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## Indy Region Racers at The Runoffs !!

Full story on Page 14



Ralph Porter drives to Podium finish in SSC

And Michael Neal gets Hard Charger award in SM

Photo by Lou Byer

Results from Solo: Points Event 9 at Mt. Comfort Airport



Join us and Run for Office or BOD. Descriptions and nomination ballot starting on page 6.

ARE YOU one of our Involved Members? Check the rules on Page 8, and be sure to send in your form to get your award !

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Nov 5Indy Solo Worker Invitational, 16th StreetNov 19Indy Region Road RallyJan 20Awards Banquet & Annual Meeting

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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. If you would like to have all the pictures taken by newsletter staff from any specific event on a CD, we can provide them to you for the small fee of \$10 per event. Send a check to Indianapolis Region SCCA for the \$10, along with your address and the particular event you want pictures of, to: Dick Powell, editor 2835 Madelynne Drive, Apt. D Indianapolis, IN 46229 You should get the CD in the mail in about a week.

### RE News: So What Now?

After a very nervous final week of September, we completed our final race weekend of 2006, the Fall Frolic Double Regional at ORP. Why the nervousness? Because just one week before the event, we had only 30+ entries in hand. The Indy Board of Directors and the Race Chairs crunched the numbers, discussed, and decided that the best course of action was to forge ahead and hope for a decent late entry turnout during the week heading up to the event. We feel we are very fortunate that we were able to achieve a car count of 79 entries by Saturday (more than anyone had predicted). Was this enough to financially break even for the event? No, far from it. But was it a better option than canceling (as what happened early this season to a Ft. Wavne Region event)? Absolutely, as the costs associated with canceling (keep in mind that entry forms and mailing costs had already been paid for as well as the track rental) would have been nearly equal to the revenue shortfall we had from holding the event. And even more importantly, the stigma and disappointment of having an Indy Region race weekend cancelled was something we felt we had to avoid at nearly all costs. Bolstering this decision was also the great worker turnout we had for the weekend. Having to tell workers not to show up (which is more difficult than contacting the racers) would have been a task that I would have regretted for a very long time.

new entities, Central and Great Lakes Divisions, we now face a 2007 season with more races scheduled within the previous full division's geography. But an increase in races does not mean we will have an increase in racers and workers. The 2007 Great Lakes Divi-



by Velma Boreen

sion schedule has and will continue to be a topic of great debate leading up to the Division Roundtable to be held on November 5<sup>th</sup> in Columbus, Ohio. Not only will the 2007 race schedule be decided, but there will be great discussion as to how the new GL Division will move forward after seeing a large decline of race attendance in the 2006 season. We have great challenges ahead of us as both a Region and a Division.

Again, I would like our Indy Region members to start thinking about what you can do to help the Region in the future. You will see a 2007 BoD Nomination ballot elsewhere in this issue. We have many new ideas for 2007 but can always use new perspectives and energy in implementing them. If you are interested, please contact myself or anyone else on the current Indy BoD. We would love to hear from you.

"If you wait, all that happens is that you get older." - Mario Andretti

So what now? With the split of the existing Division into two See you on track, on the road, or between the cones!

### Minutes of Indy Region Board Meeting

This is a synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD October 19, 2006 at DOOKZ Sports Grille, 6:30 PM. There were 6 directors and 5 guests present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** Rich Lankford e-mailed his report to the BOD before the meeting. The report was review and approved. Velma Boreen gave a check to Steve Linn for \$75.00 from the Central Division Championship event for  $\frac{1}{2}$  on the dumpster from the Indy CenDiv Series event. She also reported there will be an additional \$81.00 coming on 10-21 from the CenDiv Series for purchase of 18 acrylic bases that were excess from the Indy CenDiv event and will be used for year end trophies for the CenDiv Solo Series.

**Clutch Chatter** Steve Linn gave the Clutch Chatter report for Dick Powell. The October issue has been mailed and within budget. 2007 officials, banquet information, articles due by 10-23.

**Website** John Wilmoth reported that we have a website! A few issues with the number of files, consolidation of some things – there is still some work to be done.

**Membership** Steve Linn gave the membership report for Cheryl Swarts. We have 501 members. The question about dual membership was raised. One was received in September. A system needs to be put in place to keep track of the dual memberships.

Activities Steve Linn gave the activities report for Lou Byer. The year end banquet has been scheduled for 1-20-07 at Primo East. Year end trophies were discussed. Brian Gard and Phil Wehman will pass along ideas to Steve Linn regarding trophies. Trophy information needs to be to John Wilmoth by Thanksgiving if we are doing photos.

Rally Steve Linn gave Rally report for Cheryl Swarts. The Meeting was adjourned.

next rally is scheduled for 10-29 but no contact with the Rally Master. Discussion ensued about the 2007 rally program.

