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Report from the National Championships



Aaron Ellis working through the Runoffs field on his way to the second spot on the podium. See the rest of the Runoffs report on page 11.

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Oct 23 Road Rally 8, Indy
Nov 5-6 CenDiv Roundtable, Worthington, Ohio
Nov 20 Road Rally 9, Indy

Dec 4 Awards Banquet, Junior Achievement Center

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Pictures from our Solo, Rally, and Race events

are posted on our website, and are available for anyone who is interested to download for free. This does take some time on dial-up to download pictures of this size and quality. If you would like to have all the pictures from any specific event on a CD, we can provide them to you for the small fee of \$5 per event. Send a check to Indianapolis Region SCCA for the \$5, along with your address and a note of the particular event you want the pictures for, to:

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You should get the CD in the mail in about a week.

RE News: Elections and Champions

This month I've had serious writers cramp every time I've sat down to write this column. So this might seem "unprofessional" to some who are used to a ... I'm not going to apologize for it though. I hope some people find this mildly entertaining and a refreshing break from the norm.

I have been working like crazy lately. In fact, it has been going on all year. Even when I finally took some time off to go out to the Solo 2 Nationals in Topeka a few weeks ago, I got a call from the office after a couple of days wondering if I could come back to work.

The Nationals was a lot of fun. Dan Stone and I trailered out his '04 Toyota MR-2 Spyder. It was a great experience and the only thing that could have gone better was the results. I think we did a good job of analyzing the courses, including studying film like a football coaching staff. My work assignment was writing for SportsCar covering Street Mod 2 Open and Ladies classes, where I met some of the best drivers and learned about their cool cars. I had no problem writing about that. I saw several locals, including Brent Cary who again won a trophy for his C Modified drive.

Unfortunately work interfered with my plans to go to Mid-Ohio for the Runoffs and I missed that grand event for the first time since maybe '96. I had to "watch" key races via the web's live timing feed but the lack of reality didn't impact my cheering. Unfortunately I don't know what happened to some of the Indy Region drivers who DNF'ed. One silver medal came home with Indy Region F500 driver

Aaron Ellis -- congrats! I don't plan to miss this event again next year.

I enjoyed a big distraction from the routine this evening (whatever "routine" is). My 16-year-old daughter Kacey got her learner's permit today. So we went cruising. Talk about a new perspective on driv-



ing! It was an eye-opener how much we take for granted. It took me back to the days of guiding a 4,000 pound Buick Electra 225 down those narrow Hoosier highways when I first got my license. I am certain that she was more nervous than I was tonight, for what that's worth. Watch out for her at a local autocross soon!

Back to business of the SCCA variety this evening as we continue to work on venues for Indy Region's 2005 race program. We plan to keep the same race dates, and we are still working with IRP to get repairs made there. However we are also looking into the other options in case we need them. Who knows how the Cendiv Split might play into this, too. Stay tuned and I'd still like to hear your thoughts.

I'm not ready for the year to be over yet. It seems like the seasons have just come and gone. There are a few Indy Region rally events left that will decide not only class championships but also overall Competitor of the Year. I'm already thinking about next year's plans. Looking forward

THANKS AGAIN, WORKERS (Our All-Volunteer Core)

See YOU at the Board Meeting... Share the FUN...

Minutes of September Board Meeting

by Alyson Kunack

These are the minutes of the September 8, 2004 meeting of the Indy Region Board of Directors. Present at the meeting were: Matt Curry, Jim Lin, Steve Linn, Frank Pope, Candice Pope, Alyson Kunack, Chuck Hanson, Lou Ann Linn, Dick Powell, David Burkhead, Ian Linn, and Darren Daubenspeck. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report. Dick has been given a check for the Post Office to cover the rest of the year's mailing costs for Clutch Chatter. Also, a donation was made for the new solo end-of-year award.

