## **JUNE 2006**



NEWS AND STORIES ABOUT EVENTS OF YOUR REGION OF YOUR CLUB

Indy Region Spring Sprints Results Indy Region Racers get 25 class wins



Tim Selby wins ITS class both days, sets new track record !

FUN at the April and May Indy Region road rallies: What? You weren't there?

Only another month to the Indy Grand Prix National Races July 8-9. Come Join the FUN !!





Fast Guys at the first two Indy Region Solo2 Points events. Full results inside!

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June 25	Solo Points Event 4, w/CSCC, Walesboro
July 8-9	Indy Nationals, IRP
July 29	Indy Solo Pts Event 5, CenDiv Solo, Grissom
July 30	Indy Solo Pts Event 6, CenDiv Solo, Grissom
Aug 27	Indy Solo Points Event 7, Lafayette Sq. Mall

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### **RE News: Here Comes The Sun!**

It appears we have finally broken out of the inclement weather! The May Spring Sprints at IRP enjoyed some amazing weather and the Peru Solo2 event, while a bit windy, was at least sunny (a welcome change after the last 16<sup>th</sup> Street event). Fun in the sun has officially returned. All three competition programs are off and running and it's going to be a great summer!

Again, we can always use more workers for our upcoming July 8-9 National race weekend at IRP and we provide on-the-job training all weekend long. There are lots of different ways to be involved and it doesn't matter if you can only work one day. It really is a lot of fun. Come on out, meet your fellow club members and enjoy some



by Steve Linn

great Club Racing. We have even sweetened the pot a little this year and are offering a "Worker Dues" program for those that work 4 or more days this season at IRP.

As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact me! See you on track, on the road, or between the cones!

THANKS AGAIN, WORKERS (Our All-Volunteer Core) See YOU at the Board Meeting... Share the FUN...



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# Indy Grand Prix National Races

## July 8-9, 2006

After that "other" Grand Prix is over with, Come join us at IRP to Celebrate Indy Region's **Diamond Anniversary Season** 

A Weekend Dedicated to National Club Racers. .....No Pro Road Racing .....No Regional - Only Classes .....Maximum Track Time ...... Maximum Attention

Plus a Traditional Cook-Out with Your SCCA Family

For More Info: www.indyscca.org or email petehylton@surf-ici.com

Don't forget our worker incentive program: Work For Dues. Details on page 10.

## Minutes of Indy Region Board Meeting

Indy Region BOD May 17, 2006 at DOOKZ Sports Grille, 6:30 PM. There were 8 directors and 2 guests present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report Rich Lankford reviewed the report he had emailed to the board. With some slight discussion on particular sections, the report was approved.

The expenses year to date are very Clutch Chatter close to the projected budget. Dick asked everyone to get their articles to him by May 23, allowing for the weekend results to be published.

John Wilmoth requested everyone to submit Website their results as soon as they could to allow him to post them on the website.

**Membership** current membership is 542 members, plus associate members.

Rally The April Rally was put on by Chuck Hanson, and was enjoyed by 4 cars. The May Rally is Saturday May 20, then we will be open schedule through the summer. We are hoping to have a social rally in August, then competitive rallies in September, October, and November.

We have been asked by the National Road Rally Board to apply for a sanction for a National Tour Rally to be held in Northern Kentucky. The Rallymaster, Course Marshall, and staff are allready set up, but needs a region to apply for the sanction. Darren moved to support Cheryl and Chuck in their decision; Rick Swarts seconded; motion was approved.

Solo Tire Rack donated 6 new tires for da Bus, thanks to the efforts of John "Woody" Rogers at Tire Rack.

This is a synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Thanks to Aim Tuning for mounting the tires for us (and some other maintenance items), and especially Thanks to Marion Tire for donating a full Alignment for us. As soon as we get some material, we will start running an ad in Clutch Chatter for our friends helping us.

> Solo points event 2 is at Grissom Sunday May 21, on a course designed by Larry Harts. We are expecting a strong turnout, including members from other regions getting extra practice times on the Grissom surface.

> Darren has placed the order for the large display, and is expecting delivery before our CenDiv event July 29-30 at Grissom. Phil Wehman reported on progress for the Cen-Div event, which is proceeding much as planned. Next organizational meeting for the CenDiv will be Wed, June 14 at the Boreens.

> Race we had 91 entries for our Spring Sprints Double Regionals, definitely below expectations. We held costs down on lunches, trophies, Saturday party, and other items while maintaining the quality of services, thanks to the efforts of our working staff.

> The supplemental regulations are nearly ready for our Nationals in July, and Dick Powell will be preparing the final form for printing and mailing. We will again have a worker invitation mailing, which we will also mail to our region members who are opt-out for the newsletter, in hopes of increasing our worker turnout.

> New Business Next meeting scheduled for Thursday June 15 at DOOKZ. Meeting was adjourned.



## The Rally Report: 2006 Rally Season

#### By Cheryl Swarts

If you missed the last rally.... You missed a great one. It was loads of fun and the weather was picture perfect for rallying. Thanks to Candice Pope for putting it all together. And thanks to our workers, Jeanne, Jay, Frank and Candice – we couldn't have run this without you. Now.... We need Rally Masters!!!!! (and workers. Remember... that if you want to qualify for "Year End Trophies" in Rally... You have to work one also.) Please contact me if interested. We can't have a program without the support of the members. Several other SCCA Regions have had to let

The season is now half over! We will take a break for summer to go racing and soloing.....and start again in the fall.

Tentatively scheduled are the following Rally dates: September 24th October 29th November 12th or 19th Mark you calendar. Don't miss the fun. Like the old saying goes "See America, get lost on a Rally!"

There also may be a "Social Rally" .... Cookout. Watch the website and Clutch Chatter for details when available.

Now.... We need Rally Masters!!!!! (and workers. Remember.... that if you want to qualify for "Year End Trophies" in Rally... You have to work one also.) Please contact me if interested. We can't have a program without the support of the members. Several other SCCA Regions have had to let their Rally programs go due to lack of interest.... Don't let Indy Region be another one. Remember, this is a program for the serious rallyist, the person new to rallying, and for the entire family. (We had three kids under 5 at the last rally!) We try to accommodate everyone. And most of all... we have fun!

