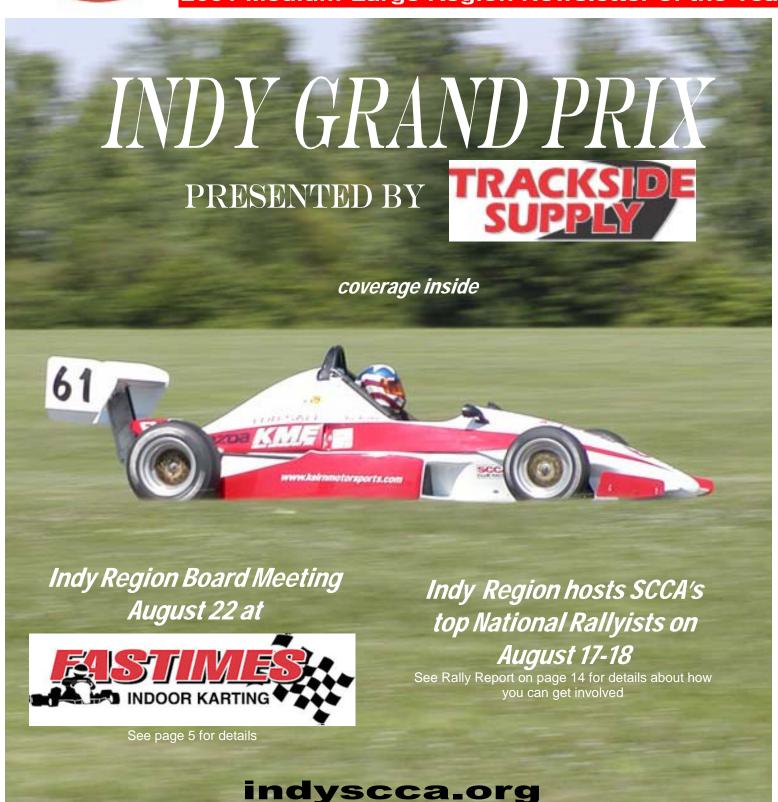


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August 22 Board Meeting, Fastimes Indoor Karting

August 31 Solo #6, Anderson

September 8 Rally #8, James Dean Tour

September 9-13 Tire Rack Solo 2 Nationals at Topeka

September 16-22 Valvoline Runoffs at Mid-Ohio

September 22 Solo #7, 16th Street
October 13 Rally #9, Fall Foliage Tour

October 27 Solo #8, Converse

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What: Points event #6 of the 2002 Indy Region Rally season

James Dean Museum. Chances to score points for rally and/or Competitor of the Year Why:

awards are starting to run out. Good time, fun roads.

Peterson's Restaurant at 96th and Hague Road (just west of I-69) Where:

Registration: 9:00—9:45 AM

Drivers Meeting: 9:45 AM

First car starts: 10:00 AM plus car number

> Finish: 3 PM (approximate)

In addition to the entry fee, there is a voluntary donation requested Special Note:

> at the James Dean Museum, \$1 suggested. Entry forms for this event are the ABCN version for those of you who picked up the forms packet at Rally School. For others, the form will be available on the web site shortly and you are encouraged to fill it out before arriving

at the event. Having done so will greatly expedite on-site registration.

For more info: e-mail – dtcgh@gte.net (Chuck Hanson)

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News

by Dave Hart

Share the FUN...

Another successful month has passed. Indy Region's Indy Grand Prix National was generally enjoyed by the participants, despite light staffing levels in some of the specialties. Thanks go to everyone who helped out with the event. To quote from the event Observer's Report, "This was a well organized, well executed event. Everyone was laid back, friendly and worked well together to assure all had a fun, safe weekend." Thanks everybody!

A special thanks goes to Jeannie Spellman, who went above and beyond the call of duty when it was discovered that the race fuel available at the track was non-compliant. Jeannie, Terrence Garrett, and Phil Keirn worked together to locate, test, purchase, and transport a supply of compliant fuel to the track. Their combined efforts exemplify the true spirit of Indy Region and our SCCA family.

Although the financial picture for this year's club racing program has been rather bleak, the general opinion of the current Board is to proceed with the scheduling process for

next year. The consensus is that the primary causes for this year's light turnouts were a weak "wait and see" economy, combined with a schedule that contained a number of conflicts. Please contact any of your Board members if you would like to share your comments, pro or con.

Get involved... Its time to put together the Election Committee for next year's Board of Directors. This committee is responsible for soliciting nominations and mailing the election ballot, and must consist of members who are not currently on the Board. Please consider helping out with this important procedure that culminates in the election of Indy Region's future leadership. Please contact Dave Hart (or any board member) to let us know of your interest.

See YOU at our next event... Share the FUN...



July Board Meeting

This is a summary of the minutes of the Indy Region Board of Directors meeting held July 16 at 6:00 PM, at Fastimes Indoor Karting. Present at the meeting were Dave Hart, Matt Curry, Steve Linn, Scott Dales, Chuck Hanson, Jennifer McLeish, Chris McGuire, Bob Sweet, and Alyson Kunack. Also present were Kevin Kaufman, Jeannie Spellman, and Jay Quinn.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, with a correction to the treasurer's report. It should state

that the CD has been closed out and the funds split between checking and money market accounts.

