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Calendar



Sept 29-30	Indy Fall Frolics Regional Races ORPI
Sept 30	CSCC Solo Points Event 9 Walesboro
Oct 7	Indy Solo Points Event 8 Grissom, Peru, IN
Oct 8-14	National Championship Runoffs, Topeka, KS
Oct 21	Indy Rally 5 TBA
Oct 21	CSCC Solo Points Event 10 Walesboro
Oct 27-28	St. Louis Bonus Regionals Gateway Int.
Oct 28	Indy Solo Worker Invitational 16th St. Stadium
Nov 4	CSCC Solo Fun Event 2 Walesboro
Nov 11	Indy Rally 6 TBA

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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
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Another fast and fun summer is coming to an end and we look forward to the final events of the 2007 Indy Region competition calendar. As we wind down the season, it's time for the annual request to our Indy Region membership to start thinking about 2008 and what you can do to help the Region in the future. We have many Directors that have been serving on the Indy BOD for quite a few years and we are always looking for new folks to step up and learn more about how the Region and its programs work and help it stay fresh and progressive. We have many new ideas for 2008 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.



"The only limit to your impact is your imagination and commitment." – Anthony Robbins.

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...




Fall Frolic

Double Regional Races

Sept 29-30

Featuring The Headless Horseman Handicap Race







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

Minutes of Indy Region Board Meeting

This is a synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD September 13, 2007 at Dooley O'Tooles, 6:30 PM. There were 5 directors and 4 guests present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report Rich emailed the report to everyone before the meeting. After some discussion, the report was approved.

Clutch Chatter Dick reported expenses still within budget for the year. Dick requested everyone submit materials for the October issue by Friday 9/21, in an effort to get the October issue distributed early.

Membership Brian emailed a report to everyone before the meeting. Current membership is 445. There was some discussion of why we are losing members, whether it was mainly 1 year members or longer term members. Seems to be a mix.

Activities Annual Awards Banquet in January is expected to be at Primo's North again. No additional information at this time.

Rally Pete and Aeron Hylton are organizing the September Rally, called "The Magnificent MG Rally". John Wilmoth has it already posted on the website, and it is advertised in Clutch Chatter. Entry fees will be kept at \$10 per car in hopes of inducing more participants.

Solo Darren has gotten da Bus cooling system repaired, and it is working quite well.

Will Lahee has set up online pre-registration for the October 7 event at Grissom at myautoevents.com. Entries are paid at the time of entry, and can be cancelled for refund at least 3 days prior to the event.

Velma has been approached by Howard Duncan for a National Tour Event again in 2008; are we interested? After some discussion, the BOD stated absolutely, we are interested.

Race Andy Welden and Steve Linn will coordinate with Mike Myslinski of ORP to get the track set up and ready for our Fall Frolic Regionals.

Online Registration for our Fall Frolics Double Regionals has been opened for a couple weeks. Dick prepared and mailed a notice to Drivers, and will be sending out the invitation to workers soon. As of today, there are 12 drivers and 4 workers registered online.

The Great Lakes Division is hoping to have a divisional Drivers School for 2008, expected to be held at Nelson Ledges. After some discussion, the BOD agrees to support the event as we did this year.

GLDiv Roundtable will be November 3-4, 2007, at Fort Wayne. Steve is expecting to attend.

New Business Next meeting scheduled for October 18 at O'Tooles.

Meeting was adjourned.

Dick Powell, Secretary



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Solo Report: A September to Remember!

by Phil Wehman

Another September to Remember at Mt. Comfort!!

Even on the most "average" day, I have a good time at an autocross. Sure there are the odd days where it's 50 degrees and pouring rain and my car breaks and I'm not quite sure why I'm out there. Then there are days like September 16, at Mt. Comfort where it just couldn't get much better.

During the event set-up at dawn it was a bit cool, but it warmed right up into the mid-70's with a light breeze and that clear fall sky that makes everything stand out in high contrast.

We talk up Mt. Comfort a lot, and it didn't fail to deliver for our combined Indy Region event #7 / Columbus Sports Car Club event #8. The paddock was nicely mowed for us, registration and tech went smoothly, and first car was off at 11:00am. Raleigh and Velma Boreen designed a nice course that ran about 40 seconds. We had a low cone count and cars moved through at a nice pace. By the middle of the first run group we decided to add a fifth run. This pushed our total runs over 600 and we still finished around 5pm.

The hot shoes were out in numbers. FTD was scorched by Jeff Everett in AM with a raw time of 34.995. Gus Hammerly edged out co-driver Geoff Chambers for FTPax with an STS2 indexed time of 29.788. Fast novice was Doug Matulewic in BSP with an indexed time of 31.076.