Thanks in advance for your help and support. See you all in the Fall,

Cheryl Swarts (ladyracr73@sbcglobal.net) 317-842-5306

## "@ = At = April Tour" April 22 Road Rally Results

Overall	Class	In Class	Driver	Navigator	Points
1	С	1st	Rick Swarts	Cheryl (and Trey) Swarts	94
2	С	2nd	David Cates	Jim Cates	268
3	С	3rd	Samuel Crites	Elizabeth Crites	455
4	С	4th	Darryl Fessel	Eugene Fine	535

### "Springtime In Indiana"

## May 20 Road Rally Results

Rallymaster: Candice Pope							
Overall	Class	In Class	Driver	Navigator	Points		
1	С	1st	David Cates	Jim Cates	361		
2	В	1st	Kurt Weisner	Alex Weisner	420		
3	С	2nd	Rick Swarts	Cheryl (and Trey) Swarts	540		
4	Ν	1st	Ken Dunipace	Gary LaCombe	1010		
5	С	3rd	Samuel Crites	Elizabeth Crites	1084		

#### Dear Indianapolis Region,

As we have semi-retired, our mind-sets are into more traveling the country/world.

"*Thanks for all the IRP memories*" Please save a stamp and remove our address from your mail list. Jerry has raced his GTI in the early 80's and me in my "Bugeye" in the mid-80's. Starting F&C'ing with Lake Erie in 1966, so we have plenty of memories from a lot of tracks around the world and people. (We were married in South Australia during a Formula race)

Neither of us can run as fast nor jump those concrete divider anymore, so we think it is time for the young kids to take over and we'll watch for a while.

#### Thanks for the memories,

Jerry and Pat Byers 3123 Grasmere Avenue Columbus, Ohio 43224

### The Race Report: Spring Sprints Satisfies...

#### Spring Sprints Satisfies: Speed, Sun, Stew, & Smiles

Indy Region's spring Regional Race had almost everything one could hope for in a race weekend. The weather was perfect for the Friday test day and both days of the race. The sun was out but the temperatures weren't too high. That put everyone in a good mood, and also made for some quick lap times for those who brought the cars out. There were few damaged cars, which made both the drivers and the workers happy. And Iron Chef Wendy promised no box lunches or pizza parties, and delivered excellent fresh sandwiches, salad, and accessories for lunch, plus a home-cooked beef stew (about 100 gallons) with fresh bread and yummy cookies for the Saturday night dinner. The Miata Mayhem Dash for Dollars was the feature race on Saturday and it produced the best race of the weekend as Mike Neal staked out a big lead, then lost it, then got it back just in time to claim a fistful of dollars on the podium at the end.

The only down side for the weekend was the lack of entries. Gas prices at nearly \$3 per gallon must be causing some drivers to think very hard about curtailing their season. Despite good advance publicity, an improved date (*not* Mothers Day) and gorgeous weather, the event was down on entries from last season, just as a number of early season events have been. I had a number of people question my logic that gas prices could be the cause. After all, the cost of an extra dollar per gallon is a drop in the bucket for most of our race budgets. But race drives are very subject to psychology. And the psychology of the current

economy and gas situation could easily be enough to keep some of them at home.

The only cure for that is to put on good events, and get the drivers and workers to choose our event if they only choose a couple. I think we made progress in that area. Everyone seemed to have fun and a number commented that it was good to have "real" food for a change. So we will continue to make our events fun and our food good. Toward that end, you need to know our plans for the September 30 - October 1 Double Regional. On the food front, it will again feature 'real" food for worker lunches and a chili cook-off for Saturday night. Drivers will be encouraged to bring their own special recipe chili for the event, and the Iron Chef will be making sure that no one goes away hungry. As for the fun.....in addition to our normal good races, we are adding in the Headless Horseman Handicap Race. Those of you who have been with the Indy Region race program for over a decade will remember that we used to close the season with a handicap race, open to ALL closed wheel cars. The concept has the slow cars starting first, and progressively faster cars starting at various intervals, timed so that theoretically all cars finish at the same time. It made for some really exciting races in the past, and we are going to resurrect the race for this fall's weekend. You won't want to miss it. But before we get to that, remember that the Indy Grand Prix will be on July 8-9. This year we will be celebrating our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a region, and you won't want to miss it.

Race Results, Spring Sprints Regional Saturday May 6, 2006

Pos	Qual	Class	No.	Name	Hometown	Make Model	Laps	Best Tm	
Grp 1 SM,ITB,ITC,SSB,SSC,GP,HP									
1	4	SM	4	Michael Neal	Indianapolis, IN	Mazda Miata	14	01:53.085	Ī
1	1	SSB	80	Patrick Tipton	Indianapolis, IN	Accura Integra	14	01:56.729	Î
2	2	ITC	36	Jim Sexton	Coatesville, IN	Rabbit	13	02:05.006	
9	8	SM	12	Scot White	Indianapolis, IN	Miata	9	01:56.529	
				Grp 2 ITE,0	GT1,GT2,GT3,AS,	T1,T2,SP			
1	1	ITE	38	Robert Pfeffer	Avon, IN	Chevy Corvette	15	01:43.997	
2	3	ITE	0	Jonathan Pfeffer	Avon, IN	Chevy Corvette	15	01:47.062	
1	1	AS	91	Dave Hart	Fishers, IN	Chevy Camaro	15	01:49.455	
1	1	SP	13	Tony Monday	Greenfield, IN	Monte Carlo	12	01:41.913	
				Grp 3 ITS,IT	A,BG,T3,SPU,EP,	FP,GTL,LC			
1	1	ITS	18	Tim Selby	Jonesboro, IN	Mazda RX7	15	01:48.615	
2	4	ITS	73	Paul D'Angelo	Indianapolis, IN	Mazda RX7	15	01:54.176	
3	6	ITS	14	Chris Shields	Lexington, IN	BMW 325is	15	01:55.302	
5	5	ITA	6	Steven Linn	Indianapolis, IN	Nissan Sentra	15	01:55.615	
8	6	ITA	12	Scot White	Indianapolis, IN	Miata	15	01:59.239	
1	1	BG	4	Mark Maynard	Alexandria, IN	Monte Carlo	12	02:01.022	
DNF	2	ITS	5	Michael Flock	Mooresville, IN	Mazda RX7	3	01:55.636	

