ECU.

You might find Jeff on any given Sunday loading up his car in the Sunwest Neighborhood preparing for his next race. He loves living in Erie because he senses the value of community, loves his neighbors, and still maintains that small-town feel while being close to everything Colorado offers.

In the 2025 SCCA Mid States Conference, Jeff finished 2nd in points



for his class. His last race was the SCCA Runoffs at Road America where he finished 8th out of 19.

Colorado is blessed with multiple race tracks within driving distance of Erie. High Plains Raceway and Pueblo Motorsports Park both host open track days nearly every week where you can



experience your sports car in a safe, friendly, and most importantly citation-free environment and contrary to popular belief, you do not need a full fledged racecar like Jeff here to participate!

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