A few words of thanks to everyone: Grid ran like clockwork because the grid workers AND the drivers were keeping things moving. Also, for those folks who worked the taxiway - a special thanks! We had multiple stoppages while the dogfighters taxied in and out of the hangars. We were torn down in less than 60 seconds after we called in the tear down. We were right back in business in about 3 minutes. Hardly a pause in the action - and we'll get no complaints from the pilots! I also noted that the grounds were kept very clean of paper, and bottles and trash. Great job everyone!!!

Upcoming Indy Region Solo events are:

10/7 Event 8 - Peru, Grissom Aeroplex
10/28 Worker Invitational - 16th St. Stadium, Indy

Upcoming Columbus, IN (CSCC) Region Solo events are:

9/30/2007 Points Event 9
10/21/2007 Points Event 10
11/4/2007 Fun Event 2

Please Pre-Register for the 10/7/2007 Grissom Event at MyAutoEvents.com!

Will Lahee has taken on the responsibility of handling the Internet Pre-Registration and pre-payment details for Indy Region SCCA Solo events. Indy Region will be using MyAutoEvents.com for this service. Before October 6th, just point your web browser to www.myautoevents.com and search for either 'Grissom', 'Peru', or 'Indy', and you'll find the event titled: "Indianapolis Region SCCA Points Event #8" which has a "register online now" button/link. You will have to prepay via either a credit card or paypal. This feature will cost around a couple of bucks, but you will reserve your car number, have the convenience of no cash or check handling, and be able to breeze through registration much faster!

If you haven't run at Grissom before, make the effort to attend. It's a little longer drive, but it's 5x the size of Mt. Comfort and, though it's a bit bumpier, the concrete is just as grippy. Larry Harts is the course designer and he's figured out how to miss the rough parts and create really fast flowing courses!

A final "operational" note to competitors. At the July Mt. Comfort event, we held registration open after the shut-off time as we tried to accommodate people who trickled in late. As a result of not being able to finalize the entrants, we couldn't finalize the run/work order, print the grid sheets, etc. and we started over 30 minutes late. At the September event, we had a hard shut off and got things started right on time with far less stress on the organizers in the bus. We felt bad that we had to turn down a few people who arrived after registration closed, but it was important to keep things moving. It's a hard policy to have to enforce, but with the large turnouts I believe everyone would rather have the extra runs. So, please be sure to get to the events on time - we really hate turning people away! Thanks!!

As our events grow in size, the need for volunteers increase! Even if it's the day of the event, let Gus, our worker chief, or the Solo co-chairs know if you're willing to help with T&S, grid, tech, set-up, tear-down, whatever. The more hands we have, the faster the work gets done. Plus you learn more about the way things are run. Please watch Clutch Chatter, www.indyscca.org website, and the Indy Regional Yahoo e-Group for latebreaking news and further announcements.

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September 16 Solo Points Event 7 Results Mt. Comfort

Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time
Super Stock		H Stock		D Modified	
Manny Papondreas	36.187	Randy Hall	40.825	Kyle Neal	41.066
Jack Tovey	38.725	Leo Bonvino	42.290	Joseph Dean	42.416
Ralph Ford	38.804	Michael Gough	43.703	Paul Snyder	44.498
A Stock				E Modified	
Joe Wilson	40.688	Chris Ellis	44.137	Warren Leveque	36.370
Luke Wilson	40.723	Bryan Kostelau	45.296	Lee Miller	37.294
Scott Halley	40.803	Steve Ring	45.643	Jack Banker	38.629
Steve Stone	41.188	A Street Prepared		Street Touring S	
Matthew Jordan	41.563	Austin Smith	38.547	Eric Brunamonti	38.845
A Stock Ladies		Terry Beasley	40.618	Larry Metz	38.902
Gretchen Lee	44.242	Kim Young	40.741	Vic Brunamonti	40.159
B Stock		Jason Ipo	42.182	Chris McGuire	40.392
James Yom	37.058	Cory Johnson	42.750	Will Lahee	40.885
Paul Crisostomo	38.898	B Street Prepared		David Dusterberg	40.893
Joe O'Neill	43.601	Doug Matulewic	36.432	Todd Kirkland	40.997
C Stock		Chris French	42.778	Andy Greenlee	42.175
John Vagley	38.782	C Street Prepared		Robert Miller	42.489
Darren Daubenspeck	38.917	Joel Harleman	38.494	Street Touring S 2	
Graham Stein	42.954	Ted Drummond	39.063	German Tabor	38.235
D Stock		Mark Frost	39.576	Braian Tabor	38.542
Robert Farr	40.678	Geoff Gallop	42.047	Street Modified	
Shahab Sakha	45.729	D Street Prepared		Kevin Miller	37.631
E Stock		Brian Gard	38.046	Scott Dales	38.284
Ryan Kowalewski	39.887	Pat Gilbert	38.599	Ben Stoner	39.255
Cooper Lacy	43.075	Steve Linn	39.737	James Priest	39.375
Jacob Vanderbilt	44.223	Matthew Gray	40.588	Christian Schwier	39.702
Brandon Ferguson	46.171	Valerie Gard	42.739	Dale Brier	41.216
E Stock Ladies		Joe Conrad	46.202	Cody Sowder	41.390
Parislynn Tiano	48.425	E Street Prepared		Jason Proksch	41.949
F Stock		Philip Cheshire	37.451	Jay Warfel	41.960
Bill Farr	40.283	Nate Glass	39.480	Chris Snyder	43.084
David Goldstein	40.832	Jeremy Straus	40.349	Pete Geoffrion	43.416
Mike Glass	41.169	Steve Povalac	40.617	Andrew Boyd	43.682
Jon Adams	41.766	Brian Karns	41.550	Tim Meggenhofen	43.956
Sean Murphy	42.563	C Prepared		Jerry Hicks	44.180
Rick Fosnight	43.949	Michael Leveque	37.932	Brian Ford	44.274
Robert Richwine	44.754	D Prepared		Street Touring Ultra	
Brian Borshoff	45.655	Jeff Alexander	41.542	Kevin Kent	37.744
Parker Adams	48.679	E Prepared		Jeremy Garrertt	41.956
G Stock		Ryan Walden	42.893	Formula Junior B	
Jay Nogan	40.329	Greg Mapes	45.332	Robby Linn	43.687
Jeff Rapp	41.374	A Modified		Parker Dales	44.435
Rex Parker	41.583	Jeff Everett	34.995	Xpert	
Kostya Bulgakov	42.205	Fast Time of the Day		Gustavo Hammerly	36.946
Brad Riehle	43.778			PAX Adj.	
Ian Girvan	43.841				
Nathan Fite	45.146			PAX FTD	
Jimmy Fisher	45.647			Geoff Chambers	37.028
				Brian Davis	37.692
				Raleigh Boreen	36.220
				Velma Boreen	37.086
				Phil Wehman	38.828
				Jim Lin	41.213
					29.778
					29.845
					30.342
					30.606
					31.338
					33.314
					34.454