Solo Darren Daubenspeck and Phil Wehman gave the solo report. The display was used for the first time at the Mt. Comfort event on 10-15. Good participation at that event; 94 competitors. Money saved at the Mt. Comfort event because the airport deemed that a security guard was not needed. We are going to try for 3 events there in 2007. It was suggested that we continue to run at Lafavette Square Mall and several other potential sites were discussed. da Bus is in good shape, thanks to help from Brown's Auto Tech. Darren and Phil asked for change to solo page on website in regards to advertising, especially Brown's Auto Tech. Phil will store some of the equipment at his home. 63 people are eligible for Worker Invitational on 11-5. Indy Region to consider hosting another Solo Series event in 2007 or possibly look into the requirements for hosting a tour at Grissom. Velma Boreen will follow through with SCCA on those requirements.

**Race** Steve Linn gave the race report for Pete Hylton. We are finished for 2006 and there was good financial management. 75 competitors at the last event. Good worker turnout . Some chief positions may need to be filled for 2007. Repaving has been requested. Racers pleased with Indy Region's management of the road race program. Discussion of 2007 race date – possible races at ORPI hosted by other regions? Worker dues brought folks back.

**New Business** Great Lakes Division Roundtable scheduled for November 5 in Columbus, Ohio. 2007 BOD nominations desired, Dick to put in Clutch Chatter. Door prizes for 2007 banquet to Steve Linn.

Next meeting scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 at Dookz. Meeting was adjourned.

#### by Steve Linn





We hope that your service at Autotech will be to your total satisfaction. If at any time you are unsatisfied with your service please feel free to call and ask for Jim Brown.

Location: Brown's Autotech is located in Greenwood, Indiana. To get there take US 31 South to Pushville Rd and turn east. Take Pushville Rd to Endress Place and turn north to the big red building at 2501.

We are rapidly approaching the time to elect our officers for the year 2007. Now is the time for anyone desiring to be more involved with the running of our club to step up and enter their nominations for office in our region. I have included a general description of the various offices, and will have a specific request for nominations later in the paper. If you wish to run, or you know someone else who wishes to run for office, please contact our nominations chairman Jan Castellucci and let him know.

#### **Region Officer Job Descriptions**

It's getting near that time of year when Regions are considering new officer candidates for 2007. To help us recruit new leaders, we present the following Job Descriptions for Region Officers. This list is by no means comprehensive, and is only offered as a guide for us during the upcoming elections.

#### **Regional Executive**

- Chief Executive Officer of the Region.
- Official Spokesperson for the Region.
- Presides at all meetings of Members and Directors.
- Shall report on the status of the Region at each meeting.
- Shall call any special meeting of Members and Directors in accordance with the Bylaws of the Region.
- Prepares and adheres to agendas for all meetings.
- Shall appoint or discharge necessary and appropriate positions and committees.
- Shall sign and execute, together with the Treasurer (or his assignee), all contracts, notes, and drafts in the name of the Region.
- With the Treasurer, participate in creating and assist to determine the Region's budget for the coming year.
- Shall perform or cause to be performed all duties assigned to him/her by the Sports Car Club of America, Inc.
- Shall cause books, statements, reports and other certificates and records to be filed as required by law.
- Shall complete (with aid of Assistant RE) Region SCCA Charter Documents and submit to the National Office no later than February 15th of each year.
- Shall complete SCCA Directory information for the Region and submit to the National Office no later than December 31st of each year.
- Shall enforce Region's Bylaws and perform all duties incidental to the office of Regional Executive.
- Shall supervise all activities of the Region.
- Shall have other such duties and authorities as prescribed by Bylaws or Regions Board of Directors.
- Work closely with Region Board of Directors to create and monitor one year and five year plans using guidelines offered in the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan of SCCA, Inc.
- Communicate as needed with Executive Officers of other local sports car clubs, SCCA Regions, and SCCA Divisions.
- Shall maintain communications with the responsible SCCA Area Director.

#### Assistant Regional Executive

- Performs duties of the Regional Executive in that person's absence or incapacity.
- Performs other such duties as assigned by the Regional Executive.
- Performs duties as assigned by the Region's Board of Directors.

- Shall attend all meetings of the Members and Directors.
- With the Regional Executive, shall prepare the Region's SCCA Charter Documents and submit to the National Office no later than February 15th of each year.
- Work closely with Region Board of Directors to create and monitor one year and five year plans using guidelines offered in the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan of SCCA, Inc.

#### Secretary

- Shall keep minutes of meetings of Members and Directors.
- Shall be the custodian of all records of the Region.
- Shall attend all meetings of the Members and Directors.
- Work closely with the RE and Region Board of Directors to create and monitor one year and five year plans using guidelines offered in the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan of SCCA, Inc.
- Shall maintain the Region's calendar of events.
- Shall submit the Region's calendar to newsletter and website.