Indy Region at IRP, 2.5 mile road course, Clermont IN

\* indicates new track record









#### Spring Sprints Regional Saturday May 6, 2006 (continued)

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Grp 4 FA,FM,FS,FC,FF,CFC,S2,ASRSR,C,DSR									
1	1	FC	8	Bobby Caldwell	Terre Haute, IN	VD RF00	15	01:33.707	
3	2	FC	19	Gregory Gray	Carmel, IN	VanDiemen RF98	15	01:36.588	
1	1	FM	39	Paul Holeman	Yorktown, IN	Formula Mazda	14	01:40.514	
1	2	CFC	24	Ken Johnson	Richmond, Ind	Citation 885F	14	01:42.617	
2	3	CFC	4	Johnny Reisert	New Albany, IN	Reynard 89SF	14	01:42.624	
4	3	FC	34	Tim Flock	Mooresville, Ind	Van Diemen	13	01:33.750	
1	1	ASR	73	Turner Woodard	Indianapolis, IN	Chevron B-31	12	01:44.934	
				Grp 5	SRF,CFF,FV,F5,F	ST			
3	1	SRF	16	David Schacht	Carmel, Indy	SRF	15	01:48.438	
4	3	SRF	58	Stu Coomer	New Albany, IN	SpecRacerFord	15	01:49.353	
1	2	CFF	27	Michael Neylon	Indianapolis, IN	Citation Z-10	14	01:45.609	
1	1	FV	03	Mark Terrell	Indianapolis, IN	Protoform P2	14	01:57.370	
2		FV	60	Zach Leeke	Lebanon, IN	Citation 90c	14	01:57.403	
DNF	1	F5	99	Darrin DeVault	Greenwood, IN	Novakar J9	2	02:02.969	
				Grp 6 SM Mia	ta Mayhem Dash	for Dollars			
1	4	SM	4	Michael Neal	Indianapolis, IN	Mazda Miata	15	01:52.819	
6	8	SM	12	Scot White	Indianapolis, IN	Miata	15	01:56.886	
Pa	Pace Results Spring Sprints Regional Sunday May 7, 2006 Indy Region at IPP								







Race Results, Spring Sprints Regional Sunday May 7, 2006 Indy Region at IRP, 2.5 mile road course, Clermont IN

Pos	Qual	Class	No.	Name	Hometown	Make Model	Laps	Best Tm	$\square$
			Grp 1 SM,ITB,ITC,SSB,SSC,GP,HP						
5	5	SM	12	Scot White	Indianapolis, IN	Miata	15	01:54.622	
2	2	ITC	36	Jim Sexton	Coatesville, IN	Rabbit	14	02:04.453	
1	1	HP	31	Stephen Best	Yorktown, IN	MG Midget	13	02:03.190	
1	1	SSB	80	Patrick Tipton	Indianapolis, IN	Accura Integra	13	01:55.148	
DNF	2	GP	7	Pete Hylton	Brownsburg, IN	VW	2	02:08.075	
				Grp 2 ITE,G	T1,GT2,GT3,AS,T	1,T2,SP			
1	1	ITE	38	Robert Pfeffer	Avon, IN	Chevy Corvette	15	01:44.619	
1	1	SP	13	Tony Monday	Greenfield, IN	Monte Carlo	15	01:45.034	
2	2	ITE	0	Jonathan Pfeffer	Avon, IN	Chevy Corvette	15	01:47.285	
1	1	AS	91	Dave Hart	Fishers, IN	Chevy Camaro	12	01:48.558	
				Grp 3 ITS,ITA	,BG,T3,SPU,EP,F	P,GTL,LC			
1	1	ITS	18	Tim Selby	Jonesboro, IN	Mazda RX7	15	01:48.351	*
1	1	EP	01	Sheldon Wilde	Indianapolis, IN	Mazda Miata	15	01:47.678	
2	4	ITS	88	Andy Doyle	Fishers, IN	TR8	15	01:50.813	
5	2	ITS	73	Paul D'Angelo	Indianapolis, IN	Mazda RX7	15	01:54.324	
3	5	ITA	6	Steven Linn	Indianapolis, IN	Nissan Sentra	15	01:55.009	
8	6	ITA	12	Scot White	Indianapolis, IN	Miata	15	01:56.733	
				Grp 4 FA,FM,FS,	FC,FF,CFC,S2,AS	SR,CSR,DSR			
1	1	FC	8	Bobby Caldwell	Terre Haute, IN	VD RF00	15	01:32.771	
2	2	FC	34	Tim Flock	Mooresville, IN	Van Diemen	15	01:33.192	
3	4	FC	19	Gregory Gray	Carmel, IN	VanDiemen RF98	15	01:35.444	
1	1	FM	39	Paul Holeman	Yorktown, IN	Formula Mazda	14	01:38.727	
2	2	CFC	24	Ken Johnson	Richmond, IN	Citation 885F	14	01:41.780	
1	1	ASR	73	Turner Woodard	Indianapolis, IN	Chevron B-31	12	01:46.934	
				Grp 5 S	SRF,CFF,FV,F5,F	ST			
3	4	SRF	58	Stu Coomer	New Albany, IN	SpecRacerFord	15	01:50.763	
1	1	FV	03	Mark Terrell	Indianapolis, IN	Protoform P2	15	01:53.721	
2	3	FV	60	Zach Leeke	Lebanon, IN	Citation 90c	13	01:55.753	$\Box$
DNF	2	SRF	16	David Schacht	Carmel, IN	SRF	3	01:51.588	$\square$
DNF	2	FV	31	Matthew Durkee	Indianapolis, IN	Caracal C	0		$\Box$













#### Race Worker Specialties

number of functions that are needed before the first race car rolls 'em right and they're teddy bears...try to pull something over on out onto the track. There are many race worker disciplines, offer- them and they're Kodiak's... ing a wide variety of ways to do it - sort of like choosing which ride to go on at an amusement park. The following is a list of in which you can improve the sport for all involved some of the specialties.

This is a great opportunity for the "experience challenged" to the green flag! Give the furled black to someone who's been miscome check it out. Live! Bring along a friend and do it together. behavin' (who me? can't be!) See the fist raised in victory when

Registration: Are you the social type? Do you like to meet the checkered flag waves! new people? Registration may be the place for you! For just a few short hours, you can meet everyone who comes to the track track! Face shields down, Window nets up, Arm Restraints on, and then spend the rest of the day wandering around the paddock Belts tight... You also get to see the nerves of the drivers as they talking to them! The more people we have helping here, the sit on the pre-race grid....the psych jobs they pull on their comshorter the lines are for those getting in!

hand out trinkets and tech cards

have everything right down to the smallest detail? Or might you simply be interested in finding a warm, dry haven for the weekend? We can always use a hand in Timing and Scoring - and you ing those people that assist in various tasks that are not otherwise don't even have to know how to use a stopwatch (anymore)! An defined. As an example, the pace car driver falls into this cateinsatiable appetite for perfection and a quick wit are all it takes gory as well as the people who plan the "after hours" activities (we have some serious jokers up here).

Job description: good eye-hand coordination, quick reaction times, an eye for details, good sense of humor, basic computer skills for some jobs (but not all)

Flagging & Communication: Have you not quite figured out Be as one with the action! how to drive the Carousel (turn 12) or how to take turn 1 flat-out? Come out to the corners and watch how the fast guys do it! Are you not interested in driving but still want to be close to the action? We're as close as you can get! (sometimes too close, but I digress). Get out your best white clothes and come flag!