Indy Region Mid Season Solo Points after 7 events

Driver	Points	Driver	Points	Driver	Points	Driver	Points	Driver	Points
Super Stock		(F stock cont.)		D Street Prepared		Street Touring S		Jeff Detrick	6
Jack Tovey	54	Matt Curry	5	Steven Linn	37	Will Lahee	44	John Gottbrate	5
Daniel Smith	16	Andy Woodware	4	Brian Gard	35	David Dusterberg	43	Nick Burton	4
Jerry Strope	12	Phil Fladung	4	Pat Gilbert	33	Robert Miller	32	Street Modified	
Manny Papondreas	12	Nick Kindel	2	Matthew Gray	19	Larry Metz	30	Kevin Miller	72
Jamie Hilleman	9	Brock Folk	2	Ron Inabnit	18	Chris McGuire	27	James Priest	53
Ralph Ford	7	Brian Borshoff	2	Valerie Gard	16	Todd Kirkland	24	Scott Dales	48
A Stock		G Stock		Matt Smith	12	Michael LeVeque	12	Jason Proksch	24
Steve Stone	72	Brad Riehle	32	Vykei Bauman	9	Brian Gard	12	Dale Brier	23
Joseph Wilson	39	Kostya Bulgakov	24	Carl Fuhrmann	7	Eric Brunamonti	12	Michael Benz	19
Steven Mardis	13	Jay Nogan	24	Will Low	7	Andy Greenlee	11	Kevin Butterfield	13
Kristopher Stuckey	13	Jeff Rapp	23	John Volbers	7	Jeremy Garrett	9	Tom Filipucci	12
Jarrold Morgan	9	Mark Manninen	12	Joe Conrad	4	Travis Robuck	9	Adam Coffin	9
Luke Wilson	9	Alex McPeek	12	E Street Prepared		Scott Dales	7	Chris Snyder	9
Scott Halley	7	Joe Kniesley	12	Nate Glass	45	Vic Brunamonti	7	Ben Stoner	7
Dan Ciensiewski	5	Ian Girvan	11	Brian DeBruler	24	Jim Pickrell	5	Frank Ross	6
Gretchen Lee	5	Angela Morical	9	Jeremy Straus	19	James Hoffman	4	Michael Gough	6
Mathew Jordon	5	Adam West	7	Brian Karns	17	Jacob Hinsley	4	Nick Purdy	5
A Stock Ladies		Joe Wade	7	Philip Cheshire	12	John Blakey	4	Christian Schwier	5
Gretchen Lee	12	Rex Parker	7	Steve Povalac	11	Kenny Rottmann	3	Paul Lucas	4
B Stock		Gregory Pittman	6	David Lind	9	Chad Jones	3	Benjamin Chang	4
Paul Crisostomo	42	Martin Low	6	Rocky Talwar	9	Brandon McJunkin	3	John Wilmoth	3
James Yom	24	Nathan Fite	6	Mark Rees	9	Scott Walter	3	J. Craig Allen	3
Steve Knitter	12	Curtis Wade	4	Charles Richardson	7	Chris Snyder	1	Jorge Vega	3
Brian Davis	12	Patricia Pick-Franke	2	Nick Purdy	4	Jason Proksch	1	James Feltz	3
Michael Lindsey	7	Jimmy Fisher	2	Jason Moore	3	Robert Gronde	1	Jay Warfel	3
Joe O'Neill	7	H Stock		F Street Prepared		Nick Burton	1	Cody Sowder	3
C Stock		Leonardo Bonuero	30	Tom Walgamuth	12	Street Touring S 2		James Bose	2
Darren Daubenspeck	61	Michael Gough	26	Chris Bond	12	Braian Tabor	48	Ben Haskell	2
Aaron Mathewson	22	Steve Ring	25	A Prepared		German Tabor	40	Jeff Rapp	1
Bruce Durell	21	Randy Hall	24	Rob Morelli	12	Harold Hammerly	23	Adam Warner	1
Graham Stein	16	Andrew DuPouy	21	Eliot Tersi	9	Scott Giles	19	Nathan Fite	1
Ken Dunipace	12	Adam Chast	15	Jeff Cruise	12	Jeff Goss	12	Sean Goble	1
Brandon Ferguson	12	Sue Faucett	12	B Prepared		Geoffrey Chambers	12	Reggie Stewart	1
John Vagley	12	Mike Glass	11	Jeff Cruise	12	Renee Hines	7	David Sloop	1
CJ Stringer	9	Matthew Hall	9	Stephen Jones	9	Andrew Peppler	6	Michael Leveque	1