Solo. The points events for the year are finished. Da Bus needs some transmission work done; Darren estimated a cost of \$100 or less, and the Board approved the Refunds for the CenDiv event have necessary funds. been taken care of. There was some discussion regarding the future of various solo sites for next year.

There is a rally this Saturday. Candice is searching for either a new rally chair or co-chair for next year. Steve Linn will be rallymaster for the October rally. Frank raised the possibility of doing a "retro run" in place of the National Rally next year. Candice discussed changing the rally schedule in the future so that most events are held in the spring and fall, when the turnout is highest.

Race. IRP has turned down our request for full repay- Respectfully submitted, Alyson Kunack, Secretary

ing of IRP from turns 1 through 6; we have asked about paving some sections, and are still waiting on an answer. There have been inquires from Gingerman about bringing our events up there; but at this time, we are still trying to work with IRP.

There was some discussion about the American GT Series (an entry-level GT-1 series) running at one of our events, possibly the Double Regional.

Clutch Chatter. The newsletter is currently running approximately \$150 ahead of budget.

Activities. Lou Ann is still working on the year-end banquet, specifically the menu. She estimates a cost per person of around \$20. Also, she is looking for someone to take over the office of Activities chair.

New Business. We need to get a nomination committee together for the elections at the end of the year by October. Chuck Hanson volunteered.

There will be a meeting of Area 4 Regional Executives in October to further discuss CenDiv splitting. Matt expects to attend.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 12, expected to be at Fastimes.

Meeting was adjourned.

Club Elected and Appointed Office Descriptions

Compiled from the Bylaws of the Indianapolis Region Duties of the Treasurer: The Treasurer shall, subject to SCCA and from the National Office of the SCCA: such conditions and restrictions as may be made by the

Duties of Regional Executive: The Regional Executive shall reside at all meetings of the members and directors, and shall perform the duties usually pertaining to this office. The R.E. is the Chief Executive and Official Spokesperson for the Region; prepares agendas, presides, and reports on the Region status at all meetings; signs and executes (with the Treasurer) all contracts, files all required reports, statements, and certificates; enforces the Bylaws and supervises all Region activities.

Duties of Assistant R.E.: Assists the R.E. with filings, Bylaw enforcement, and Region supervision. In absence of the Regional Executive, or in case of his resignation or inability to act, the duties usually pertaining to that office shall be performed by the Assistant Regional Executive.

Duties of Secretary: The secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and officers and shall record all minutes and votes in a book kept for that purpose; shall give all notices of meetings of the members required by law or these Bylaws and shall perform all duties incident to his office as may be required by the Board of Directors.

2005 Indianapolis Region Board of Directors Nominations

Elections for the 2005 Indianapolis Region Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2004 at the Annual Membership Meeting and Awards Banquet.

As the Chairperson of the Election Committee, it is my responsibility to solicit nominations from members of the Indianapolis Region for the Board Of Directors positions.

Specific job descriptions for the various Board of Directors positions are listed on this page above this notice. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact any of the current members of the Board of Directors. Contact information is on the inside front cover of the newsletter.

You may submit nominations via mail with the attached form to 2302 Shelby St., Indianapolis, IN 46203.

Or submit by E-mail to dtcgh@gte.net

Sincerely,

Check Hanson

Duties of the Treasurer: The Treasurer shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be made by the directors, have custody of all moneys, debts, and obligations belonging to the corporation; shall receive all moneys of the corporation and deposit same in the corporation's account; shall make all payments of corporation debts; all contracts, checks, drafts, notes or other orders for payment of money shall be signed in the name of the corporation by the Treasurer; shall have custody of the corporate seal, and the records of the corporation; will report Region Financials at the all meetings (including an Annual Report) and ensure preparation and filing of all tax information.

Duties of the Activities Chairman: It shall be the duty of the Activities Chairman to arrange and promote all activities of the corporation and he shall have other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

Duties of Membership Chairman: The Membership Chairman shall solicit, issue, and process all new membership applications. The Membership Chair will work closely with the Activities Chair in the recruitment and retention of members.