Job description: nerves of steel, a desire to help, ability to run with a 20 lb fire extinguisher, sign language a plus (of course it's our own language....), ability to withstand temperatures from 30-95F with 100% humidity at either end of that range

Tech: So you want to learn how to make your car go faster? Come work in tech where you can check out the competition! It's not all nomex underwear and helmets - each weekend some classes annual tech are waived and have to bring the car down. This is another (usually) low-stress job with plenty of time to wander around the paddock working on friendships. The second function is to impound cars at the end of a race to determine their legality with respect to the General Competition Rules and the specifications for their class.

Job description: ability to look at someone's underwear without laughing, ability to read an electronic scale, teardown experience a plus (put-back-together experience not needed)

Driver Information: This may be as close to a trophy as some of us get! This is also another warm, dry haven as well as having the social aspect...especially when you hand out a trophy to a happy driver! And the best part? You get to talk over the speaker system! Job description: A positive attitude and cheery voice, lots of jokes

Stewards: Power hungry? Have a desire to better the sport? The stewards program can always use some help - these guys have to cover every single race in the division! No one likes to be

It takes many people to hold a road racing event. There are a the bad guy but sometimes it's necessary. Seriously though, treat

Job description: a thankless job sometimes, but a rewarding one

Starter: Look down the straightaway and see 65 cars coming Coming up in July is the Indy Grand Prix Nationals weekend. at you, 2 by 2, engines screaming, just waiting for you to wave

Grid & Pits: You're the final checkpoint before cars go on petitors (and themselves).... When cars stop on pit lane, their job Job description: check licenses, have them sign the waiver, is to protect the cars, and most importantly, the drivers and crew who might be working on those cars. They do this by making Timing & Scoring: Are you the type of person who likes to sure the rules regarding safety in the pit lane are followed.

Job description: line 'em up and move 'em out

Race Control: Race Control is a "catch all" specialty coversuch as dinners and parties.

Young, old, new and grizzled vets! Mark your calendars with the Indy Region race dates!

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Chief of F&C:	ТВА					
Chief of Grid/Pit:	Duane Belisle					
Chief of Pit:	Steve Linn (317-297-4814)					
Chief Starter:	Bobbe Orr (269-381-6317)					
Chief of Sound Control:	Wayne Briggs					
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Pace Car Driver:	ТВА					
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Medical:	IRP Medical Staff					
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Name								
Address								
City , State, Zip								
Phone , Email address								
SCCA Member Number			<b>Renewal Date</b>					
Membership? Family		Spouse		First Gear				
Event	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Specialty Worked	Chief Signature			
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Indy Grand Prix National Race	July 7	July 8	July 9					
Fall Frolic Double Regional	Sept. 29	Sept. 30	Oct. 1					

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#### by Darren Daubenspeck

#### Solo Report: April Showers and May 6 Runs At Grissom !

Just as April is renown for, the first Points Event Solo on April 30<sup>th</sup> started off pretty soggy, in a steady drizzle. I was not optimistic about breaking 25 participants, and thinking of ways to call off the event. However, the number of folks who turned out astounded me – we hade 50 competitors brave the gloom and rain. Everyone should give Ralph Ford an 'Atta Boy' for showing up to honor his Course Designer commitment, but didn't even plan to drive his 'Vette! Ralph, I need to buy you a few beers sometime! I offered him a co-drive in my frickin' Laser but he must have been wary of catching Tetanus, as he declined to come with 10 yards of my un-fly hoopty. The rain steadily weakened during the day, and Ralph's course Rocked! It ended up being a great 7-run day at 'da Stadium... Who woulda thought it?

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Points Event Solo of the year started off with the familiar murky gray skies of a Central Indiana spring morning, but the skies soon blossomed into a clear, blue, sunny day. Several National Tour and Nationals competitors came to practice on Grissom's white concrete. We had a total of 83 competitors, including many Indy regional novices, and a large number of our neighbors to the north from Ft. Wayne and South Bend. It was a great 6 run day for everyone. Our Course Designer, Larry Harts, cooked up a real beauty, with some great sweeping curves. He also placed an H Stock car 4<sup>th</sup> in the PAX results, in the middle of the Mods and Prepareds. Coincidence?

For full results on both our 4/30 and 5/21 events, go to www.indyscca.org, or just look on the following pages!

Our next event will be on June 4<sup>th</sup>, at the new Mt. Comfort Airport Site. Raleigh & Velma Boreen will be our Course Designers and Event Chairs, and we're all looking forward to the first Indy Regional event at this site. Please check out the event ad elsewhere in this issue, and keep in mind the usual site rules are even more important at an active airfield.

I'm happy to announce two more associate sponsors for the Indy Regional Solo Series. The Tire Rack, a tire vendor I'm sure everyone is aware of, has stepped up to help out the Solo Program with some new tires for 'da Bus! The old tires were dangerously close to the load limit, and very old and dry-rotted. Now, it has some shiny new E load range tires with a much larger safety margin, and as a bonus, hold air pressure! Your trusty Bus driver now has one less worry as he wanders down the road in the behemoth. Please consider the Tire Rack when you're looking for your next set of tires, wheel, shocks, or other parts & wheel accessories. Check 'em out on the web at www.tirerack.com or call them at 888-541-1777. AIM Tuning, another associate sponsor, is a Tire Rack Installer, and can easily work with the tire rack to get your tires mounted up and on the road.

Marion Tire, in Marion, IN, has become an associate D sponsor for the club by performing an alignment on 'da 3 Bus. 'da Bus is definitely tracking straighter, the new tires s won't wear unevenly like the old ones. If you're in need of tire, wheels, alignments, and other car repair and parts,

give Susie a call at 765-664-6460 to schedule work at Marion Tire, Inc.

302 East 4th St., Marion, IN.



The next most serious part on the bus that needs some attention is the flex coupling between the steering shaft and the steering gear. It's quite worn, and the steering wheel has about 30 degrees of turn/play before any actual steering takes place, which makes for an exciting trip. If anyone has the skills and time to help replace the steering flex coupling on an '89 Ford E-350, please get contact the Solo Program Co-Chairs at the below listed number & email.

Brian Gard and Brad Hayes, co-coordinators for the Indy Region's Rookie Program, are providing extra help and guidance for competitors who are new to autocrossing. They have handouts to guide people through the events of the day. They organize a course walk prior to the driver's meeting. The Rookie Program will continue all year. While Brian and Brad will run the program, they are looking for other people who are willing to help newcomers, whether it be giving rides, riding along or just giving advice. I've never met an autocrosser that didn't enjoy talking about their sport, so when you see them at the next event, let them know that you can help!

We're trying to fill the key volunteer roles for the remaining events of the season. In fact, we need volunteers to step forward NOW for the rest of year. It takes a lot of effort to put on a successful event, and the more people we have helping, the easier it is to be successful. Go to http:// www.indyscca.org/SoloFiles/2006SoloSchedule.html and see what position would work for you. You don't have to be experienced, we'll teach you. It's easy to volunteer – just contact us! Solo Events without a designated Event Chair will be cancelled. Remember – this is YOUR club!