Clutch Chatter. Extra copies of July's issue are available. The next issue should be out sometime the week of August 3. Chuck asked if it could go out earlier, as he is in desperate need of workers for the August rallies. Matt will review what he needs for the issue and let people know. We currently have a very good deal with the Carmel Kinkos for printing. Also, a highresolution color version of CC is available. Contact Matt if interested.

Matt has available a pass for a writer and a photographer for the Runoffs at Mid-Ohio. It may be possible to add or change the people going. If interested, contact Matt by the August 28 deadline.

Membership. No report at this time.

Speedfreakz. The next profile in CC will be Eric Robe and his 1996 BMW M3. Jennifer is hoping to get Alan Ausbrooks for an upcoming article.

Activities. Discussion regarding the annual banquet was held; Bob presented several options for locations and catering. The tentative date is December 7. After some discussion, a motion to book space at Crystal on the Riverwalk in Broadripple was made and approved. Possibilities for entertainment and dinner were also discussed.

Rally. We have sanctions for both National rallies coming up. The July 13th rallies had to be canceled due to unrepaired road damage from this year's earlier bad weather. There were \$410 in receipts from the June rallies. There is a desperate need for workers for the August 17 & 18 rallies. A minimum of 28 workers is need for each day, and right now there are only 12 people per day. Please help out! Volunteers please contact Chuck Hanson.

Treasurer's Report. We may have broken even on the Indy Grand Prix. Jeannie asked about the possibility of advertising future nationals as spectator events, to help offset the cost of the extra insurance needed.

Solo. Steve estimated they brought in about \$300 on the Aussie Pursuit (most recent event), and that the solo program is currently running at about a \$2300 surplus. The next event is at Converse, and being held in conjunction with Ft. Wayne Region. Also, they are still having problems with bouncing checks.

Race. All events for this year are finished. Special

thanks go out to Terrence Garrett. Regional Steward, and Phil Kerr of KME Motorsports, who scrambled at the last minute and acguired five 55 gallon drums of race fuel when it was discovered there was no legal race fuel available on site, using their own funds and transportation in the process. Thanks also to Jay Quinn, who covered Tech while the fuel crisis was being dealt with.

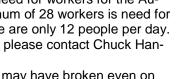
A tentative schedule for 2003 will be under consideration beginning August 1. With the race program costing approximately \$10,000 per year. Dave presented the possibility of discontinuing the race program due to the money being lost. Chuck pointed out that part of the problem with the National this year was a date conflict with Mid-Ohio and the entry fee. Matt also noted problems with the track condition at IRP as well as the track history could have contributed. Bob suggested getting out entry forms earlier and to a wider group of drivers, as well as making sure the forms were available on the internet. Dave responded that

IRP is kind of the only available option, and that some of this year's difficulties were due to late scheduling. As far as continuing the program, after some discussion the Board reached a consensus to continue the program for the time being.

Old Business. The Cruise-In at the Castleton McDonald's is July 27th. See the June minutes for details.

New Business. Chuck mentioned that the year-end officer nomination committee is needed by the next meeting. Matt mentioned that Racers has offered to host a meeting, with the additional incentive of giving SCCA members a \$5 discount for that night. He will look into the matter further, and notify everyone of the time and location for the next meeting at a future date.

August Meeting. Fastimes Indoor Karting, 96th & Keystone, Indy, at 6PM on August 22. Indoor karting to follow. See page 5 for more details.



Indy Region's July Board Meeting at



Karting: If you haven't tried indoor karting, then you don't know what you're miss-

ing! Anybody (SCCA or non) can show up and run. Bring your

friends. It's just a reason to have a lot of fun together! Show up any time

between 6-10PM and run the karts.

Board Meeting: The board has to take care of some business before we can jump in the

karts. Anybody is welcome to sit in on the meeting. We'll start at 6PM.

Where: Fastimes is located just south of 96th Street, east of Keystone/US 431,

south of Woodland Bowl. The address is 3455 Harper Rd. For directions or more information about Fastimes, click www.fastimesindoorkarting.com

or call them at 317-566-0066.

Contact: Jennifer McLeish jmcleish@iupui.edu 317-329-0710

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Regular Fastimes pricing will be in effect. The cost for each 18 lap session is \$18. You must be 18 with a valid driver's license -- everybody is welcome to watch!

Thursday August 22 6 - 10 PM

Another quality event guaranteed to increase your smiles per hour brought to you by your friends at Indy Region SCCA



Thanks to all workers at the Indy Grand Prix!



















Steve Alexander leads the field

Bob Sweet (left) lead every race in his Nissan 300ZX pace car. John LaRue (17, right) held the FF lead but ended up second.









Indy Region's Ian and LouAnn Linn were recently married. They had both been married before, and had been through the pomp and circumstance, so decided to have fun with a racing themed wedding.

The attendees were encouraged to wear racing apparel. LouAnn wore checkers and her bridesmaids wore the standard flag colors. Ian donned a driver's suit and was supported by his groomsmen in crew attire. The ceremony was officiated by the good reverend Al Lay and he was dressed in an IMS Safety Patrol shirt (the yellow shirt).

After the ceremony, champagne was enjoyed by all... and many got drenched during the spraying. The cake was in the shape of a track with little open wheel race cars on top.

The wedding location was decorated in racing banners and inflatables that were provided by family members from their own personal collections.

Good Luck Ian and LouAnn!