Lloyd Feldmann	9	Bill Farr	9	C Prepared		Steve Lanham	4	Stephan Roberson	1
Brent Markwalder	7	Tim Macsary	7	Paul Fox	48	Steve Lavey	3	Kelsey Horner	1
Matt O'Shea	7	Steven Carmain	7	Michael LeVeque	33	Brad Whiteley	2	Wen Xi	1
D Stock		Sean Seamon	7	Warren LeVeque	12	Larry Metz	1	Jose Vazquez	1
Matthew Jordan	36	Chris Ellis	6	D Prepared		Street Touring S 2 Ladies		Pete Geoffrion	1
Shahab Sakha	28	Bryan Kostelau	5	Jeff Alexander	72	Katie Goss	12	Andrew Boyd	1
Bob Farr	24	Kevin Park	4	E Prepared		Street Touring X		Tim Meggenhofen	1
Frank Levinson	12	H Stock Ladies		Riley Dill	57	Warren Kniesley	52	Jerry Hocks	1
Grant George	9	Parislynn Tiano	12	Brye Roberts	21	Kevin Hopper	24	Brian Ford	1
Bryan Welch	9	A Street Prepared		Ryan Walden	12	Jason Lindsay	19	SM Ladies	
E Stock		Chris Northway	42	Josh Davis	9	Michael Shaw	18	Julie Yunker	12
Ryan Kowalewski	62	Aaron Haskell	42	Greg Mapes	9	Bryan Welch	17	Street Modified 2	
Cooper Lacy	45	Terry Beasley	34	Bradley Walden	7	Grant George	13	John Eilenberg	12
Jacob Vanderbilt	44	Jason Ipo	27	Pete Hylton	6	Mike Gorski	11	Matt Buckley	12
Alex Yovanovich	27	Young Kim	14	G Prepared		Daniel Ihunz	9	Brandon Kelley	12
Joel Aiello	9	Austin Smith	12	Victoria Otoupal	48	David Sockrider	9	Todd James	12
Bruce Durell	7	Phil Wehman	9	A Modified		Jeremy Helmsenc	7	Andy Wu	9
Warren Mockler	6	Jamie Hilleman	7	Jeff Everett	24	Katie Jones	7	Formula 125	
Gordon Crites	6	Rob Cline	6	Aaron Haskell	12	Andrew Jones	7	Robert Monday	12
Brandon Ferguson	6	Cory Johnson	5	B Modified		Jacob Zuniga	6	David Monday	9
E Stock Ladies		B Street Prepared		Clemens Burger	48	John Jones	6	Formula Junior 1	
Parislynn Tiano	12	Doug Matulewic	69	C Modified		Matt O'Shea	5	Robby Linn	33
F Stock		Luke Wilson	21	Mark Lamm	12	Tanner Park	5	Parker Dales	25
Bill Farr	52	Clint Pleasant	14	Randall Turner	9	Jason Proksch	4	Logan Hayes	24
Sean Murphy	47	Adam Dawalt	9	Bruce Faucett	7	Richard Miller	4	Jackie Miller	12
Jacob Adams	38	Adam Coffin	9	Catherine Faucett	6	STX Ladies		Christopher Jones	12
Jon Adams	32	Chris French	9	D Modified		Cris Kniesly	24		
Rick Fosnight	26	Robbie Seal	7	Stephen Brinkerhoff	48	Amanda Graham	12	Expert Class	
Robert Richwine	25	Steve Lanhan	6	Paul Snyder	42	Street Touring Ultra		Geoff Chambers	45
Mike Glass	16	C Street Prepared		Joseph Dean	18	Kevin Kent	72	Gustavo Hammerly	37
Bob Farr	12	Ted Drummond	57	Kyle Neal	12	James Feltz	32	Brian Davis	33
Bert Thomas	11	Joel Harleman	45	Tony Montgomery	9	Chuck McMillion	30	Phil Wehman	23
Adam Locsi	9	Geoff Gallop	22	E Modified		Scott Burton	13	Joe Kniesly	20
David Goldstein	9	Bryan Alexander	9	Lee Miller	69	Justin McCarthy	9	Raleigh Boreen	18
Parker Adams	7	Bruce Durell	9	Warren LeVeque	51	Jeremy Garrett	9	Jim Lin	15
Daniel Isbell	6	James Hayes	7	Jack Banker	37	Kevin McLeaster	7	Larry Harts	14
Reuben Mc Farlane	5	Mark Frost	7			Rob Burton	6	Velma Boreen	12
Gardner Boonstra	5					Paul Lucas	6		