Event	Date	Site
Points Event 3	6/4	Mt. Comfort Airport
Points Event 4	6/25	Walesboro – Joint with CSCC
Points Event 5	7/29	Grissom CENDIV event - Peru, IN
Points Event 6	7/30	Grissom CENDIV event - Peru, IN
Points Event 7	8/27	Lafayette Square Mall
Points Event 8	9/23	16th St – Australian Pursuit
Points Event 9	10/15	Mt. Comfort Airport
Worker Invitational	11/5	16th St Stadium

Please watch Clutch Chatter and the Indy Region Yahoo e-Group for further announcements about Solo Steering Committee meetings. As always, the solo chairs can be contacted at:

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#### 30 Solo Points Event #1 16th Street results April

Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time
A Stock		D Street Prepared		Street Touring X	
Ryan Mansfield	54.643	Steve Linn	54.138	Kevin Kent	51.652
C Stock		Robert Heeter	57.320	PAX FTD	50.070
Jeff Alexander	53.645	Peter Brown	59.895	James Feltz	52.676
Ken Dunipace	59.452	E Street Prepared		John Wilmoth Warren Kniesly	53.757 55.162
F Stock		Sean Murphy	52.808	Henry Deng	55.610
Samuel Crites	58,598	Brian Karnes	53.520		55.010
Rick Fosnight	61.391	David Johnson	60.163	Street Modified	
5	01.001			Scott Dales	50.730
G Stock	50 440	F Prepared	04 504	Rob Morelli	52.042
Jim Lin Chris McGuire	53.440 53.648	Zach Knutson	61.524	David Woodward	52.243
Darren Daubenspeck	53.646 54.868	D Modified		Dale Brier	53.583
Ronald Inagat	56.112	Phil Wehman	48.843	Jimmy Amaro	54.352
Ŭ	50.112	Fast Time of the			
H Stock		Stephen Brinkerhoff	53.562	Street Modified 2	
Brad Hayes	54.559			Harold Hammerly	53.031
Allen Yan	59.755	E Modified	50.000	Brian Tabor	54.893
John Mowat II	61.792	Jack Banker Lee Miller	56.339 57.085	Paul Gillam Zac Iverson	56.387 56.474
A Street Prepared			57.065	Clinton Florczy	60.398
A Street Frepared Aaron Haskell	51.050	Street Touring S		Clinton riorczy	00.590
	01.000	Michael Hacker	56.099	Street Touring S 2	
C Street Prepared		Will Lahee	56.616	Geoffrey Chambers	53.461
Joel Harleman	52.756	Jeremy Garrertt	56.650	Gus Hammerly	54.091
Griffin Wenrich	55.909	Mathew Hull	57.112	Joseph Winter	59.923
James Hayes	55.986			German Tabor	60.098

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#### Subject: Change to SOLO schedule - Indy/CENDIV weekend is now 2 points events

We realize that some people just can't do a two day event, 2 events will still be dropped in those calculations. especially if it requires an overnight stay to make attendance practical. Therefore the July 29-30 CENDIV/Indy region points event at Grissom is now open for one-day competitors. What does this mean for you?

The CENDIV class winners will still be calculated based on a two-day event. Trophies will be presented based on a two-day event. One day competitors will still receive 10 CENDIV points.

For Indy region competitors, it means that the weekend now counts as TWO unique events - one on Saturday July 29 (points event #5) and one on Sunday July 30 (new points event #6). You will receive Indy Region points calculated for each day separately. Since trophies for the event are CENDIV trophies, so there will be no single day trophies - just points.

Calculations for year end trophies remain the same and

If you decide to attend only one day of this event PLEASE READ THIS PART CAREFULLY! It's still a CENDIV event with CENDIV rules - you cannot just show up on Saturday or Sunday morning and run. You must still register ahead of time and make special arrangements with the registrar for a morning registration and tech. Review the CENDIV flyer for times.

If you have questions, please contact the solo event chairs:

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## May 21 Solo Points Event #2 Grissom Aeroplex

Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time
Super Stock		C Street Prepared		Street Touring X	
Ralph Ford	57.687	Griffin Wenrich	62.415	Kevin Kent	56.567
A Stock		D Street Prepared		Warren Kniesly	58.748
Chuck McMillion	57.229	Andy Cowling	60.638	Jeff Detrick	59.640
Jon Haskell	66.455	Robert Heeter	62.213	James Feltz	59.646
James Kremer	68.460	Will Law	63.237	Street Modified	
	00.400	Jon Breven	64.406	Scott Dales	54.202
C Stock			04.400	Steve Linn	54.506
Jeff Alexander	58.158	E Street Prepared		Kevin Miller	55.164
Bruce Durrell	61.219	Brian Regganie	53.326	Jeff Rapp	58.521
Ken Dunipace	65.650	Bea Regganie	54.133	James Bose	58.817
D Stock		Sean Murphy	57.554	Dale Brier	59.405
Eric Fenelon	64.086	Brian Karns	59.065	Matthew Jaffe	59.405 59.420
Enc Fenelon	04.000	Derrick king	59.437		
F Stock		Jon Adams	60.890	Josh Nay	60.013
Adam Locsi	56.417	David Johnson	64.609	John Wilmoth	60.634
Bill Farr	59.522			Tyler Ryan	60.721
Dustin Stover	65.450	D Prepared		Tom Filipucci	61.064
Rick Fosnight	66.264	Todd Green	51.138	James Priest	62.095
J J		PAX FTD		Jorge Vega	64.860
G Stock				John Kremer	66.674
Chad Stringer	57.856	D Modified		Street Modified 2	
Chris McGuire	57.927	Phil Wehman	50.336	Brian Tabor	57.174
Joe Kniesly	58.206			Harold Hammerly	58.445
Darren Daubenspeck	59.953	E Modified		Matt Krazit	60.969
Mike Morschauser	61.202	Steve Tamandli	50.114		
Zach Knuston	63.688	Warren LeVeque	53.492	Street Touring S 2	
H Stock		Jack Banker	57.163	Gus Hammerly	56.401
Larry Harts	56.613	F Modified		Geoffrey Chambers	56.557
Brad Hayes	59.066	Scott Nardin	49.802	Street Touring U	
Sean Seamon	63.092	Fast Time of the		Dave Heiyrich	56.238
Paul DuPouy	65.122	Larry R. Metz	57.934	Todd James	56.623
Allen Yan	67.623	Earry IV. Wetz	07.004	Eric Lawson	56.872
John Mowat II	67.779	Street Touring S			
Solin Wowat II	01.115	Ron Conrad	58.130	Street Touring U Ladies	5
A Street Prepared		Mike Hacker	59.796	Andrea James	59.870
A street Frepared Aaron Haskell	57.051	Paul Kapoor	61.409		
Jack Tovey	58.238	Dave Everest	61.670	Formula Junior 1	
Chris Northway	56.236 61.178	Will Lahee	62.725	Robby Linn	60.458
Chins NorthWay	01.170	Jeremy Garrertt	64.176	Parker Dales	67.932
		Pete Geoffrion	64.176	Logan Hayes	71.126
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#### New Home Needed for the Solo Bus !