2005 Indy Region Board of Directors Elections Nomination Ballot						
Regional Executive						
Assistant RE						
Treasurer						
Secretary						
Membership Chairperson						
Activities Chairperson						
Mail to:						
Chuck Hanson 2302 Shelby St. Indianapolis, IN 46203						
Or E-mail to dtcgh@gte.net						

2004 Central Division Roundtable

November 5-6, 2004

Hosted By The Ohio Valley Region Sports Car Club of America

Radisson Hotel Columbus-Worthington

7007 North High Street Worthington, Ohio, 43085 614/436-0700 614/436-5318 (fax)

800/333-3333 - Radisson Worldwide Reservations

Attendees are responsible for making their own room reservations. Ask for the SCCA group rate of \$69.00/ night. Reservations cut-off date is October 22, 2004.

See the agenda and Roundtable registration form on the CenDiv website www.cendiv scca.org

Notes From A Nut - What A Year!

By Dick Powell

enjoyed some neat activities, a full season of Solo Events, a good schedule of Rallies, and some reasonably successful racing activities for our competition members. And it looks like our annual Awards Banquet will be the best ever.

How much of this have YOU been part of? All the FUN has been available to any of our members, and even to non-members who are interested. If you missed out, you merely need to contact the people who chair the events by finding their contact information inside the front cover. Each one of them will be more than happy to point you in the right direction to get you involved.

We also have our election of officers rapidly approach-

We have had a good year in the Indy Region. We have ing. This is another great way to be involved in your club, and increase your FUN for the year. I know lan and Lou Ann Linn are moving to Florida, and the offices of Membership Chairperson and Activities Chairperson are waiting to be filled. If you think you could fill one of these offices, let us know with a nominating ballot. If you have the desire to run for any of the offices, let us know with a nominating ballot. When Chuck Hanson has all the nominations, we will prepare the election ballots and get them to the mem-

> This is YOUR club, come on out and join the FUN with the rest of us! LET'S DO IT!

Christmas Party/Awards Banquet is coming!

By Lou Ann Linn

Education Center facility at 7435 North Keystone Avenue . now!! Watch Clutch Chatter and the web site for updates.

We only have 2 months left until our Year-End Awards Ticket price is \$20.00 per person this year. There will be Banquet! The banquet will be December 4th, 2004 from great door prizes (there will be a different system for distri-6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m., at the new Junior Achievement bution this year) and other fun things. Mark your calendars

Solo Report: Aftermath of the Showdown!

by Darren Daubenspeck

And the Worker Invitational, and Where do you wanna run inside I-465. next year?

Having an autocross event on a Monday sure felt strange to me, but it sure beat a day at work! I'm sure my fellow competitors (all 64 of you) probably felt the same way.

Alas, Indy region got its collective hat handed to them by the CSCC folks. CSCC members took the top spot in 6 classes where there was an Indy member competing, whereas Indy members only won 2 classes where a CSCC member was competing. In the remaining classes, either there was no second competitor, or the other competitors weren't Indy or CSCC members. The PAX winner of the day was also a CSCC member. I reckon that means Indy got whupped at Walesboro. Lessons that we can take from the event are:

Conventional tire wisdom doesn't hold water at Wales-

Higher speeds call for increased smoothness, control, and planning

If ya wanna win an event, take advantage of running the pre-event, when ya can

I'm guilty of not knowing all three lessons. A family reunion kept me near Evansville until late Sunday, so I really didn't have a chance to practice. I'd like to thank the CSCC region on behalf of the Indy club for hosting the event, supplying the equipment, taking care of the paperwork, and setup and teardown of the event.