Indianapolis SCCA 2006 Solo Points Series Qualified Worker List, As of 9-22-2007

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 correct the omission.

Adams, Jacob	Dales, Scott	Glass, Nate	Lin, Jim	Snyder, Paul
Adams, Jon	Daubenspeck, Dar- ren	Hammerly, Gus	Linn, Steve	Stone, Dan
Adams, Parker	Davis, Brian	Harts, Larry	Matthewson, Aaron	Stone, Steve
Alexander, Jeff	Dill, Riley	Haskell, Aaron	Matucewic, Doug	Swarts, Cheryl
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Beasley, Terry	Dusterberg, David	Kent, Kevin	McGuire, Chris	Tiano, Parislynn
Benz, Michael	Everett, Jeff	Kim, Young	Metz, Larry	Tovey, Jack
Boreen, Raleigh	Feltz, James	Kneisley, Joe	Miller, Lee	Wehman, Phil
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Brier, Dale	Gard, Valerie	Kowalewski, Ryan	Northway, Chris	
Brinkerhoff, Steve	Garett, Jeremy	Lahee, Will	Otoupal, Victoria	
Burger, Clemens	Glass, Mike	LeVeque, Michael	Priest, James	
Chambers, Geoff		LeVeque, Warren	Proksch, Jason	



Indy Regional Solo Series Points Event 8

Indianapolis Region Solo2 Series
Sunday, October 7, 2007 Rain or Shine

Location: **Grissom Air Reserve Base - Peru, IN**

Karts Welcomed at this Event.

Note: A Minor Waiver must be signed by BOTH parents or legal guardians. A parent or legal guardian must accompany all Minors during the entire event. Contact the Solo Chairmen for copies of Minor Waivers before the event (can also be found on web site).

Restrictions on high center of gravity vehicles are also applicable. Contact the Solo Chairmen for more details.

Registration & Tech: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Driver's Meeting: 10:15 AM
Event Start: 10:30 AM

Cost: \$20.00 SCCA Members, \$30.00 Non-Members

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WESTERN OHIO REGION, SCCA PERFORMANCE DRIVING EXPERIENCE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2007

Who: Anyone who has a state driver's license and a street legal car. Convertibles may enter, but must have a factory bolt-on hard top or a roll bar.

What: Drive on Mid-Ohio racetrack at speed with other cars.

Where: Mid-Ohio Raceway, Lexington, Ohio.

When: October 5, 2007. (This date is the day before WOR games.)

To pre-register contact Starla McCauley at 937-469-4251 (cell) or 937-866-3419 (home). The cost is \$225.00.

Registration: 6 P.M. to 8 P.M. on Thurs Oct 4 and 6:30 A.M. Friday Oct 5 at Mid-Ohio gate 3.

What better way to learn how to drive your car at race speeds? A driving instructor will be provided and you will have all day to learn.

Size matters in all things. Lets take people first; to win political elections you must have height and hair. To play football or basketball successfully, you must be tall or large and heavy. To be a jockey or a gymnast, you must be small and light. It's an advantage to be small in a formula car or prototype GT where aerodynamics are important. Remember the bumps in the top for Dan Gurney's head in the GT 40 Lemans car. How about the wide- bodied March for AJ Foyt? Light weight is important for small cars that are not weighed with the driver. Several larger IRL drivers are very concerned about Danica Patrick's 120 pound weight being a significant advantage for her. It used to be that large size and muscle strength were important in Nascar until 1967 when a small muscular Mario Andretti won the Daytona 500. Now medium sized drivers with personal trainers seem to be the ticket.

With the advent of servo mechanisms to assist in steering, acceleration, and braking, nearly any size driver can drive about anything. A lot of ladies are entering the open classes in Solo racing now. Still a large or heavy driver is more competitive in a larger car just due to the problem of balancing the lighter car out.