Linn's Exchange Vows



2002 Cendi v Race Schedul e

DATE	DRIVER'S SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	NATIONALS	OTHER EVENTS
Aug 3-4		FTW @ M-O (D) (C) LOL @ BIR (D) (C) (T)		
Aug 10-11	MIL @ BHF	MIL @ BHF (C)	WMR @ GRA	CART @ M-O
Aug 17-18		DET/WAT HILLS @ WAT		CART @ RA VSCDA @ GRA
Aug 24-25		CHI @ RA (D) (C)	NEO @ M-O	
Aug 31-Sep 1 Labor Day		WMR/LSR @ GRA (D) (C) LOL @ BHF(R)	LOL/MIL/CHI/BVR @ BHF (D)	
Sep 7-8		OVR @ M-O (D) (C)		
Sep 16-22			SCCA RunOffs @ M-O	VSCDA @ RA
Sep 28-29				F-1 @ INDY
Oct 5-6		WOR @ M-O (C)		
Oct 12-13		CHI @ BHF (C)		

BHF-Blackhawk Farms GM-GingerMan NL-Nelson Ledges
BIR-Brainerd Int'l Raceway IRP-Indianapolis Raceway Park
GRA-Grattan M-O-Mid Ohio WAT-Waterford Hills
(C) Champ Series (T) Tentative (R) Restricted (D) Double

Indy Grand Prix Indy Region Drivers Race Results

Driver	Class	Place
Bill Baten	T2	2
David Daughtery	SSB	T1
Vince Ashton	AS	T6
Steve Alexander	T1	T1
Ralph Porter	SSC	4
Fred Edwards	F5	T1
Tom Edwards	F5	T2

Full Indy Grand Prix race results are available at www.indyscca.org

Cendi v National Racing Point Standings as of 6/24

Driver	Place	Pts	Races	Class
John LaRue	1	48	6	FF
Ralph Porter	2	49	6	SSC
Tom Edwards	2	38	5	F500
Vincent Ashton	4	31	10	AS
Fred Edwards Jr	5	28	5	F500
Bill Baten	10	18	4	T2
Emmett Murphy	12	10	3	FM
Chris Jennerjahn	13	13	4	FV
Brian Jennerjahn	14	11	5	FV
David Bleke	21	5	3	FC

Driver	Class	Place	Driver	Class	Place
Chris Jennerjahn	FV	T2	Paul Holeman	FM	3
Brian Jennerjahn	FV	T5	Craig Campbell	S2	2
Joe Claudy	FV	9	Mike Neal	DSR	T1
Joe Reisert	FV	11	Brooks O'Brien	FA	DNF
Craig Leeke	FV	13	Chris Jennerjahn	PV	5
John LaRue	FF	T2	Joe Claudy	PV	10
David Bleke	FC	7	Brian Jennerjahn	PV	11
Darold Rude	SRF	10	Craig Leeke	PV	12
Richard Parker	SRF	15	Joe Reisert	PV	DNF

Regional Racing Point Standings As of 7/23/02

KNELL, S. ALAN	45	LANDON, MIKE	12
BENSON, SHANE	36	MILLER, DARIUS	12
STANLEY, DARREN	36	PFAFFER, ROBERT	12
HOLEMAN, PAUL	33	SCHOPP, JERRY	12
MUNDAY, DONALD	28	COMMER, STU	11
SCHICK, SCOTT M.	24	RUDE, DAROLD	11
NEYLON, MICHAEL	22	DUNCAN, BRIAN	10
BADEN, MICHAEL	21	HYLTON, PETER	10
BAUGH, JASON	21	REISERT, JOHN MARK	10
SHIRE, BRUCE E.	21	BAME, CHRIS	9
HANSON, JULIE ANNE	18	BUTLER, JOSHUA	9
BLEKE, DAVID W.	17	DOYLE, MOREY D.	9
CAMPBELL, WILLIAM J.	16	SCHACHT, DAVID	9
ADAIR, BRANDON	12	SCHUMAN, BRIAN	9
ANDREW, GLENN	12	SPENCER, KEITH	9
BRUCKHEIMER, JEFFERY	12	CHITTWOOD, MATT	7
GARNER, DAVID	12	LEEKE, CRAIG	7
		SPENCER, TONY	6