#### Treasurer

- Shall have care and custody of, and be responsible for all funds, merchandise, and assets of the Region.
- Shall have custody of monies, debts, and financial obligations of the Region.
- Shall attend all meetings of the Members and Directors.
- Reports financial status of Region to Members and Directors.
- Shall maintain accounting records in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.
- Pays listing or sanctioning fees in advance of any SCCA event.
- Shall transmit dues and income information received from the SCCA National office to the Region's Membership Chairperson.
- Shall make monthly, or more often if required, deposits to the Region's bank account.
- Obtain tax exemption certificate if required.
- With the Regional Executive, participate in creating and assist to determine the Region's budget for the coming year.
- Work closely with the RE and the Region Board of Directors to create and monitor one year and five year plans using guidelines offered in the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan of SCCA, Inc
- Shall ensure preparation and filing of tax returns in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and other controlling jurisdictions.
- Shall notify the Region's bank(s) when changes are made with respect to addresses, signatures, and other contact information for new officers or check signers.

#### Membership Chairperson

The Membership Chairperson promotes continued growth of the Region through actively recruiting new members and

retaining current Members.

- Shall be the Chairperson of the Membership Committee.
- Shall make new Members and other interested parties feel welcome at all Region events.
- Shall maintain a list of Members and other interested parties. The list shall include all available contact information.
- Shall prepare an annual Region roster.

#### **Other Directors or Officers**

- Shall attend all meetings of the Members and Directors.
- Shall perform such duties and have such powers as assigned by the Board of Directors
- Work closely with Region Board of Directors to create and monitor one year and five year plans using guidelines offered in the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan of SCCA, Inc. May be assigned as liaison to committees and specialty chiefs who are not already members of the Region's Board of Directors.

#### Editor

- The newsletter editor generates a periodical publication and distributes it to all Region Members and other interested parties.
- Shall produce a publication that is professional appearing and easy to read.
- Generates content that is relevant to the Region and SCCA activities.
- In cooperation with the Region's Secretary, shall generate a calendar of events.
- Shall include reports of all the Region's events.
- Shall work closely with the Region's Webmaster to ensure accuracy and timeliness of shared information and stories.
- Shall secure advertising to offset publication costs.

#### Webmaster

- The Region's Webmaster designs the webpage and maintains content that is relevant to the Region and SCCA activities.
- Maintains a professional and easily navigated site.
- Ensures that the website is updated on a regular basis and is timely.
- Collect stories, features, and pictures for web content.
- Works closely with the Region's newsletter editor to ensure accuracy and timeliness of shared information and stories.
- In cooperation with the Region's Secretary, shall generate a calendar of events.
- Shall include results from all of the Region's events.

#### **Committee Chairpersons**

A committee runs each program established by the Region. Each committee shall have a chairperson who is responsible for managing their respective program in a manner they see fit and in accordance with the Region Bylaws.

- As required, shall attend meetings of the Membership and Board of Directors and shall report on activities of the committee at such meetings.
- Shall communicate with the Board of Directors and Regional Executive on a regular basis.
- Shall prepare and monitor a committee budget for the committee's annual activities.
- Submit items of importance to Region's publication and website.

Elections for the 2007 Indianapolis Region Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2007 at the Annual Membership Meeting/Awards Banquet. 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.

2007 Indy Region Board of Directors Elections Nomination Ballot
Regional Executive
Assistant RE
Treasurer
Secretary
Membership Chairperson
Activities Chairperson
Mail to:
Jan Castelluccio 9115 Trinity Place Indianapolis, IN 46229 317-898-9273 (evening) E-mail: jccastel@indygov.org

## Indianapolis Region SCCA notice of 2006 Annual Meeting

The 2006 Annual Meeting of the Members of the Indianapolis Region SCCA will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2007 in conjunction with our annual Awards Banquet, being held at Primo's East, 5649 Lee Road, Indianapolis, IN 46216.

At this meeting, the members will be voting for the officers for 2007, according to the official ballot to be produced by the nominating chairman. The ballot will have space for write-in candidates for the offices.

### 2006 Indianapolis Region Involved Member Award Rules

The purpose of the Involved Member Award is to recognize Indianapolis Region members who exhibit exceptional participation during the year. It is not a competition between members. In fact, the more award recipients the better. It is truly a celebration of dedication, support and commitment to Indy Region SCCA.

An Involved member award will be presented to each Indianapolis Region member, 16 years of age and older, who earns a minimum of 800 points in a calendar year by participating in at least two of the following four areas of participation: meetings and other club-sponsored special events, rally, race and solo.

An Involved member award will be presented to each Indianapolis Region junior member, under 16 years of age, who earns a minimum of 400 points in a calendar year by participating in at least two of the areas of participation.