The main focus in size here is the car size in autocrossing. Other than frontal area, car size is not so important in road racing, many of the very successful cars have very long wheelbases and track widths. I successfully road raced a very large car and am now handicapped in autocrossing by that very sentimental attachment to that road racing car.

Back in the days of local non SCCA clubs, since we had no national guide lines, we did our own classifying, based mostly on personal opinions. I once suggested that we simply measure the left front to right rear diagonal and base it on that. Most said that was just way too simple to work. Today I would have said, just run a tape measure around the entire car and use the circumference for classing. Keeping a record of finishing positions showed the size classing would have worked quite well. The PAX in-

dex record has the potential of helping in classing, but only uses data from the class finishes, not individual cars. Size classing would have certainly worked better than SCCA's first attempt at Solo classing using road racing classing, which didn't consider size at all. To make matters worse the courses were mandated at 8 ft wide gates and 25 ft slaloms. My 15 foot by 6 ft car competed against exactly the same cars that I road raced against; tiny MG Midgets and the original Mini Coopers. It was a disaster. I ultimately built a 60" wide 80" wheel base formula car just to stay involved. Fortunately, the classing was such a disaster that petitioning moved my car to the larger CP Pony car class. It's underpowered, but still a much better solution. I asked a famous Solo car builder what size of car to build. He said "1 inch narrower and 1" shorter than the cars used by the people designing the courses". Another answer, of course, is to design events ourselves at the risk of not being "technical" (tight) enough. The best answer for individuals is Marque club racing. Our Corvair club rents locations and has "Pig races" Pig vs Pig-fastest pig wins.

There have been studies done about how much missing a cone too much costs; i.e, 6" too much room costs .1 sec. for each cone. What if you car gives you no choice, it's already 6" wider or you have to drive past the cone another 3 ft. before turning in?

Today's courses are much better, having moved in stages up to 15' gates and 45 ft slaloms. Many courses are much more open than that. Still the smaller cars win, but all have fun and don't feel handicapped.

Most things in life come around in circles. The greatly reduced size (offering only tight Slaloms) and reduced grip of the new National courses has resulted in a knee jerk reaction in some local and regional events. We're coming back to the tight courses and reduced grip of the 80s by designer choice. Looking at some of the results this year at big time events, starting with last years Nationals, the smallest cars in large- car classes are winning.

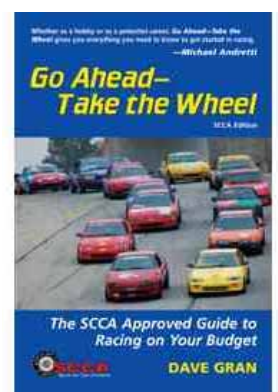
It must be time to build another tiny car!

Book Report SCCA's Guide to Racing "Go Ahead – Take the Wheel"

You may have already heard some of the buzz surrounding the SCCA edition of the book "Go Ahead – Take the Wheel." What you may not be fully aware of are the benefits this resource can provide our region, prospective members, and existing members. Let me ask you this, have you ever been approached by someone asking how they can begin racing with the SCCA? Or have you known anyone that might have interested in racing but simply didn't have the necessary information to make it a reality? All too often novices do not even recognize all of the questions they should be asking leading to further confusion.

This book does a great job of simplifying the process and essentially invites readers on a guest tour of the inner workings of our club. It provides detailed information on Solo racing, Performance Driving Experience events, opportunities for volunteering with the club, and wheel-to-wheel Club Racing. It truly is a "How To" of SCCA racing.

So next time someone does approach you asking how they can begin racing, just point them to the SCCA Collection website (www.SCCACollection.com) where this guide can be found. (Books may also be ordered by calling 888-267-2187.) This 192-page book is sold solely by the SCCA national office and its regions for \$16.95.



Indy Racers Runoffs Preview

By
Dick Powell

Indy region will be well represented at the Runoffs again this year, and again we have some solid Podium contenders. The reconfigured course will be faster than last year, with new challenges. Let's review them in the order they will race.

The second race on Friday will be the GT Lites, with Bill Partridge trying to give Indy region it's first win of this years Runoffs. Bill is the Great Lakes Division winner this year, running strong in all his 6 races. If his Nissan behaves this year, Bill could give us the first podium finish.

The Formula 500's will be the last race on Friday, and Jason Knuteson is hoping to continue his strong running from the end of the season. Although he got a late start this year, he still did well enough to be 2nd in GLDiv for the class. James Weida will also be there, after finishing 4th in GLDiv, and plans to join Jason at the front of the field.

Saturday afternoon will bring out the Formula Continentals for the 6th race, and our own Bobby Caldwell has plans to continue a really great season. Bobby won the GLDiv, ahead of previous National Champion Dave Weitzenhof, and also won the June Sprints, making him one of very few to be eligible for the Triple Crown. John Larue finished 3rd in GLDiv, and knows how to win as a previous FF National Champion, so should be able to join Bobby on the Podium. The competition in FC is very strong, so Bobby and John will definitely have to work for their finishes, and I am really looking forward to seeing a great race.