SS	Richard Panton	30	GSL	Jennifer McLeish	20	STS S	Steve Linn	34	SM David Basey	35
	Rick Ordo	10		Stephanie McLeish	18	M	like Stensland	34	Jeff Humphre	ys 29
	Debbie Ordo	9		Valerie Gard	9	Α	Alan Ausbrooks	25	Alex Samardz	zich 20
AS	Todd Houtz	10	HS	John Ausbrooks	38	C	Chris McGuire	20	Greg Murphy	17
BS	Gus Hammerly	29		Jeff Rapp	31	J	im Lin	15	John Hopkins	10
	Harold Hammerly	19		Dennis Dunkman	24	J	eff Busby	13	Jeff Busby	7
	Kevin McLeaster	15		Michael Hacker	10	S	Seth Mansue	12	Brian Thayer	6
	Kris Bjerkaas	10		Patrick Tipton	10	N	lick Carney	12	Brian Hagens	ieker 5
	Joan Karnas	10		Randy Hall	10	J	ason Odle	9	Chris Hawk	4
	Eric Robe	9		Dave Johnson	9	Α	Alexander Yovanovich	9	Benjamin Cha	ang 4
	Carl Fuhrmann	8		Jorge Sanchez	8	Т	ravis Wesley	8	Nelson Keimig	g 3
	Johann Spross	7		Josh Meinika	7	la	an Linn	8	SM2 Jack Tovey	37
	Steve Knitter	6		Zach Brinkerhoff	7	E	Ilis Hines	8	Leo Bonvino	18
	Michael Coy	5		Mark Baldwin	7	S	Scott Dales	8	Ralph Ford	10
CS	Jay Hofacker	40		Andrew Tipton	6	V	Vayne Beans	7	Jim McKamey	/ 10
	Matt Reeck	18		Frank Pope	5	D	David Mason	6	Millard Johnson	on 8
	Corey White	9	HSL	Andrea Hutson	39	Α	Andrew Simmons	6	Brandon Tuck	cer 7
	David Burkhead	9		Lindsey Rapp	10	S	Scott Woosley	5	JKRT Kristin Dorsey	/ 10
	Dean Hammers	8		Alyson Kunack	9	S	Scott Childress	4		
DS	Rob Stokes	37	ASP	Ted Drummond	40	Т	roy Wesley	4		
	Darren Daubenspeck	33		Anthony Haggenjos	18	J	ason Young	3		
	Curt Bagley	20		Bryan Alexander	9	Т	om Ashton	2		
	Mike McLeish Jr.	17		Manny Lozano	9	N	Martin Ausbrooks	2		
	Brian Slick	16		Sam White	8	C	Cooper Lacy	2		
	Douglas Schrum	8	CSP	Jason Russell	36		on Schwartze	2		
	Ben Younce	7		Nick Judy	19	S	Sean Foster	1		
ES	Clemens Burger	40		Heather Lambert	15	В	Brian Neff	1		
	Dan Stone	35		Kevin Miller	10	S	Sean Pritchard	1		
	Robert Cochrane	23		Scott DeCoursey	10	C	Chris Bratten	1		
	Tom Harleman	18		Shane Benson	9	Р	Pat Carson	1		
	Cooper Lacy	15		Sherri DeCoursey	9	C	Christopher Carson	1		
	Marc Kerr	8		Dick Davis	8	А	Naron Meyer	1		
	Jeff Goss	7	CSPL	Amy Slater	10		Randy Ryan	1		
	Clint Wyckoff	7	DSP	Jeff Alexander	35		Brian Kinzie	1		
	Joel Harleman	5		Andy Bratt	18	А	Aaron Woelfel	1		
	Bryan Goss	4		Brook Harmon	10	Е	Ed Kwon	1		
FS	Sean Murphy	35		Brad Marx	9		Villiam Spicer	1		_
	Kyle Broeker	30		Loren Long	9		Chris Stensland	1		
	David Johnson	27		Dennis Bratt	7	J	im Zachary	1		
	Drew Buathier	13	ESP	Steve Povalac	20	С	Chris Foresman	1		
	Jason Purviance	9		Scott Burton	10	D	David Smith	1		
	Blaine Alleman	8		Blaine Alleman	10	С	Chris Hogue	1		
GS	Frank Levinson	29		Rob Burton	9		/lary Jo Linn	10		
	Mike McLeish Sr.	21	FSP	Jon Kerns	10		Pat Linn	9		
	Brian Gard	20		Jon Francis	10		Paul Lazaro	28	<u> </u>	
	Matt Curry	18	AP	Lee Miller	30	_	ohn Kudlaty	27		
	Chad Stringer	17	CP	Paul Fox	38		Dale Brier	16		
	Ronnie Inadbnit	17		Michael LeVeque	19		Fric Downey	15		
	Jim Golay	16		Grayden Obenour	10		Curt Bagley	10		
	Daryl Miller	15	CPL	Marlene Obenour	10		Kevin Miller	9		
	Jeff Ramsey	15	EP	Don Ridenour	40		ay Nogan	9		
	Alberto Pizzaro	12		lan Linn	19		lorikya Fukunaga	7		
	Joseph Susa	11	CM	Mark Lamm	39		/lichael Feder	6		
	Jeff Ramsey	10		Steven Young	38		ames Priest	5	•	
	Jim Hutchins	8		Rick Swarts	8		/lichael Jacks	4		
	Dana Crook	7	CML	Cheryl Swarts	10		Steven Pritchard	2		
	Walter Bishop	7	DM	Stephen Brinkerhoff	40		Matt King	1		
	Stan Dorsey	6	EM	Warren LeVeque	20		Michael Short	1		
	Chris Bratten	4		Paul Baldwin	9	IV		•		
	Markus Robinson	3	EML	Jennifer McLeish	10					
	David Browning	2	FM	Larry Metz	10					
	Mark Badgley	2								
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INDIANAPOLIS REGION SCCA SOLO II PRESENTS

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Points Event #6 of the Indy SCCA 2002 Solo Season Rain or Shine

Directions from Indianapolis:

Take I-69 North from Indianapolis to the second Anderson exit (Exit 26) at Indiana State Road 9 North (do not take Old IN-9 North or IN-9 South). Turn left (north) onto IN-9 and pass back under I-69. Continue north on IN-9 (Scatterfield Road) for 2 miles to the stoplight at East 32nd Street (right after the Lowe's on the left side of the road). Turn left (west) at the light on to East 32nd Street and take the first, immediate right in to the Delphi entrance. Stay to the left and follow the yellow guardrails towards the railroad underpass at the back of the lot. The paddock area for our site is on the left after passing under the railroad. The gate previously used at East 27th Street and IN-9 (Scatterfield Road) will be LOCKED.