Well, onto the Worker Invitational, which is a non-points fun event that rewards those folks who have dug in and gone the extra mile to help run our Solo2 events. I'm not talking about simply fulfilling the worker assignment during the event...everybody does that anyway. This is for folks who have repeatedly showed up early to help setup, stayed late to cleanup, shown up on non-event work days to improve the equipment, repeatedly worked tech inspection, registration, pointskeeping, taken on one of the Event Specialty Chair positions or been an Event Chairperson... There's so many ways to qualify for an Invitation, it's just plain silly to not have done it. The Invitation List was in the last issue, so look at the list and see the names of those who helped make YOUR Solo events successful.

As it is a fun event, car swapping is permitted and encouraged! With the pressure of year-end awards relieved, more fellowship and camaraderie with club members can flourish. Just remember, keep the bottles capped until AF-TER the event is cleaned up......

So here's a good question: What sites do Indy Region members prefer to run at? What types of events do ya like to run? Let's have some discussion on this, by phone call, email, or discussion on the Yahoo IndySCCA E-group. There's plenty of time before next season to talk about it. It goes without saying that most folks like running Grissom -I do too, but that site incurs higher costs and more preparation than our local spots. Not to mention that it's MUCH harder to schedule, because EVERYBODY wants it. We're Darren Daubenspeck always looking for new sites, too. I think we have the best interest and attendance to events within 15 minutes of or

Anybody disagree? So it you know someone who has authority over a suitable parking lot, let's talk!



Here's a call for next year's CenDiv: We are looking for at least two individuals to take the helm of Event Co-Chairmen for an Indy Region Sponsored CenDly Event in 2005. You'll have lots of help, as evidenced by the folks who come out of the woodwork to help with these CenDiv events. If you'd like to see Indy region run Grissom in 2005, participate in CenDiv activities, and provide a major boost to the Indy Solo2 program, please contact either Darren, David, or Matt Curry to let your intentions to help out be known.

The IndySCCA utilizes the great www.myautoevents. com service for pre-registration on the Internet, and will continue to do so next year. It's free to you, and makes registration a breeze. It's simple to use... On the main page, just type "Indy" into the search box, and hit the "go" button. All our available events will pop up. Please check that site on a regular basis, as the information there will be further updated.

I urge those of you that have email to sign up for the Indy SCCA Yahoo email group to receive the latest updates and information. There are different contact options available so that you can choose to receive individual emails, digests, or special notices only. It's a relatively low volume list and it is a great way to keep in touch with the latest news about the Indy Region. A link to the group site is located on the main page of the www.indyscca.org website or you can go directly to: http://groups.yahoo.com/ group/indyscca/

It takes the dedicated efforts of Co-Chairmen, Event Chairmen, Event Specialty Volunteers, and an Uncredited Cast of Thousands (well, maybe not that many) to pull off our events, so please step up to give back! During the 2005 season we will be REQUIRING Event Chairman for each Solo event. This will allow members 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. 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 in running a successful event, plus you can qualify those year-end class trophy points. Don't worry, the Solo Chairs will still be there to guide you along. We will be posting the names of those that have volunteered to be an Event Chair (see the Solo Schedule in this issue) in both the Clutch Chatter and on the website. It's easy to volunteer - just contact us!! Solo Events without a designated Event Chair will be cancelled. Remember - this is YOUR club!

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9/6 Hoosier Showdown Solo No. 8 results

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Solo Is: The Lady is a Champ! Water Cooled Corvairs

By Warren LeVeque

I kept hearing from the officials how the weather had places, mainly on the straights. It was a tough decision as made this the worst event ever. I also hate the rain, but it was still a great event, and I don't mean just the track time.

Since I live in a tropical rain forest called Indiana, I am always prepared for a 50/50 or more chance of rain. I gave up on a place at the lakes for just this reason. It seems that the last two Corvair events have been note worthy for their slick conditions. First was the "black ice" asphalt at the convention autocross and then the rain at Beaverun. Both events were better venues for soft narrow tires, soft suspensions, heavy cars, and moderate horsepower.