As soon as they get of the track, Ralph Porter takes on the SSB field in his Mini. Since the Minis got moved from SSC to SSB for this year, Ralph has been battling the giants all year, while trying to get the rules to allow limited slip for the Minis. Not being able to get power off the corners makes it very difficult to win, but Ralph has been staying in the front group all year, and hopes to be close enough to get the podium if the others have problems.

Sunday morning will start with the GT2 cars on the track. Gerry Mason started the season late, his first race of the year being our Nationals at ORP. He continued the season well enough to get 2nd in GLDiv points, and has always been strong at the Runoffs. Look for Gerry to stay in the front bunch, scrapping for the win with the best in the country. The GT2 National Champions from the last 15 years have been from GLDiv and CenDiv, and Gerry is quite used to being on the track with them, and winning enough to keep them honest. Should be another great race for the podium.

The second race of Sunday Morning is for the Touring 2 cars, and Bill Baten will again be pushing his older Camaro for all its worth to scrap with the newer cars for the podium. Bill has finished well at the runoffs the last few years, and I have enjoyed watching him. It should be another fun one to watch!

Sunday afternoon will start with the FV race. Although Chris Jennerjahn finished 3rd in GLDiv, he was not entered for the Runoffs as of this writing. If he enters late, he should be keeping his Mysterian in the front group.

I will again be crewing for John Salisbury in H Production, the first race on Friday Afternoon. John finished 2nd in CenDiv this year, notching 3 wins in 5 races. We had some transmission problems earlier in the year, but expect to have cleared them up. John has been a strong contender at the runoffs for many years, and I expect him to continue running his Austin Healey Sprite in the front of the field. The production fields are very strong in GLDiv and CenDiv, so John has a lot of track time with the National Champions of the last few years, and should be right there with them again this year.

Look for the report and the results in the November issue, along with some of John Wilmoths' excellent pictures.

Indy Region Racers National Point Standings as of 9/23

Driver	Place	Races	Pts	Class
Bobby Caldwell	1	6	67	FC
John Larue	3	5	35	FC
Bill Partridge	1	6	49	GTL
Gerry Mason	2	4	35	GT2
Jason Knuteson	2	4	33	F500
James Weida	4	4	30	F500
Mark Olson	3	6	40	FM
Chris Jennerjahn	3	5	38	FV
Mike Landon	4	2	15	FV
Ralph Porter	3	5	30	SSB
Bill Baten	4	5	34	T2
John Salisbury	2	5	48	HP

Runoffs Qualification Explained

The Runoffs are the SCCA Amateur Championships, with the best drivers from the 8 Divisions in each of the 25 classes competing for the title National Champion. This is an Invitational meet, and the drivers must meet certain qualifications to get the invitation.

The Driver must have qualified for 4 National Races in the year, and Finished 3 of them. At least 2 of the races must have been in the drivers Division of record. A driver who finishes within the top 10 in points, but does not have the required 4 starts, does not qualify for the runoffs. A driver could be 5th in points on only 3 races. Without the 4th race, he is not eligible for the runoffs.

The Driver must be in the top 10 in points in his Division, counting no more than 2 out of Division races, and have a minimum of 4 points. Points are awarded for finishing First (12 Points), 2nd (9), 3rd (7), and decreasing 1 point per position from 4th thru ninth. Only the Drivers best 6 finishes are counted for the points total.

2007 Great Lakes Div Race Schedule with other events

DATE	DRIVERS SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	GREAT LAKES NATIONALS	CENDIV OR MIDIV NATIONALS	OTHER EVENTS
Sept. 29-30		INDY @ORP (D) (C)			
Oct. 6-7		WOR @ MO(D)(C)			
Oct. 8-14			Runoffs @ HPT	Runoffs @ HPT	VSCDA @ MO
Oct. 27-28				Regionals at GIR	
GM-GingerMan		GRA-Grattan		M-O-Mid Ohio	
ORP-O'Reilly Raceway Park Indy		WAT-Waterford Hills		HPT - Heartland Park Topeka	
ABJ- Autobahn Joliet		BHF-Blackhawk Farms		GIR - Gateway International	
(C) GLDiv Regional Champ Series		(R) Restricted		(D) Double	
				NL-Nelson Ledges	
				MM- Milwaukee Mile	
				RA-Road America	

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

Benjamin Keefer Terre Haute
 Douglas J Hale Indianapolis
 Kieran Simonson Zionsville

Membership Report

By Brian Gard

We look forward to seeing you at an Indy Region event in the near future.

With the addition of these new enthusiasts, the Indy Region is currently 458 members strong.