Registration & Tech: Driver's Meeting: Event Start: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM 10:30 AM 11:00 AM

\$15 SCCA Members, \$25 Non-Members

Karts Welcome!

(Contact Chris McGuire for Rules)

It is the judgment of the Solo Safety Steward whether the course design, surface, solid objects, and type of karts running present an unsafe mix (2002 Rulebook 2.1.D). Please contact the Solo Chairman prior to the event to determine the likelihood of limitation or exclusion occurring.

Note: All Minors must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. Restrictions on high center of gravity vehicles are also applicable. Contact the Solo Chairman for more details.

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By the time you read this we will have finished up what we hope to be a new tradition for the Indy Region Solo program – a grudge match with those evildoers in the Fort Wayne Region!

Patterned after other region vs. region events, we will be scoring points in an Indy vs. Ft. Wayne manner in all the classes at our points event at Converse on July 28th and will crown a Converse Cone Chaos Champion Region after the event.

In other notes from around the cones, we had a very successful Australian Pursuit in late June at the 16th Street lot. A full field of 65 cars (one of the largest Aussie's in recent memory) competed in the head to head, double-elimination format. Matt Curry rode his race-tire shod Lilac GS Neon to a Group 1 win over Jay Hofacker's CS Miata. Group 2 had Clemens Burger never put a wheel wrong in his ES MR2 over Scott Burton's ESP Trans Am. Scott had to even borrow Gus Hammerly's CRX for a round to beat his brother and co-driver **Rob** when they were matched up against each other. Paul Fox did everything he possibly could with his CP Corvair but still was no match for Group 3 and eventual Overall Winner Mark Lamm in his CM Dulon openwheeler. Group 4 went to sudden death as it required Alan Ausbrooks and his STS Subaru 2.5RS to defeat Steve Linn in his STS Magnet Mobile SE-R twice in the final match-up before claiming the group win.

HELP NEEDED! As we continue to expand the successful Indy Region Solo program, the next item on our wish list of improvements would be a new Solo transport vehicle – one with a motor! We are beginning to look at, as many other regions have already implemented, the possibility of acquiring a used box truck or step-van to use as our cone-hauler and base of operations at our events. As we have stated many times before, our biggest headache always seems to be getting the Solo trailer transported to the event sites. If anyone in the region has any knowledge, background, information, contacts, rumors, etc. that would help us in our quest for an affordable "new-to-us" vehicle, please contact either Steve or Chris.

MORE HELP NEEDED! Another item that we need to address in the future of the solo program is Chris and Steve's successors as Solo Chairmen. In order for the

program to prosper, we need our Solo competitors to start stepping forward and taking on additional duties within the Solo program. While at this time Steve does plan on continuing as a Solo Chairman in 2003, Chris will be stepping down to concentrate on other things after 2 successful seasons. After the 2003 season, Steve will be stepping down as well. This makes it imperative that we begin training new Solo program chairmen during the 2003 season. If you are interested in stepping up your involvement with the program, please contact Chris or Steve.

In addition, during the 2003 season we will be REQUIR-ING Event Chairman for each event. This will also allow folks to get more of a feel as to the actual running of individual events while the Solo Program Chairmen will concentrate on the program as a whole and transitioning the behind-the-scenes duties over to the new Solo Chairs in 2004. The duties of an Event Chair are all the things you already see us do at an event: Arrive early, set the course, run registration, run the drivers meeting, assign run groups, oversee the running of the event, and hand out trophies at the end. By working as an Event Chair, you will get a good idea of all that is involved during an event, plus you can qualify those year-end trophy points.

If we do not have Event Chairmen in 2003...we will not have any events in 2003.

Remember – this is YOUR club!

And speaking of year-end points: a reminder that Solo competitors must compete in a given class in a minimum of 50% of the events, must be an active Indy Region member before the final event of the season (an Associate membership for other SCCA Region members is only \$10), and must qualify their year end points by working a specialty position such as Event Chairman, Registration, Course Design, Course Set-Up or Tear-Down, or Safety Steward to be eligible for year-end trophies. Please see Chris or Steve to confirm if we have you listed as "qualified". We will continue to post the current points standings at each event.

As always, we can be contacted at:

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2002 Indy Region Solo II Schedule							
Aug 31 (Sat)	#6	Anderson					
Sep 22 (Sun)	#7	16th Street					
Oct 27 (Sun)	#8	Converse *					
* Indy Region & Ft Wayne Region co-sanctioned event							



Other 2002 Solo Events								
Aug 17-18	ProSolo	Grissom, Peru, IN						
Aug 24-25	CENDIV 5	Oscoda, MI						
Sep 1	CENDIV 6	Toledo, OH						
Sep 10-13	Nationals	Topeka, KS						
Oct 5-6	CENDIV 7	Lexington, KY						
Oct 12-13	CENDIV 8	East Chicago, IN						



Ft Wayne Region Solo 2 Schedule

Aug 25 #6

Oct 6 #7

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The Clemens Report: Three More Solo Events

By Clemens Burger

The Tire Rack SCCA National Solo 2002 Grissom National Tour, Grissom Aeroplex

July 6/7— National level Solo II competition came to Cen-Div once again in July. The National Tour on the 4th of July weekend in Evansville had practically become a tradition when Southern Indiana Region decided two years ago to not host the event anymore. Central Kentucky Region jumped in and volunteered to host a National Tour at the very popular concrete site at Grissom Aeroplex, just one hour north of Indianapolis, but hours from their homes, which makes this a difficult task. Nevertheless, last year the CenDiv NT was awarded the event of the year award.