The conditions didn't hurt the fun, just changed it. We had great camaraderie from the onset. Famous celebrities were there to visit with-Donna Mae Mimms and Warren and Logan Dernosheck for example. Donna Mae was the secretary at Yenko Chevrolet at the time of the Stinger development. When Don lost his racing license, Donna Mae was called in to drive the Stinger in his place. She was certainly qualified since winning the SCCA National Championships in her pink Bugeye Sprite. Remember "Think Pink" and "Be a Swinger in a Stinger". Warren Dernosheck was a mechanic on Stingers at the dealership. His son Logan was back from a great finish in his stock car series. Now he was driving a Corvair in the rain and turning right also! The stories from these persons was worth the trip without any racing.

The car show Sunday was in perfect weather, well represented and attended. We had interesting tech sessions from Rick Stansberry (safety) and Ken Klingaman (dynamic compression) and then a show of racing wheels previously used on Corvairs. Raffle items were donated by Clark's Corvair. Many also got photos and autographs with Donna Mae who is still a babe in her pink hot pants.

The Schardt crew, although attending and practicing Sat. and Sun with the Porsche club at Beaverun, still spent the evenings with us.

Our race day Monday dawned rainy and stayed that way. Still about 40 stalwart racers showed up to challenge the conditions. The greatest hindrance to me was the visibility on the track behind the instructors cars (Plastic window, no wipers). We had a new system of a pace/ instructor car for about every 5 cars. In the rain, it's hard to keep up with an instructor who is only "loafing" around the track. A curious thing happens when totally stock cars were grouped with race cars; the slick tired cars couldn't keep up. High weight, skinny tires, soft suspension, low horsepower were the ticket. Who could use more then 80 hp anyway? What help was sophisticated suspension tuning/romance?

At the timed runs, weather was just slightly misty, the track was moist, but standing water was limited to about 4

whether to change to slicks. The old road racing rule of thumb was if there are no standing puddles; use slicks. Most of us had not practiced on slicks but changed to them anyway. I chose my softest compounds and lined up to run. Talk about a vertical learning curve. Rain conditions brings out the "finesse" style of driving and great discipline. We were all about 3 seconds faster on slicks. Conditions varied greatly on each individual's runs, so it was the luck of the draw. Still, the best drivers were still mostly at the top with Jim Schardt winning the "Top Tweety". Tweetys also went to:

John Egerton---Fastest Early Ken Hand-----90% Racecar Mark Gillispie---Vintage, Driven by Logan Dernoshek Paul Fox-----GT/Pro Jeff Rapp -----Street Mod Dave Macintosh--Street Driven Steve Puskas-----Pure Stock Jim Hatton -----Corveight Donna Mae Mimms--Friend of Corvair

I'm sure that you'll notice that you don't need a race prepared car to win a trophy. Trophies were given to every type of car. Totally stock cars got the same trophy as all out racers. I did manage to "barely" beat my sons; Michael and Scott---whew! What a blessing to be able to race with your sons in your senior years..

There was a good photo opportunity of attempts to make full race engine's exhaust systems meet the 95 DB sound level. Then the sound levels weren't checked.

The highlight of the trip for me was taking Donna Mae for a ride in my race Stinger at the end of the day on a dry track. It was glorious fun as my son Michael was on the track at the same time and I tried hard to close on him to entertain Donna Mae. I asked her once if she was ready to go in and she said "no-"--what a trouper! She hadn't raced since 1978. Finally, the officials thought that we had enough fun and brought (forced) us in. Donna said that she was "Perfectly Petrified"---ah, just right. Donna was a real champ. She did all of the pit out staging work all day in her totally pink race gear. She even wanted to get into the car without opening the door. Just to set the record straight, the passenger seat was wet before Donna Mae got in.