2006 Season Official SCCA Solo Rule books are now available from the Indy Region, at \$25. Pick them up at the next Indy Region Solo Event, or contact Darren Daubenspeck to pick them up.

The Solo Bus may be loosing its home in the coming year, and needs to find a new port to dock in around Indianapolis when not at an event. The Indy Region Club needs an



unused corner of a parking lot, or preferably a covered storage location. Access issues can be worked out. The Club would be willing to pay a modest space rental fee, but we really need a generous Indy Region Member to donate a space to save the club some \$\$\$\$\$.

Anyone willing to share some space with Indy Region for storage of the Solo Bus is urged to contact the Solo Chair to discuss the issue.

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## 2006 CENDIV SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

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#### Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN July 29-30, 2006

**Schedule of Events** 

#### Friday July 28th

#### **Registration Information**

Friday, July 28					
3:00pm – 7:30pm	Registration and Tech @ site	Entry Fees:			
3:00pm - 7:30pm	Day 1 course open for Walking	Series Event (SCCA Members)\$45			
7:45pm	Gate closed, site locked			\$55	
1				\$30	
Saturday, July 2	29 <sup>th</sup> Day 1			<sup>d</sup> .) \$15	
	Course open for walking				
	ration and Tech by appointment only	Dinner on Saturday night provided for competitorsN/C Dinner for all non-competitors\$5			
9:00am		Dinner for all non-	competitors		
	Driver's Meeting				
9:30am	First car off				
5:00pm	Dinner @ site	Make checks paya			
	Day 2 course open for walking	Indianapolis I	Region SCCA		
7:45pm	Gate closed, site locked				
		Send entry to:			
Sunday, July 30	<sup>th</sup> Day 2	Velma Boreer	1		
6:30am - 8: 15am	Course open for walking	14861 Jonatha	an Drive		
	ration and Tech by appointment only	Westfield, IN	46074-9044		
8:30am	First car off	(317) 706-896	59		
Δf	ter last car Trophy Presentation	wiznby1973@yah			
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	Other Information	Hote	el/Camping In	formation	
- ·		Hotels			
• Enter site nea	r water tower, take first right	Grissom Inn	On Base	(765) 689-8000	
• No camping a	llowed at event site	Best Western	Peru	(756) 473-8800	
• Overnight, se	lf-contained camping is available at the Grissom Air	Knight's Inn	Peru	(765) 472-3971	
		Shelton Inn	Peru	(765) 472-1925	
Museum for a	n minimum \$5.00 donation/night	EconoLodge	Kokomo	(765) 457-7651	
• Site gate will	be locked from dusk to dawn	Signature Inn	Kokomo	(765) 455-1000	
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#### Greetings Fellow Soloists A Letter from Roger H. Johnson (Houston, TX) Solo Nationals Chairperson

It is getting closer to the 2006 Tire Rack SCCA Solo Nationals – which starting this year will be held at Heartland Park Topeka (HPT) race track. Because it is a new venue and because it is very different from past Solo Nationals sites, there seems to be much speculation and many wild claims flying around the internet and Solo events around the nation. I hope to address some of these speculations and claims in this letter.

I should probably also mention that Karen Babb and Kevin Youngers, arguably two of the nation's best Solo course designers, have been assigned as the Course Designers for the 2006 Solo Nationals. All of us arrived a day prior to the 2006 SCCA National Convention to visit the site for mapping and planning purposes.

The following is taken from some excellent correspondence recently received from Karen Babb, and I wholly agree with her observations and comments:

"I have never seen this good of a blacktop surface anywhere. Very close to flat, very smooth.

The HPT site is logistically completely different from Forbes, "New-Salina", or "Old-Salina" in that the courses will in essence be side-by side with a "buffer zone" between them, making it somewhat conceptually akin to a typical Pro Solo layout, but rather larger.

Yes, the overall square footage available to each course is not what it was at Forbes, particularly in comparison to Forbes-North. However, it must be remembered that only a fraction of the Forbes area was actually usable. Typically layouts had to tiptoe among the land mines, trying to use the best (or least bad) of the available surface. Routes were constrained, as were in most cases widths and directions. The actual usable square footage was probably less than 25% of the total area at the North end. The need for overlap and separation had to be dealt with as the surface allowed.

At HPT there are no such issues. No grates, poles, peaks, valleys, holes, frost heaves, snakes, etc. So the course can be routed wherever it needs to as the desired elements and separation requirements dictate, not as the surface dictates. This offers considerable freedom in what elements can be used, how they can be connected, and how they can be oriented, even within the constraints of needing the Start and Finish on a particular end of the available area. This type of openness makes possible the use of a variety of space-saving methods that can if necessary compensate for a somewhat smaller overall area.

The route length on my 2003 South course was approximately 3650 feet; available route lengths in preliminary sketches on the left side of the HPT pad have yielded lengths of 3500-4000 feet. It's largely a matter of being able to make the best use of the available space. Many details (e.g. Grid locations and ingress/egress points) have yet to be finalized, but it looks pretty good at this point.