The Evansville NT had always been very popular and filled up regularly. However, the Peru NT probably exceeds the Evansville event in popularity and set records for entry levels in the past two years. This year was no different. The event filled up one month prior to the event, and almost cial results).



one hundred drivers were caught by surprise and ended up on the waiting list. Unfortunately, several Indy Region members were amongst the victims of the entry cap, which was originally set to 350 and later raised to 365. 363 drivers ended up competing in the event, although the event would have easily attracted more than 500 drivers if the site ranged delivery from Subway for lunch each day. The accommodated it.

Amongst the entrants were drivers from as far away as Florida, Connecticut, Texas, Nebraska, and Colorado. The large field included very interesting cars, guite a few of the fastest drivers in the country, and promised fantastic competition. Some of the largest classes were B-Stock with 20 cars, C-Stock with 24 cars, G-Stock with 23 cars, and C-Modified with 20 cars.

Opinions were divided on the course design. Due to the site layout, the two grids, and the high speeds, times were rather low for a national-level course, which ranged from the mid- 40's on Saturday for most stock cars to the high 20's for A-Mod on Sunday. Some competitors complained about the lack of difficulty, others tremendously enjoyed the high-speed sweeping turns. I would have also liked to see

a few more technical elements (I braked exactly three times during each run on Sunday), but the courses were still fun to drive.

E-Stock had a good representation of Indy Region drivers with three. In this class, Clemens Burger finished third, Dan Stone eighth, and Joan Karnas ninth. A couple more could be found in C-Mod, where Brent Cary finished 13th and Steve Geiger 15th. Warren Levegue made it into the event from the waiting list only a few days prior and finished seventh in E-Mod in his "Corvair Spyder". Larry Metz made a rare appearance in F-Mod and went home with a 12th place. Mike Stensland was also one of the lucky entrants who made it into the event from the waiting list thanks to other drivers dropping out. He finished 12th in STS. Next time you see Mike, ask him about his Dodge tires (I don't know what they are either, but that's what's listed in the offi-

> Complete results can be found at http://www.scca.org/amateur/solo2/nat_tour/2002/ peru/results.html

> Redemption at the Valley of the Cones CenDiv #3, Great Lakes Tech Center, Flint/MI, July 13/14—After events in Wisconsin and Illinois, the series moved to Michigan, where the Saginaw Valley Region hosted the third event. It took place at the Great Lakes Tech Center in Flint, one of the numerous GM facilities in the area. The event was originally scheduled for Saginaw, but moved to Flint after that site became unavailable. This shaved about an hour off the drive for competitors from Indy Region, who joined entrants from other CenDiv regions for a total of 172.

It seems like the standard for CenDiv events keeps creeping up slowly but surely. SVR was

ready to match what the hosting regions of the first series event had offered in every respect and put on a wonderful event. The organizers greeted the competitors every morning with free breakfast, held a free dinner party with four different kinds of chicken on Saturday evening, and arevent was organized well throughout.

The surface of the site was sealed blacktop, quite a contrast to the event one week prior at Grissom, which is probably one of the grippiest in the country. SVR made good use of the site and set up a course with fast corners, tight corners, a fast sweeper, some fast straights, and a couple of slaloms. I had the pleasure to demonstrate to everybody else how slippery the surface really was. It was hard to find any grip on cold Hoosier tires as the first car on course. The cone count from my first run is somewhat of an indicator of the lack of grip (the course workers reported seven cones, while I am convinced that I had a DNF due to getting a "little" wide in one turn). The hot weather, especially for Michigan standards, which approached 90° F, and the rubber laid down during the event helped to considerably increase traction as the event progressed.

Only about half way through the first runs, an FSP Rabbit developed a coolant leak and hosed down a major portion of the course. When the driver stopped after the finish line and opened the hood of the car, a big cloud of steam rose up about 50 feet into the morning-sky. Oil-dry was brought out quickly to soak up the mess, but cleanup took a good 20-30 minutes.

After I (and many others) adjusted to the conditions, I managed second place in E-Stock. Joan Karnas beat several of the male competitors in the same class and finished in fourth place, only one position out of the trophies. Lee Miller had a first place in A-Prepared. Brent Carey and Steve Geiger are supposedly still looking for a decent setup for the new C-Mod Reynard. Nevertheless, Brent finished fourth and Steve 7th. Rick Swartz took home an 8th place. Cheryl Swartz finished first in C-Mod Ladies, as did Steve Brinkerhoff in D-Mod.

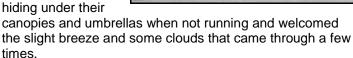
Complete results can be found at http://www.solo2.cendiv-scca.org/2002/result3.pdf.

greeted with loud cheers and definitely contributed to the entertainment of the spectators. Especially some of the more modified cars with stiffer suspensions had to slow down, while some of the slower stock cars could go across with full open throttle, but absolutely had to take the proper line when doing so.