The Involved member award will be an embroidered lightweight jacket or fleece. A member will be awarded a jacket only once in every 5 calendar years (example: a winner presented a jacket in 2000 is eligible again in 2005). Repeat awards within the 5 calendar years will be recognized by embroidering of the award year on the jacket.

#### Points are awarded as follows:

Indy Region Board of Directors	100 per year
Newsletter Editor	100 per year
Webmaster	100 per year
Pointskeeper	100 per year
Program Chair	100 per year
Race Events: Event Chair Event Co/Assistant Chair Working Chief of Specialty Worker Driver/ Crew	400 per event 250 per event 125 per day 100 per day 50 per day

Divisional Event Chair	400 per event
Divisional Event Co/Chair	250 per event
Event Chair	100 per event
Event Specialty Chair	75 per event
Driver / Worker	50 per day
Rally Events:	
National/Divisional Event Rallymaster	400 per event
Rallymaster	200 per event
Rally PreCheck / Safety Steward	100 per event
Working Chief of Specialty	75 per day
Driver / Navigator / Worker	50 per day
Other Events:	
National/Divisional Rally or Solo Registrar	75 per event
Race or Cendiv Roundtable Chair	100 per event
Banquet or Trophy Chair	100 per year
GLDiv Roundtable/SCCA National Conven	tion 50 per day
Activities Participation / Awards Banquet	50 per day
Clutch Chatter / Website article/photos	50 per article
Monthly meeting attendance	30 per event

Points are only awarded for Indy Region events, Great Lakes Roundtable, and SCCA National Convention. There will be no combination of points for a single event; points from only one category may be scored per day. For example, a member who is a worker and a driver on the same day at the same event may only score points for one category or the other. Each member is solely responsible for tracking and reporting their points; no one else will do this for you. To be eligible for an award, the Indy Region member must fill out the attached form or a reasonable facsimile and mail or e-mail it to the Membership Chairman. The form can also be downloaded in Excel format from our website, making tabulation of points easier. All forms must be received no later than December 31st of the year in order to be eligible for an Involved Member Award for that year. Confirming receipt of submitted points is the sole responsibility of the entrant. A person's eligibility will be verified by the Membership Chairman. The IMA will be presented to the winning members at the Annual Awards Banquet for that year.

Date	Event	How Participated	Points

## Indy Region's Annual Awards Banquet

To be held Saturday January 20, 2007 At Primo North Banquet & Conference Center 5649 Lee Road, Lawrence, IN 46216 (on Ft. Benjamin Harrison)



## Competitor of the Year Award

Purpose: To encourage participation in all Indianapolis Region points events and to recognize the best performance by an Indy Region of Record member within the Indy Region racing, rally, and solo programs by presenting a yearend trophy. The individual scoring points in at least two 3. categories and earning the greatest number of points throughout the season by these rules will be named Indianapolis Region Competitor of the Year. Buffet Dinner and Drinks to be followed by the 2006 Indy Region Awards Presentations

More details coming in next issue of Clutch Chatter, or visit our website !

Come out and join the rest of us for an evening of fellowship and festivities. Enjoy a great dinner with your friends, and be there to help congratulate the award winners. Check out the Involved Member award rules, and you may be getting an award yourself! Help us celebrate another great year for the Indianapolis Region SCCA.

in events with only one class) in racing, rally, and solo events which count for Indianapolis Region Championship points.

- . Points will be allocated to competitors finishing ahead of at least one other starter as follows: 12 points for 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 for 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7 for 3<sup>rd</sup>, and dropping one point per position through 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 3. The competitors nine best finishes will be counted with no more than four events from any one category of competition.
- The points standings will be published at mid-season and at the end of the year.

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	1 1	1	2	3	4			
Steve Linn	12		12				9		12	45									0	5	7	12	12	36	81	8
Sam Crites	12						9		7	28	12	7	х7	х7					19					0	47	7

x - did not beat another competitor in class

y - not one of the top nine points events overall across all disciplines

z - not one of the top four points events in this discipline

There are a few other competitors in the Indy Region who have significant points in only one discipline. With one more Rally for the year, there is a chance for some of these people to get in multiple categories, and we could see the table expanded. The Indy Region Competitor of the Year continues until the last event!

1. Points will be awarded for class finish (or over-all finish

### Solo Report: Another Season in the Books!

A fantastic 2006 points season is finished. In some people who put extra effort ways April seems like vesterday as we got started with the Test and Tune. But when I look back at all the ground we've covered (literally!) this season, we've had a nice long season. The last two points event are over and we've got just one event left with the November Worker Invitational.

Austrailian Pursuit After the hot and humid Lafayette Square Mall event in August, a lot of people were looking forward to some cooler fall temperature for our events. There is such a thing as overdoing it - and the weatherman really overdid it with the September 23rd Australian Pursuit at 16<sup>th</sup> St. Stadium. It was cold and wet and there were dire predictions of violent weather. We were lucky and there was window of dry weather during the actual event. The weather had an impact and we only had 30 hardy drivers brave the cold, wind, and water.