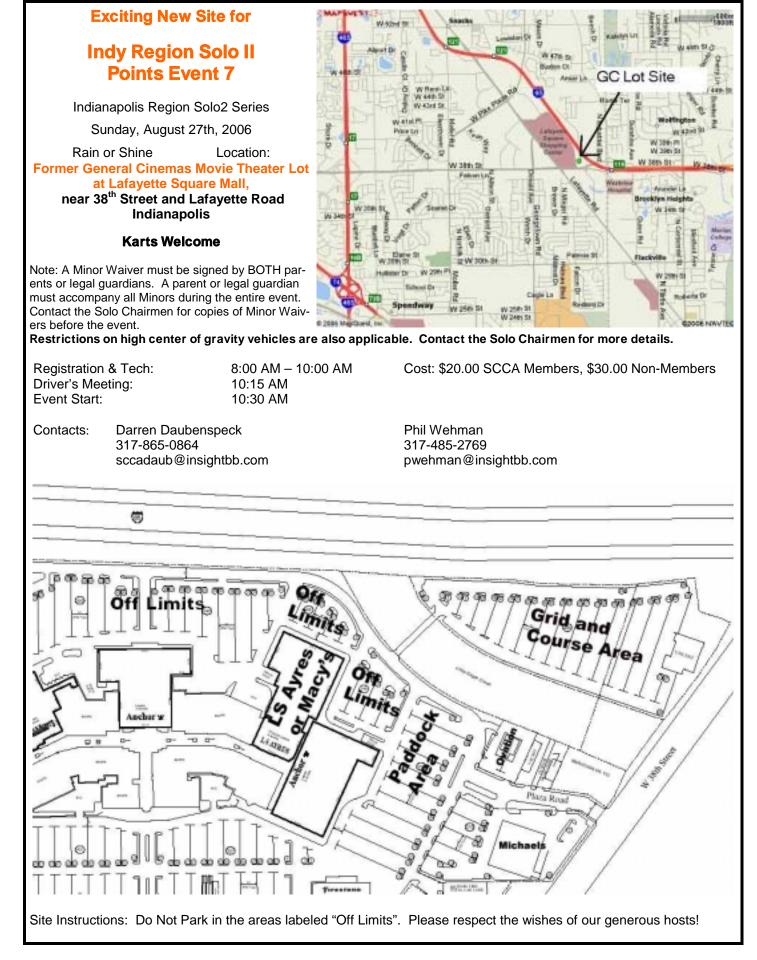
It should be remembered that a very big complaint year after year from members at the Town Meeting was about the deteriorating Forbes surface. The move to HPT was largely driven by this input. It seems counter-productive for members to assume the worst about getting something they asked for, even before they see the actual hands-on results of the change.

At this point I'd just ask that people stay tuned and have a little faith in the event Chairman, the course designers, the Nationals event officials team, and the National Staff to provide a Solo Nationals that won't beat their car to death, and will offer improvements they can all appreciate. Yes, it will be different. No, it won't be perfect. Yes, it will evolve. That's all fine with me." – Karen Babb

I would like to add to her comments that holding the Solo Nationals at a purpose built race facility, instead of a location designed and meant for other uses, really makes a positive impression. Everything at the site is about racing and competition. This means that HPT has erected buildings designed solely to function for the needs of automotive competition. For example, the scales are permanently mounted and located inside tech/impound building - out of the weather. There are real toilets (flushies!), a paddock wide public address system, garages for rent, a registration building/parking lot that is on the way in. There is also a beautiful track that surrounds the paddock and Solo course area. Who knows - there may even be cars running the track while we are there! All of this adds greatly to the overall competitive feeling and gives credibility to what we do. It only seems fitting that the Solo Nationals be held in a purpose built race facility instead of a parking lot - a place where the Nation's best will compete for a chance to earn their 2006 Solo National Championships.

If I may steal a line from Karen's correspondence above, I think it is worth repeating: "Yes, it will be different. No, it won't be perfect. Yes, it will evolve. That's all fine with me"

See you at the 2006 Solo Nationals



## Solo Is: True Speed

My Epiphany: the moment I understood true speed.

Driving a race car to it's fastest possible speed around a closed course involves a balance between aggression and restraint. When I was a nineteen year-old novice autocrosser, I did not yet really have a grasp of this concept. I drove like a raving maniac. However, in a real detriment to my early career, my times were just quick enough to convince me that I knew it all.

It was years before I began to understand what the wiser drivers at those early autocrosses tried in vain to tell me: "Slow down and you'll go faster." Shoot, I was beating them, what'd they know? Here's a little story of the greatest driving epiphany of my twenty-seven years of competition, courtesy of Pro Solo.

Fact is, solo racing is a great way for the beginning driver to learn how to make speed, develop car control and improve mental discipline. And it is cheap. It is how I started.

I know Solo only comes one minute at a time, but what an intense, non-stop, fast-forward car control exercise minute it is. Sure, the velocity is higher in road racing, but inside the car it is slow-motion in comparison. In Solo, the turns come like machine-gun rounds.

One of the best things about it is that one can drive over and above the ragged edge, time and time again, with no more damage than a few dozen downed pylons. This very fact may have saved my life, a dozen times over, and certainly saved a few Datsuns, Fiats and Rabbits.

When I stumbled upon my first autocross, I awakened a ninehundred pound Gorilla inside. It rose and took me by the throat, grunting "You...must...race." Driving as fast as I could on a closed course gave, and still gives, a profound pleasure and satisfaction I find almost nowhere else (don't ask). Challenge, sensory excitement, a little danger, and utter, riveting focus.

1983. Sacramento Pro Solo. Following my Gorilla muse, I had dedicated my life to winning the Pro Solo series that year

(Hey, Mr Penske, it was big to me!), and had driven my VW all the way from Florida.

After the practice rounds, it was clear I had a nice lead in the class. In those days, it made sense to win by as little as possible for a good dial-in time in the overall runoff among the classes. I realized my best strategy was to slow down a bit, leave a little on the table. Yes, sandbag. Today's rules and level of competition eliminate that tactic.

So, I leave the line, aiming to run just a half-second slower per side. Full blast acceleration, but then I enter the corners with little drama, smooth and relaxed. Not my usual hair-on-fire self. Wind it down into the corner, apex carefully, then unroll like a carpet to the exit. No waste. No monkey-motion. Efficient.

Finish sleepy run. Calmly check time for casual slowness. It's... faster. What? Faster. How is this possible? "Ba-bling", a giant bulb pops to light above my head. Holy driving Gods, that's what they meant! Slow down and you'll go faster. Speed truth. I have worked to drive in exactly the manner of that run ever since.

I was spending way too much time beyond the limit. 110%. Too aggressive. Over-driving. I needed the balance of some restraint. Others need to attack more. How can you know? Maximum speed is using 100% of your tires' grip, 100% of the time, combined with the highest possible corner exit speed. Not too much slide, not too little. That's why smooth is fast.

Most tires like about a 10% slide or slip angle. Throughout braking, turning, and most of the corner exit, the car should be in a slight drift. I prefer a little oversteer on entry, a little understeer on exit. No drift? Too slow. Sideways? Too fast. Backwards? Hope it is a Solo, or at least you read my "Good Crasher" column.

Here's hoping you have found your Driving Epiphany.

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#### Indy Region National Racers Early Season

The first CenDiv National Races each year are at Gingerman in Michigan in late April. As usual, some of the Indy Region Racers made the trek to South Haven for the races, getting some early season points to start the run for the Championships. The Showroom Stock classes had Ralph Porter with his Neon in SSC (hasn't got the Mini ready yet!) getting a 4<sup>th</sup>, while Patrick Tipton drove his Acura to a nice 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Vince Ashton brought his AS Camaro, working to a 7<sup>th</sup> in a big field of AS entries.

Jerry and James Weida fielded a pair of F500's, coming in together at 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> to start their points accumulation for the year. And Bobby Caldwell has exchanged his FP BMW for a Formula Continental. It definitely drives different, and Bobby was getting the feel of his new wheels while driving it to a nice 5<sup>th</sup> place.