There were no Corvair track incidents and no blow-ups/ failures. The water cooling must have helped the maxed out "grenade" engines. Our Caravan of 5 Corvair racer tow rigs chattered all the way home while entertaining the other travelers. Every one do your best to guarantee a Racers Reunion next year with full participation,

Should Indy Region Sponsor a 2005 CenDiv Series Solo2?

- Did you participate in Indy Region's June CenDiv Series Solo2 Event at Grissom/Peru, IN?
- Was it a great time?
- Did the Indy Region fund new equipment, repairs to existing equipment, and solidify the Solo2 Program's (AND our Region's itself) existence for another year?
- Should Indy Region sponsor another CenDiv next Year?

The answer to all of the above questions should be HELL YEA!!!!!!

Here's a call for next year's CenDiv: We are looking for at least two individuals to take the helm of Event Co-Chairmen for an Indy Region Sponsored CenDiv Event in 2005. You'll have lots of help, as shown by the folks who came out of the woodwork to help put on our 2004 CenDiv event. If you'd like to see Indy region run Grissom in 2005, participate in CenDiv activities, and provide a major boost to the Indy Solo2 program, please contact either Darren, David, or Matt Curry to let your intentions to help out be known.

SCCA TO DISCONTINUE PRORALLY, CLUBRALLY PROGRAMS IN 2005

TOPEKA, Kan. (Oct. 5, 2004) - Sports Car Club of America's Board of Directors voted Monday to discontinue the sanction of its current stagebased rally format, including the ProRally and ClubRally Championships, beginning January 1, 2005 due to increasing risk exposure.

"This was a difficult and unfortunate decision to make." SCCA Board of Directors Chairman Gary Pitts said. "However, from an insurance standpoint, the stage rally format has gotten to the point where it puts the entire Club, its activities and entities under an undue risk."

"We have many SCCA members whose interests lie in rally," SCCA President and CEO Steve Johnson said. "It is my intent to allow these members the opportunity to rally in the future and continue to access the sport. I am confident we can accomplish this task.



"We are in negotiations to transition SCCA's elements of the stage-based rally activity to Rally America, a longtime partner and participant in the sport of rally."

Unaffected by the decision are SCCA's RallyCross and RoadRally programs.

SCCA began its special stage-format ProRally Championship in 1973. Since then, the ProRally Championship Presented by Hot Wheels has been regarded as the top domestic rally series. The 2004 Championship has one round remaining, Lake Superior ProRally (LSPR), which will run as scheduled Oct. 22 in Houghton, Mich.

Eric Prill Director of Communications Sports Car Club of America

Editors Note: Please keep in mind that this notice only affects the "Performance Rally" programs. The normal monthly Road Rallies and Fun Rallies of our region are not affected by this decision. We will continue to have SCCA sanctioned Rally activities for our Indy Region members and guests.

Head-less Harry's Horrible Headstone Hunt

Indianapolis Region Rally Series Saturday Evening, October 23, 2004

Come join all the other spooky rallyists for this annual graveyard hunt in horrendous Hendricks County. Bring your biggest, baddest flashlights as you may feel the need (but not required) to search about for a long, lost relative...



Rain or Shine! Dead or Alive!! Registration at 6:00 pm Driver's Meeting at 6:45 pm Event Starts at 7:00 pm Two hour time limit event. Best costumes score extra points!! Both Experienced and Novice classes will run.



Starts at: National City Bank in Brownsburg at the corner of Northfield & Green Street (SR 267), just south of Exit 66 off I-74

Finishes at: Applebee's Restaurant just north of I-74 on Green St (SR 267)

Cost: \$20.00 SCCA Members, \$25.00 Non-Members Bring copy of this ad for \$5 discount!

Contact: Steve Linn 317-297-4814 or Scott Dales 317-882-7638 racerlinn@juno.com brgmcs@sbcglobal.net

This years event will be similar to last year, with a few changes and loops thrown. All of the primary scored clues will not require you to get out of your car (it's more of a rally this year rather than a footrace), but bring those big flashlights! There will be a few select bonus clues available as well, but these will require the team to take a short walk amongst the dead....or maybe the living dead!