We moved guickly through the two brackets and were wrapped up and out before 2:00pm and the next wave of bad weather. Kevin Kent and Steve Brinkerhoff won the 2 brackets, with Steve winning overall. Results/points are posted on the website and in last month's issue.

**Mt. Comfort** On October 15<sup>th</sup>, we held our last points event at the Mt. Comfort airport. It was supposed to reach 60 degrees, but stayed in the 50's with cloud cover and a stiff breeze. The cool weather did nothing to cool the enthusiasm of 94 drivers who had heard the word from the June event at the airport. Mt. Comfort lived up to it's reputation as the possibly the best autocross surface in the We ran 3 heats, with 5 runs on a fast course and area. the consensus still seems to be that this is a great site! Results are posted on the web site and later in this issue.

We debuted the timer display and hope everyone liked being able to see their times as they came off course (even if they didn't like their times).

A big thanks to everyone who attended and worked and had fun and upheld our reputation of a good organization I talked to the airport management to do business with. after the event and they had positive feedback for our club and we've been invited to come back next year for more events! Darren and I are starting to think about next year's schedule and we'll take full advantage of that invitation.

By the time you read this we'll Worker Invitational probably be wrapping up the November Worker Invitational event, which is just for fun, and our way of thanking those

into making the events run smoothly.

New Sponsor! As mentioned last month we're

happy to announce that the Solo Program has gained a sponsor! Brown's Autotech, of 2501 Endress Place Greenwood, IN 46143, has volunteered to do some work on 'da Solo Bus in exchange for some promotions and advertising. They're a great bunch of guys that do general auto/ truck repair of all sorts. They can do at-your-site fleet servicing as well. But, the biggest news that will thrill Indy Region members is that Brown's Autotech has their own Chassis Dyno! They also have a state-of-the-art Digital Laser Alignment rack, with printout capabilities! Jim Brown is a racer at heart, and so is his crew, and they can dial in that special competition performance alignment for you. Give them a call at 317-535-3000 to schedule a service appointment or dyno session today!

Please watch Clutch Chatter and the Indy Regional Yahoo e-Group for further announcements about the Solo program.

As always, the solo chairs can be contacted at:

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#### New Home Needed for the Solo Bus !

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.

Darren Daubenspeck 865-0864 sccadaub@insightbb.com



FAX 574-236-7000



www.tirerack.com

by Phil Wehman

## Oct 15 Solo Points Event #9 Mt. Comfort Airport results

Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time
Super Stock		B Street Prepared		Street Touring S	
Larry Harts	31.059	Anthony Magagnoli	31.160	Vic Brunamonti	33.689
PAX FTD		Ross Maguire	31.759	Michael Hacker	35.249
Jerry Strope	31.222	C C		Harold Hammerly	35.899
		C Street Prepared		Geoff Gallup	37.533
A Stock		Joel Harleman	34.085	David Dusterberg	37.877
Chuck McMillion	33.319	Ted Drummond	34.412	Jeremy Garrett	38.010
Jacob Gardner	34.554	James Hayes	36.289	Nathan Fite	38.540
S. Stone	36.139	,		Michael Benz	38.583
Fred Roudebush	36.632	D Street Prepared		Street Touring S 2	
		Steve Linn	33.548	Gus Hammerly	33.088
B Stock		Brian Gard	33.737	Geoffrey Chambers	33.323
Alec Cervenka	34.235	Chris McGuire	34.509	Raleigh Boreen	33.652
Paul Crisostomo	35.154	Lin Jim	35.641	Velma Boreen	35.042
Brian Davis	35.193	Robert Heeter	38.247		00.012
Donald Rushing	38.659	Valerie Gard	38.693	Street Touring X	
Donald Rashing	00.000			Kevin Kent	33.794
C Stock		E Street Prepared		Derrick king	34.254
Jeff Alexander	34.845	Nathan Glass	34.703	James Feltz	34.570
Bruce Durell	35.724	Brian DeBruler	34.740	Warren Kniesly	35.712
Brace Daren	55.724		04.740	Daniel Kunz	35.741
E Stock				Daniel Runz	55.741
Ryan Kowalewski	36.726	B Prepared		Street Touring Illtro	
Brian Tabor	37.157	Ron Christian	37.089	Street Touring Ultra Jeff Detrick	35.032
Brian Tabol	57.157	Ryan Christian	37.612	Jen Dellick	30.032
F Stock		Ttyan Onnstan	57.012	Street Modified	
Sean Murphy	33.767	E Prepared		Miller Kevin	31.453
Jon Adams		Riley Dill	40.767	Scott Dales	
	35.581	Riley Dill	40.707		32.937
Sam Crites	37.444	F Prepared		Christian Schwier	33.778
Rick Fosnight	39.050	Andrew Van Vlymen	33.060	Will Lakee	33.804
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G Stock	00.050			Michael LeVeque	34.471
Joe Kniesly	33.853	D Madified		Dale Brier	34.919
Darren Daubenspeck	35.085	B Modified	00 707	James Priest	35.116
Bill Farr	35.372	Clemens Burger	28.727	Brandon Lavender	35.196
Brent Markwalder	37.251	Fast Time of the Day	/	John Wilmoth	35.322
				Jason Hatch	35.912
H Stock		C Modified	~~~~~	Eric Garcia	36.879
Brad Hayes	34.418	Mark Lamm	28.962	Andy Woodward	37.307
Randy Hall	34.905	Randall Turner	29.601	Joshua Wiesnauer	37.465
Sean Seomon	35.531				
Jeffrey Chiang	36.532	D Modified		Street Modified 2	
Nancy Hayes	36.940	Stephen Brinkerhoff	30.361	Larry Metz	36.277
Tom Walgamuth	38.131	Phil Wehman	30.442		
David Matteson	38.804				
		E Modified		Regional Junior Kart	
A Street Prepared		Warren LeVeque	31.051	Robby Linn	39.613
Aaron Haskell	33.603	Lee Miller	31.606	Parker Dales	41.544
Jack Tovey	33.668	Jack Banker	32.879	Logan Hayes	42.417
Chris Northway	35.211				
Darren Wellenreiter	35.905				
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Indianapolis SCCA 2006 Solo Points Series Qualified Worker List, As of 10-17-2006