I met one of our regions newer members, although Jeff Reed has been racing his S2000 in California before moving to our neck of the woods. He worked hard on the unfamiliar track to get his 6<sup>th</sup> place finish, starting his points for the year.

With Spec Miata now being a National class, the better competitors (and cars) are now running for the championships. Michael Neal has been at the top of the CenDiv Regional racers for a few years, and is fitting in quite nicely at the National level. A 4<sup>th</sup> place finish at the first SM CenDiv national was well earned, and indicated how tough the class is going to be this year.

The next weekend saw all the CenDiv racers at Blackhawk Farms Raceway in Northern Illinois. As often happens this time of year, the whole weekend was wet (and muddy), and tough times were had by all. This time, Ralph drove the wheels off the Neon to get a well deserved win in SSC, adding another 12 points to his total, and 1<sup>st</sup> in Cen-Div. In the same race, Brian Doll brought out his Firebird American Sedan, and promptly showed everyone there how to drive a pony car in the rain, slicing off a nice 12 point piece of the pie to start his season.

Bobby Caldwell was again getting used to the FC, and this time he was able to get a  $4^{th}$  place finish in the wet conditions. He seems to be feeling better in the car, and could have a nice run of points through the year.

The National racers got a weekend off while we had our own Double Regionals in May (except for Bobby Caldwell, who is liking his FC enough to take it to 2 wins at our races over some very good previous class winners). Michael Neal also drove his SM to a series of wins at our races, getting the car ready to go back to the Nationals again.

With only one weekend off, the National racers were on Thanks, John, for a lot of FUN!!

duty again, this time at Grattan in Michigan. A beautiful place with its own moat, and a somewhat tricky rolling hills track. The dry weather we had during the week was doomed to change, and we again had a wet race weekend. Brian Doll brought his AS Firebird, and again gave lessons

about driving in the wet, qualifying first overall in the class with T1, T2, GT3, GT2, and GT1 cars. In the race, former T1 National Champion Lance Knupp



ran ahead of Brian, but he stayed close to win the AS class, and finish ahead of all other cars in the race. Brian does seem to do very well on a wet track; this could be a very interesting year for Brian in AS.

In the SM race, Michael Neal again drove a strong race for another 4<sup>th</sup> place, adding another 6 points to his total so far. With 20 to 30 car fields, staying in the top 10 in division will require all the talent a driver can muster: Michael seems to be up for the task, and enjoying the challenge.

Our Honorary Indy Region H production racer John Salisbury (crew guy is Indy's newsletter editor!) has straightened up the damage from last years runoffs, and is starting the season looking for all the points he can get. John's rain tires were about 10 years old, and had aged to being somewhat hard intermediates. Reigning National Champion Tom Feller won the Gingerman race, with John holding off the rest for 2<sup>nd</sup>. At the Blackhawk floods, the weather was starting to clear, and we thought the "intermediates" might work out. Richard Root showed us that his VW with new rain tires was significantly faster on the wet track, and when the track started getting dry, Richard had too much lead for John to catch him, so we settled for another 9 points for 2<sup>nd</sup>. When we got to Grattan, John had a new set of rain tires, not yet mounted on the wheels. The wet track had John qualifying only 5<sup>th</sup> in class. 4 of the top 5 finishers at last years runoffs were qualified ahead of John. When he got the new tires mounted for the race, John was definitely on a mission, and on lap 15 he had worked his way thought the field and passed Matt Brennan for the lead in class, then driving to a small lead for the rest of the race to take the win. I sure did ENJOY that Victory Ride around the track holding the checkered flag, and really like the points chart with John at 1<sup>st</sup> in CenDiv in HP.



#### Zach Leeke on Reality Racing Series

By Pete Hylton

Indy Region member and racer Zach Leeke is one of the 50 rookies selected for the reality racing series, Racin' For A Livin'. (no joke!)

Like many reality shows, the public can vote for their favorites. To vote for Zach, go to www.racinforalivin.com

## 2006 CenDiv Race Schedule with other events

DATE	DRIVER'S SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	NATIONALS	OTHER EVENTS
June 10-11		DET @ GM (D) (4)		
June 17-18		MIL @ RA (D) (5)		
	MICHIANA @ GM (D)	MICHIANA @ GM (4)		
June 24-25			CHI @ RA June Sprints	Cleveland Grand Prix Grand Am @ MO
July 1-2		CINCY @ MO (D) (4)		USGP @ INDY
July 8-9		BVR @ BHF (D) (5)	INDY@ IRP	Ferrari @ RA
July 15-16		FWR@MO (D) (4)		BRIC @ RA
July 22-23		MIL @ RA(R)	MIL @ RA	
		NEO @NL ENDURO (R)		
July 29-30		CHI @ ABJ (D) (5)	NEO @ NL	AMA VINTAGE @ MO
Aug. 12-13			WMR @ GRA	
Aug. 19-20				ALMS @ RA
				Vintage Grand Prix @ MO
Aug. 26-27		CHI@ RA (D) (5)		
		FWR @ GM (D) (4)		
Sept. 2-3 Labor Day		WMR/LSR @ GRA (D) (4)	NEO @ NL	
		MIL @ MM (D) (5)		
Sept. 9-10		OVR @ MO (D) (4)		
Sept. 16-17				VSCDA @ RA
Sept. 23-24		NEO @ NL (D) (4)		CCWS @ RA
Sept 30-Oct 1		INDY @IRP (D) (4)		
Oct. 7-8		WOR @ MO(D)(4)		
Oct. 9-15			Runoffs @ HPT	
Oct. 28-29		CHI @ BHF (5)		

## Indy Region Racers National Point Standings 5/14

Driver	Place	Races	Pts	Class
Ralph Porter	1	2	18	SSC
Brian Doll	3	2	24	AS
Vince Ashton	14	1	3	AS
Patrick Tipton	3	2	18	SSB
Emmitt Murphy	4	1	9	FA
Jerry Weida	3	1	6	F500
James Weida	4	1	5	F500
Aaron Ellis	10	1	7	F500
Michael Neal	6	3	12	SM
Bobby Caldwell	7	3	14	FC
Jeff Read	9	1	4	S2
John Salisbury	1	3	30	HP

BHF-Blackhawk Farms	GM-GingerMan		
GRA-Grattan	IRP-Indianapolis Raceway Park		
M-O-Mid Ohio	MM- Milwaukee Mile		
NL-Nelson Ledges	RA-Road America		
WAT-Waterford Hills	ABJ- Autobahn Joliet		
(D) Double	(R) Restricted		
(4) Area 4 Champ Series	(5) Area 5 Champ Series		

### Membership Report

**By Cheryl Swarts** We would like to welcome the following new members to the Indianapolis Region of the Sports Car Club of America:

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