Southern Comfort

A leisurely country drive Indianapolis Region Rally Series

Saturday November 20, 2004

Start: Empty parking lot on NW corner of Whiteland Rd and US 31 in Whiteland, IN

Busicks Family Restaurant (off of IN 37) in Martinsville, IN End: Cost:

Registration: 9:00 AM Drivers Meeting: 10:15 AM First car off: 10:31 AM



Wrap up the year with a beautiful

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drive through south-central Indiana. TSD rally with some extras thrown in.

Very limited amounts of gravel, all in good shape.

Contact: Jim Lin 317-915-0569 LinMotorsport @ comcast . net Or CJ Stringer 317-258-5170 cjstringer @ yahoo . com



Runoffs Results for Indy Region Drivers

by Kohler were really great again this year. We had clear weather all week, cool enough to make good power, and warm enough for good grip on the track. Nearly every class saw new track records in qualifying, and most get his Red Devil racer to the 8th spot on the grid, definitely classes saw new race records also. Speed Channel again this year taped all the races, and will be showing a 1 hour Novakar into the 13th spot in the field of 34starters. In the show for each race later in the year. (schedule later)

Race 2 on Friday was Grand Touring 2, with Gerry Mason the 3rd fastest qualifier. The lead 5 cars raced close together until Tom Patton's Sunbeam Tiger broke on lap

Gerry stayed with the lead 2 cars but couldn't quite catch them and had to settle for 4th after 12 time National Champion Duane Davis got by for the third spot



on the podium. Gerry's Nissan 300XZ is one of the best prepared cars in the class, and Gerry is definitely poised for a National Championship in the future.

The 4th race was H Production, and I was crewing for John Salisbury. John qualified .3 seconds under the existing track record, and only earned 5th place on the grid. He had a race long and very close duel with fellow CenDiv driver Chris Chrisenberry, with the gap never more than 3/4 second. John held 3rd most of the race, but Chris got by on lap 18 and held him off to the flag to demote John to 4th. Tom Feller and Dan Collishaw were in a great battle for the lead, and many people said this was the most exiting race of the weekend. It certainly was for me!

While we were headed for impound, the 5th race, Formula Atlantic, took to the track. Indy Region was represented by Paddy O'Brien and David Bleke. David qualified 13th, with Paddy a little further back in 15th. Both ran good races, steadily working up through the field for better positions. David unfortunately broke after 14 laps, and Paddy O'Brien was able to continue improving through the rest of the race for a nice 8th place finish. Paddy is on a very limited budget, and an 8th in the National Championships attests to his driving ability. We did not manage to get pictures of this race, for which I apologize.

Saturdays racing started with race 9 for Sports 2000. Terrence Garrett has his Lola painted in the TERSTEP col-

ors and pattern, and worked hard to make it to 7th on the He drove a steady race and reached as high as 6th before the car broke and he was out after 9 laps.



Terrence really got a late start for the season this year, never really getting the car or himself up to speed. Hopefully he will have a better season next year and get back into the top positions again.

In the 10th race for Touring 2, Bill Baten was able to get his Camaro qualified 23rd. He was able to stay with the same group of cars through the



race, getting up to 19th at one time, and finally finishing in but that does not help John. John was not injured, and

The SCCA National Championship Runoffs presented 22nd. This is a very tough class, with a lot of newer cars being classified in T2 that just plain outperform these older cars. Keep at it, Bill: we're rooting for you.

> In the 11th race for Formula 500, Aaron Ellis could only further back than expected. Jason Knuteson also put his





race, Aaron drove hard and smart, and steadily moved his car up through the field to reach 3rd on lap 12, and holding on for a 2nd place finish in the end. Jason Knuteson also progressed smoothly through the pack and got to the 7th place finish, with his fast lap actually getting under the existing track record. In a tough field of fast cars and fast drivers, both our guys upheld the honor of the Indy Region.