Competition started at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning, which was a little later than for most CenDiv events. The first car on course spun out in the three-cone slalom just before the finish and clipped a curb of one of the islands surrounding the light poles on the lot, destroying a rim and tire. Naturally, this generated quite a bit of discussion about the safety of the course. After another wheel was mounted on the stranded car, it was moved out of the way. and some adjustments were made to the course in order to prevent further incidents. After the competitors were given the opportunity to take another quick look at the course, the event finally resumed at close to 10:30 a.m. Competition lasted until almost 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, but concluded around 3:00 p.m. on Sunday when the organizers moved

Red, White and Blew by You barely in control @ OSU CenDiv #4, Columbus/OH

July 20/21— This one was a scorcher! Ohio Valley Region hosted their CENDIV event on a very hot and humid weekend, on which the heat index easily exceeded 100° F. The approximately 200 competitors were



Ohio State University. The surface was very smooth asphalt with light poles scattered throughout the lot (more on that later). The course was in the 50-second range for most stock cars and did not contain very many difficult elements. It was set up very (and I mean very) wide consisting mostly of straights connected by several 180° and a few 90° turns, which somewhat favored horsepower. What made the course more challenging was that the constructors built in considerable elevation changes when creating the parking lot. They must have thought that more is better and wanted to make sure that the lot drained well. This added considerable off-camber to four turns, and the drivers had to go over a crest four times each day just before or while turning the car. Especially on Saturday, several cars got at least two wheels off the ground going over the first crest, and couldn't keep the rear behind them resulting in wild spins and high cone counts, which was typically



the cars through at a very brisk pace.

Several Indy Region competitors came home with very respectable results. Gustavo Hammerly barely slid by his The event was held in a large and fairly new parking lot at first CenDiv victory and ended up 0.005 seconds behind in second place in B-Stock. Clemens Burger finished first in E-Stock. Andy Bratt from the adjacent Columbus region and regular competitor in Indy Region events ended up first in an unusually large DSP class, just 0.007 seconds in front of second. Jeff Alexander finished the event on two Rcompound and two street tires due to a corded tire and took home 12th place. Lee Miller had a third place in A-Prepared and Steve Brinkerhoff a first in D-Mod. Brent Cary and Steve Geiger who are continuing to dial in their new ride are getting closer and closer to the class leaders. Brent finished second and Steve fifth in C-Mod, also one of the larger classes of the weekend. Rick Swartz had a seventh place in the same class, and Cheryl Swartz finished first in C-Mod Ladies.

Complete results can be found at http://www.solo2.cendiv-scca.org/2002/result4.pdf.

By Chuck Hanson Rally Report

I apologize to everybody for the cancellation of the July 13 rallies. Due to numerous foul-ups on my part, the events were not sufficiently prepared for presentation to the club. As I write this on the 16th of July, I think that they are ready, but will not know for sure until the National

Pre-Check is done on Saturday. Doesn't leave us any time to squeeze them in prior to the 17/18th of August.

We had six cars for the morning and four for the afternoon on June 30. We actually were supposed to have a fifth car, but they went home when there was nobody to run registration. This was due to a shortage of workers that made it nec-

essary for me to go on course where I mis-estimated my driving time and did not get back. Again, my apologies.

On Sept. 8 we will be presenting a Tour Rally to Fairmount, IN: home of a couple of famous Hoosiers, one of whom was also an early member of SCCA (but not Indy Region). Most of you are probably aware that Fairmount is home to Garfield creator Jim Davis. It was also home to a rising Hollywood actor named James Dean who was an SCCA racer. James Dean won critical acclaim for his

roles in movies East of Eden and Rebel Without A Cause. The tour will get us to Fairmount where you can browse the historical museum and the gallery to learn about these famous sons.

We have about got the National Rally courses whipped



are Sat. Aug. 17 and Sun. Aug. 18. This is the type of event that we need prior commitments. We can not do it by just assigning people to places on the day of the event. If we are short people and have to drop controls, it requires changes in the paperwork that can not be done on event day. I am pleading for help.

No National Rally reports this month because my program is suspended until after our August events.

The Rally to There... Pre-Check Results

June 30, 2002



Cls/Fin	Team	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 4	Leg 5	Leg 6	Leg 8	Total
1-A-T	Jim Bredle & Jim Cates	7	2	13	1	15	-20	58
1-C-T	Matt & Tim Curry	-3	38	30	-9	-12	-30	122
1-HA-T	Kurt & Alex Weisner	76	25	-2	56	53	-21	233
2-A	Ken & Deborah Osiecki	10	4	49	100	5	-83	251
2-C	Julie & Bill Partridge	6	-76	100	33	5	100	320
3-C	Steve & Mary Jo Linn	100	100	24	100	100	100	524

...And Back Again Pre-Check Rally Results

June 30, 2002

Fin/Cls	Team	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Leg 5	Leg 7	Leg 8	Leg 9	Leg 10	Leg 11	Total
1-A-T	Ken & Deborah Osiecki	-40	-10	100	5	-41	1	56	6	12	9	280
2-A	Jim Bredle & Jim Cates	-7	4	47	13	66	0	3	6	-100	100	346
1-C-T	Matt & Tim Curry	-30	100	100	100	100	-11	29	-16	88	-54	628
1-HA-T	Kurt & Alex Weisner	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	1000

2002 Indy Region Rally Schedule

Aug 17/18	Double National	Frank & Chuck	Cloverdale
Sept 8 (Sun)	Signs, Signs, Everywhere Signs Tour	Dan Cook	Peterson's 96th 8
Oct 13 (Sun)	Fall Foliage Tour	Jim Bredle	??
Nov 3 (Sun)	Pikes Peak Hillclimb	Kurt Weisner	??