Individuals on this list have spent time and effort to carry out the region's Solo2 events beyond the scope of during-event work details. Qualifying efforts include event or specialty chairmanship, consistent work to set-up or clean-up events, attendance of non-event workdays, or other extra effort details.

Presence on this list means an invitation to the year-end Worker Invitational Solo Autocross event. There's plenty of room left on it, so please come forward to volunteer to earn it!

Persons who believe they have been overlooked for inclusion on this list should contact Darren, or Phil, the Solo2 program co-chairman, to discuss the issue.

Adams, Jon	Gard, Brian	McGuire, Chris
Alexander, Jeff	Gard, Valerie	Metz, Larry
Banker, Jack	Gilbert, Pat	Miller, Lee
Boone, Jason	Hacker, Michael	Morelli, Rob
Boreen, Raliegh	Hall, Randy	Murphy, Sean
Boreen, Velma	Hammerly, Gus	Nogan, Jay
Bose, James	Harleman, Joel	Northway, Chris
Brier, Dale	Harts, Larry	Powell, Dick
Brinkerhof,	Haskell, Aaron	Scionti, Catherine
Brunamonti, Vic	Hayes, Brad	Shapinsky, Robert
Chambers, Geoff	Jaffee, Matt	Stone, Dan
Crites, Sam	Jensen, Matt	Stringer, Chad
Dales, Scott	Kent, Kevin	Swarts, Cheryl
Daubenspeck, Darren	Kneisley, Joe	Swarts, Rick
Dusterberg, David	Kneisley, Warren	Tovey, Jack
Davis, Brian	Lahee, Will	Wehman, Phil
Dill, Riley	LeVeque, Warren	Wellenreiter, Darren
Farr, Bob	LeVeque, Michael	Wilmoth, John
Farr, Bill	Lin, Jim	Woodward, David
Feltz, James	Linn, Steve	
Ford, Ralph	Markwalder, Brent	

Indy Region	Racers R	egional Racing	Point	Standings as of	10/25
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Driver Best, Stephen Selby, Tim Sexton, Jim Riggen, Lyle Terrell, Mark Tipton, Patrick Coomer, Stu Johnson, Ken Linn, Steven Flock, Tim Doyle, Andy Leeke, Zach Neylon, Michael Otoupal, Vicky Doyle, Morey White, Scot	Points 72 72 66 64 48 48 48 46 45 41 39 38 34 30 30 25 25	DriverDevault, DarrinHart, DavidHoleman, PaulMaynard, MarkMonday, TonyNeal, MichaelPfeffer, RobertWoodard, TurnerGray, GregoryMeskauskas, RockyVan Vlymen, AndrewHale, DarrylSchacht, DavidShields, ChrisPfeffer, JonathanD'Angelo, Paul	Points 24 24 24 24 24 24 24 24 24 24 24 24 23 21 21 20 20 19 18 14	Driver Durkee, Matthew Wilde, Sheldon Hanson, Julie Anne Landon, Mike Reisert, John This is all of the race re received to date. Reme driver's responsibility regional race resul throughout the season. Jan Castelluccio Contact information	13 12 9 9 9 9 9 esults I have mber it's the to get their Its to me Thanks!
Caldwell, Bobby	24	Flock, Michael	14	cover.	