Sunday started with Race 17 for Showroom Stock C. and our own Ralph Porter qualified 9th in the field of 39 starters. He drove a smooth, steady, and clean race, set-



ting up his passes carefully within this group of very equal cars, and worked up to the 6th position for the finish, turning a fastest lap a full 1/2 second under the existing record. A great

race to finish a great season for Ralph!

Race 19 for the Formula V's had Chris Jennerjahn qualifying his older Mysterian 26th of 46 starters. Unfortunately, he got caught behind a couple of spinning cars in the first turn, and was the last car away to continue the race. Chris really drove a tremendous race, working his

way through the field, picking up 2 or 3 places each lap. In the Formula V's, all the cars have exactly the same engines and basic suspensions, so passing



cars requires a lot of talent and race savvy to get in positions where a pass can be made. To get by 2 or 3 cars each lap shows a lot of talent and capabilities that the 22nd place finish doesn't show by itself. I really enjoyed watching Chris work his way through the field, and I think he would have done much better if he had been able to retain his original starting spot.

Race 22 had John LaRue putting his Citation Formula Ford into the 4th spot on the grid. The field got a good

clean start, and ran the first couple laps nicely. watching from the Esses, and watched another competitor tear John's left front suspension completely off the car on the third lap. The other car only made another half lap,



was able to watch his teammate work with the other front runners and get to a 2nd place finish. John was obviously very disappointed, but was also happy for his teammate. Maybe next year will be better for this great sportsman.

Race 23 had 33 starters in their Spec Racer Fords, and Don Munday started from the 17th spot. He ran with

the pack, getting as high as 13th in the middle of the race, and held on for a 14th place finish. This is always a great race, with the identical cars making it



very difficult to pass unless someone ahead makes a small mistake. Don was in there racing with the CenDiv Champion, and managed to finish ahead on him.

The last race of the year was race 24 for the Grand Touring 4 cars. Bill Partridge had his best qualifying in the first session Tuesday, and it held for the 15th place on

the grid. He had a good race with the other cars in his group, steadily progressing through the field to earn the 11th place at the flag. Bill had a pretty good year in



2004, despite some transmission problems, getting second in points in CenDiv for GT-4. His race results, along with his results in Solo's and Rallies, has him high on the list for competitor of the year.

Indy Region was well represented at the runoffs this year, and I am really looking forward to the Speed Channel broadcasts of the races. Look for our guys on the screen and see how they did during their races.

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SPEED TV Schedule

SPEED Channel will once again broadcast all 24 SCCA National Championship Runoffs races, with each race getting a One-hour program. Below is the schedule for 2004, with times listed for EST.

Broadcast Date, Time	Class
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New members of Indy Region will receive Clutch Chatter in the mail for three months, after which they are expected to view or download from the website. They will be able to elect to opt-in by filling out and mailing in the form below.

Non-members. Clutch Chatter is a valuable tool for recruiting new members into the region, and drawing participants to our events. Our new process will be to purge them from the list after three months. If they participate in another event after the three months, then they stay on the list.

If you **change your mind**, you can complete and mail in the form below.

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Please submit to Dick Powell (contact info on inside cover). Deadline for next months ads is the 15th.

If you want a picture with your ad, please send it as a separate JPEG file attachment to email or by snail mail as a photo for scanning.

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Available for most CenDiv Regional Races - call for schedule. \$1000 per weekend, \$500 for Friday practice day. You will have competition! These cars are great fun to drive! Powered by a Yamaha 1200 motorcycle engine/trans with a quickchange rear end and slicks, and weighing only 1550 lbs, they are quite fast! 734-699-1690 jahracer@quixnet.net

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Indy Region's Next 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,

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