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By Matt Curry

Spare Parts

Solo2 Nationals. Reminder that the cutoff for entries coming in without the \$50 late fee is August 16th. Then after August 24th the late fee jumps up to \$150!

Nationals & Runoffs Preview. For next month's issue I'd like to once again do a preview of the Indy Region drivers who plan to compete at the national championship events. Some of you I know — the racers are pretty easy to keep track of. However some of you fly low and avoid detection. Please call or e-mail me by mid-August.

Photo Crew. Thanks to Lou Byer and Ben Chang who came out and snapped a bunch of photos at the Indy Grand Prix. It made my job difficult to sort through hundreds of pix to figure out which should make it into CC.

Also, Jason Russell continues to man the camera at the solo events. I always welcome help and input — please contact me if you're interested or have something you think people would enjoy reading or seeing.

Fastimes Update #3. Clemens Burger couldn't make it out to the July board meeting, which left me to inherit the top time crown. RACERS has been after us to come downtown, and we've heard from a few people who suggest that we check it out, so we're going to try it for our August meeting. We've been having a great time and hope to see you all there!

Iris. Sorry, but my wife pointed out that the mighty Neon is officially of the color iris, not lilac. I knew that.

Clutch Chatter Opt-In/Opt-Out

Indy Region implemented the 'opt in' approach for mailing Clutch Chatter with the April issue. Unless you sent in the 'opt in' form (below), you will not receive a copy in the mail. A complete, printable, electronic format copy of Clutch Chatter in Adobe pdf format is available to view or download on the Indy Region website at indyscca.org.

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Speed Freakz Spotlight: Eric Robe

By Jenni fer McLei sh

Current Car: Cosmos Black 1996 BMW ///M3

SCCA Program: Autocrossing with SCCA & BMW Club. This year, I am starting road racing with the BMW CCA

(Car Club of America).

Date Started: Summer of 2000

Work/School Commitments: I am a licensed Realtor with Re/Max Preferred, and am working towards my Brokers License. I am also getting close to graduation at IUPUI in Business Administration.

Favorite Racecar Driver(s): Rick Mears & Michael

Schumacher

Favorite Type(s) of Racing: Formula 1 & American Le

Mans

Favorite Race Track(s): Mid-Ohio Road Course, United

States Grand Prix, and Monza, Italy

Favorite Car: I have too many to list, one is the Gemballa

GTR 750 EVO

Favorite Reasonably Priced Car: e36 Euro Spec BMW /// Favorite Actor: Robin Williams

M3 GT (not U.S. legal)

Favorite Color: Dakar Yellow

Other Hobbies & Interest: Ice Hockey, Road Biking,

Mountain Biking, and Backpacking Favorite Movie: Good Will Hunting Favorite TV Show: Spin City



Favorite Place/Vacation Spot: Vail, Colorado Places You Plan to Visit or Live: Australia

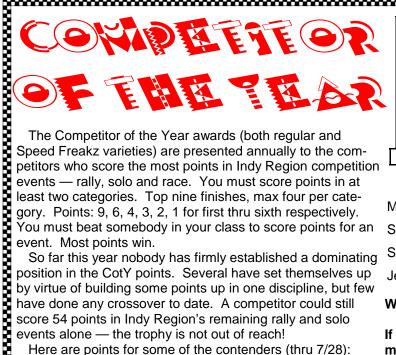
If you won a free trip to anywhere, where would you

go? Tour de France

If you won the lottery, what is the first thing you would

buy? S55 AMG

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The Competitor of the Year awards (both regular and Speed Freakz varieties) are presented annually to the competitors who score the most points in Indy Region competition events — rally, solo and race. You must score points in at least two categories. Top nine finishes, max four per category. Points: 9, 6, 4, 3, 2, 1 for first thru sixth respectively. You must beat somebody in your class to score points for an event. Most points win.

So far this year nobody has firmly established a dominating position in the CotY points. Several have set themselves up by virtue of building some points up in one discipline, but few have done any crossover to date. A competitor could still score 54 points in Indy Region's remaining rally and solo events alone — the trophy is not out of reach!

Here are points for some of the contenders (thru 7/28):

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Aug 17-18	Rally Double National*						
Aug 31 (Sat)	Solo #6 Anderson						
Sep 8 (Sun)	Sun) Rally #8 James Dean Tour						
Sep 22 (Sun)	Solo #7 16th Street						
Oct 13 (Sun)	Rally #9 Fall Foliage Tour						
Oct 27 (Sun)	Solo #8 Converse						
Nov 3 (Sun)	Rally #10 Pikes Peak Hillclimb						
* indicates non-points event. Dates and events are subject to change							
Competitor	Rally	Solo	Race	Total			
latt Curry	3, 6, 9	4, 9, 3		34			
hane Benson		6	9, 9, 9	33			
steve Linn	6	9, 6, 6, 4		31			
ennifer McLeish	3, 9	9		22			
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Competitor	Rally	Solo	Race	Total
Matt Curry	3, 6, 9	4, 9, 3		34
Shane Benson		6	9, 9, 9	33
Steve Linn	6	9, 6, 6, 4		31
Jennifer McLeish	3, 9	9		22

Classi fieds

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1997 Ford Mustang Cobra – 54K miles, black/black leather, clean; starting family, need mini-van (yes, I still have my man-bits); 5-spd MT, AC, PS, PW, PL, Mach 460 stereo (cassette & CD), Bullitt/Anthracite wheels with



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