#### Solo Is: Curves

curves everywhere in nature; scenery, Feminine signs (slaloms and chicanes) which are necessary, shapes, car designs(Pinin Farina designed Ferraris), but not a total part of any autocross. When only run-Exotic curves on car bodies: XKE Jaguars, etc. ning on transitions only circuits, car preparation be-Straight is boring; no "Twiggy" females with Grey- comes only extreme stiffening and lots of static camhound like curveless bodies; we admire Marilyn ber. Suspension camber gain curves (there's that Monroe, Zaftig or Amorphus shapes. Just like Re- word again) become moot when the suspension noir did.

Straight lines on car bodies are interesting only on trucks. The old MGA and the new Solstice are interesting for their curvy shapes

Hang on, now that I've got you attention, lets talk about our favorite curves on the highway such as the "Dragon" type curvy favorite roads. Where's the fun of driving a sports car on an Interstate highway? Life is even more challenging due to the curves that are thrown toward us.

The "Esses" are what makes life interesting. Road race tracks are famous for their interesting curves, i. e. Road America. Street races are uninteresting because they are "corners" not curves. Angular corners remind us of the lines of a Pontiac Aztec or a "Tron" type video game vehicle.

The extreme example of a boring track is when the corners on three wheels, applying all of the available curves all come together into an oval-no break be- traction to acceleration only. They know what it tween the curves.

Straights are the most boring thing ever. The chal- This is really a high note article. The courses that lenge is only to the engine builder and the Aerody- I've driven this year have been great and lots of hang namics engineer. Other than building the best engine it out fun. Congratulations to the course designers. or straining you right foot, where is the challenge?

Autocross designs are limited due to the available soft curves also. area to do them. Still many designers find ways to insert "hang -it-out curves" into them. Great fun can Warren be had even if suffering a sound defeat. Off road rallyists and Sprint cars on dirt tracks enjoy the thrill of "hanging it out".

I, like most still breathing men, like curves. We like Many venues only offer room for transition type dedoesn't move. Then these same cars are handicapped when skid pad type curves or non-smooth surfaces are encountered

> When cars are designed for transition only courses, and a course designer has a large area to use, it is common to see "point and squirt designs" which only require a small tight little transition around a sharp corner (not curve) and then acceleration down a short straight to another tight corner.

> This definitely favors certain types of car. The point and squirt design greatly favors cars with no "curving" ability and lots of forward traction and acceleration. Popular examples of this type of car are 4 wheel drive, tall 4 door sedans, with relatively poor suspensions, but lots of traction and very powerful supercharged engines.

> Some very powerful V8 sedans come out of tight takes.

Of course my wandering eye has noticed some other



We had 10 Indy Region Racers compete at the 2006 Runoffs, with some doing well and others having difficulties. We had some cold weather, below freezing some nights, and in the 50's early afternoon, which along with a new track made it challenging for the racers.

Friday morning saw the first of our Indy people on the track, with Gerry Mason in the second race of the

day with his GT-2 Nissan 300ZX. With a 6<sup>th</sup> gualifying position, he got pushed back early in the race to 9<sup>th</sup>, then worked his way back up to a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish. There are a



lot of National Championships held by drivers still active in the class, and the very strong competition is evident on the track. Gerry will continue with his Nissan in the class, and may still show us a top podium at future runoffs.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> race on Friday morning was the SSC race with Ralph Porter giving his new Mini a workout.



From an 11<sup>th</sup> qualifying spot, Ralph put his head down and drove a hard race to his first runoffs podium finish, earnwas also awarded the Hard Charger award for the most

race interviews, Ralph said " I especially want to Thank my lovely wife Sharon. We are newlyweds, married last year, and Sharon wanted us to have a new house, while I wanted a new race car. Thanks to Sharon, I'm here with the new car, getting my best finish ever at the runoffs!" Wow: that is one Special Lady!

The 4<sup>th</sup> race of the day, first in the afternoon, was consistently to get through the Formula Continental race for Bobby Caldwell. a lot of cars, reaching the 15<sup>th</sup> position before the end Bobby has worked hard through the year, learning to of the race. His lap times were among the best, but race an open wheel car after running production cars there doesn't seem to be any way to get back through before, and earning his invitation to the runoffs. After this strong field after a shunt. Maybe the luck will be qualifying 13<sup>th</sup> in a strong field, Bobby had some dif- better next year, Bill certainly deserves it.

By Dick Powell

Photos by Lou Byer

ficulties on the first lap, putting him out of the race at the end of the lap. His day was over so soon our Photographer didn't even get a picture of him; our apologies to Bobby for missing him. We will all have to work harder next year to make it better.

In the 7<sup>th</sup> race. Jeff Read had his California S2000 ready (without the flames now), and used the week to

try learning another new track for the year. He managed a 16<sup>th</sup> qualifying spot, and drove a steady race to finish 15<sup>th</sup>. Jeff is looking good in the car, and next year will be running on tracks he has seen before



(he got to learn them all this year). Good Luck next vear. Jeff.

Saturday afternoon saw the F500 race in early afternoon, with Aaron Ellis and James Weida representing Indy region in Topeka. Aaron qualified 10<sup>th</sup>, then



got balked by another competitors spin on the first lap, dropping way back in the field. Hard driving and careful planning saw him advance to 7<sup>th</sup> at the end of the race. James

Weida learned from his first Runoffs appearance that the competition at the Championship level is fierce!



He managed to get his older F500 qualified in 23<sup>rd</sup>, and drove a steady race to achieve the 15<sup>th</sup> finishing spot for his first Runoffs.

ing a  $3^{rd}$  at the flag. Ralph Next year should be a lot of fun for this young fellow, and an advance up the ladder.

The next race was Touring 2, and Bill Baten had positions improvement during the race. In the post his Camaro working hard to stay near some of the other cars classified in T2. He did get the car up to 10<sup>th</sup> on the grid in qualifying, but seemed to be unlucky in the 13<sup>th</sup> race as he got caught behind an-

other competitor who spun on the 2<sup>nd</sup> lap. After reentering the race near the back of the field, he drove



American Sedan class, working his older Firebird John clicked off a good time on the first day of quali-

against the newer and faster cars to qualify 16<sup>th</sup> on the grid. He made 5 laps before an equipment failure put him out, after he had advanced to 14<sup>th</sup> in the Brian had a good field.



year up til then, and I expect to see him higher in the standings next year.

Sunday morning brought out the racers, with the through 8<sup>th</sup> GT Lite cars taking the first race to the track. Bill Partridge had his Nissan Sentra ready for the race, after some mixture and intake difficulties through the week in qualifying. Starting from the 8<sup>th</sup> position, he raced his way to the 4<sup>th</sup> place in 4 laps, then had the

power go away somewhat, slowly dropping back to end the race in 13<sup>th</sup>. The restrictors they imposed on the older GT4 cars to try to equalize them with the older GT5 cars (when



they combined the classes) have been a thorn to all the drivers in the class. Hopefully they can find some way to make them work next year, and Bill will be back on his better form.

The next race on Sunday was race 19 for Spec Miata, a class of equal cars (although some are definitely more equal than others), and the largest field at the Runoffs with over 60 entries. Michael Neal only got to the 56<sup>th</sup> qualifying position, even though he was only 4 seconds from the pole time. In many classes, 4<sup>th</sup> gualifiers will be more than 4 seconds

from the pole, so m the class is nearly equal. During the Michael race. drove the wheels off the car, passing 2 or 3 cars every



lap, gaining an incredible 25 positions to finish up in 31<sup>st</sup> place. This earned Michael the Hard Charger apologize to award for the race. Well done, Michael!

in the 8<sup>th</sup> race on Friday for H Production. Our week and look forward to seeing all of you next year. was a considerable improvement from last year, and all our changes to the car during the week were

Brian Doll was in the 15<sup>th</sup> race of the runoffs for planned changes to test different ratios and effects.

fying (4 seconds faster than his track record time in June), making 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest, but still almost 4 seconds behind the pole time. On the last qualifying session, two other drivers managed to squeak ahead of John on the grid moving him to 5<sup>th</sup> starting slot. In the

race the first two pulled cars out well in front, but the battle for 3<sup>rd</sup> positions was a racelong contest, with close competition and position



changes almost every lap. John held on for a 5<sup>th</sup> place finish against some of the same people he has been racing all season, as CenDiv racers held 5 of the first 6 positions at the end.

	Speed Channel Broa	adcast Schedule
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Runoffs at	Tuesday, 11/7 1 p.m.	GT-2
Heartland	Tuesday, 11/14 12 p.m.	Showroom Stock C
Park Topeka	Tuesday, 11/14 1 p.m.	Formula Continental
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	Tuesday, 11/21 12 p.m.	Formula Mazda
FUN, even	Tuesday, 11/21 1 p.m.	Sports 2000
with the cold	Tuesday, 11/21 2 p.m.	H Production
weather and	Tuesday, 11/28 12 p.m.	Touring 3
busy sched-	Tuesday, 11/28 1 p.m.	Formula Ford
ule. I did not	Tuesday, 11/28 2 p.m.	GT-3
	Tuesday, 11/28 3 p.m.	Formula 500
get out into	Tuesday, 11/28 4 p.m.	Touring 2
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ing busy in	Tuesday, $12/5$ 1 p.m.	Spec Racer Ford
our own	Tuesday, 12/5 2 p.m.	Touring 1
	Tuesday, 12/12 12 p.m.	GT-Lite
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those I missed, and assure you it was not intentional. Our Honorary Indy Racer John Salisbury Jr. was I hope everyone enjoyed the week as much as we did,



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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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