The Magnificent MG Rally

Sept 23, 2007

By Pete Hylton
 Aeron Hylton
 and Dick Powell



The Magnificent MG Rally

This rally was run mostly in Hendricks County, garden spot of the midwest, where Jeff Gordon grew up, Indiana's center for sports car racing for nearly 50 years, and the county that is so Republican, that they called off this fall's election because no one could find a Democrat to run (seriously).

It traversed part of Highway 40, which follows the path of the Old National Road, the first major highway connecting the east and west coasts, which opened up the country for travel by early sports car owners, who took to the open road with great gusto. Entrants passed the Van Buren Elm, so named because in 1842 President Martin Van Buren was traveling through Indiana and at this spot his stagecoach was overturned when it hit ruts in the road, landing the President in a mud puddle. Prior to this incident, Van Buren had opposed spending federal funds on the National Road. This incident changed his mind, leading to increased funding of improvements to the National Road and ultimately to today's highway system.

The objective of the Rally was to follow the course described in the Route Instructions, answering as many of the Questions as found. Scoring was based on one point for each correct answer, plus any bonus points.

Everyone stopped at the designated checkpoint; The Old MG Bed & Breakfast. The proprietor (Wendy Hylton) made English Scones, with Clotted Cream and Jams, thoroughly enjoyed by all. After a short break, the contestants continued to finish the rally.

As you can see below, the results were very close, only 3 points separated all the Experienced class teams after the final tally. Thanks to Pete and Aeron Hylton for putting together a great Rally, and for Wendy making it even better for all of us!



Position	Score	Driver	Navigator
1E	40	Randy Hall	Jay Nogan
2E	38	Bob Farr	Ryan Kowalewski
3E	37	Andrew Kowalczyk	Zachary Kowalczyk
1N	35	Riley Dill	Jack Yant
2N	22	Velma Boreen	Pat Wicker

TOPEKA, Kan. (June 1, 2007) – Sports Car Club of America, Inc. has launched a new program designed to encourage membership growth by rewarding current members who refer new members to the organization.

Beginning June 1, for each new member referral generated, current SCCA members will receive a \$5 discount on their next National dues renewal. With National dues currently set at \$60, if a member is responsible for 12 new members, the program would make their next year's dues free.

"The most important recruitment tool SCCA has is the members themselves," SCCA President and CEO Jim Julow said. "Our members drive the Club and have a key role in driving its membership. Recruiting new members not only expands our SCCA family and ensures a strong future, but will now provide financial incentive to spread the excitement of SCCA."

The top referring members from the period of June 1 through November 30, 2007 will also be in contention to receive one of several great prizes through the new membership drive. The SCCA member with the most referrals during the contest will have their expenses to the 2008 SCCA National Championship Runoffs covered and be eligible for special pace car duties at the event. Second place will receive a certificate for an SCCA-accredited professional driving school, with third through fifth place receiving SCCA merchandise credits.

Prize winners will be announced by December 31, 2007.

In addition to the recruiting member receiving an incentive, new members activated through the program will receive a one-time discount of \$15 off their National dues for an individual and \$20 off a family membership.

To qualify for the program, the new member may not have been an SCCA member in the previous 18 months.

In order to receive credit for referring a new member, the recruit must provide your name and membership number when they sign up. This may be done via SCCA.com (preferred), phone, fax or mail.

Clutch Chatter Mailing Opt-In/Opt-Out

A complete, printable, electronic format copy of Clutch Chatter (including back issues) is available in Adobe pdf format for downloading on the Indy Region website at indyscca.org. Paper copies are only mailed to those who have sent the "Opt-In" form.

When an issue of Clutch Chatter is completed and ready for publication, the pdf file will be posted on the Indy Region website and a **special notice e-mail** will be sent to the Indy Region e-group with a link to the download page. This should be available several days before the mailed copies arrive, since it won't have to go through the printer or the mail.

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

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

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

Opt-In/ Opt-Out Form

Return completed form to:
Dick Powell
c/o Clutch Chatter
2835 Madelynn Dr, Apt D
Indianapolis IN 46229

Indy Region SCCA Members Only:

- Opt-in to continue receiving Clutch Chatter via mail by completing and returning this form.
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Address: _____
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Your answer to the following question has no bearing on your choice:

Do you have an e-mail address or readily available internet access? Yes _____ No _____



800-770-2055 www.scca.com

Membership Application

Dear Prospective SCCA Member:

To apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, the world's largest member participation automotive organization, please complete the form below in full and return, with payment, to your region or the SCCA Membership Department, PO Box 299, Topeka, Kansas 66601-0299.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____
 Address _____ Telephone (____)_____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____
 Married Single Spouse's Name _____ / _____
 Member Number If Current Member _____

IF APPLYING FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (**husband/wife & children**), list names and ages of children **under age 21**:

03 Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____
 04 Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____
 05 Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____
 06 Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

Have you been an SCCA member before? No Yes Year ____ Previous Member Number _____

PRIMARY INTEREST(S) IN SCCA: Please send me a Crew License.(Check box)

Please indicate the area(s) of SCCA in which you plan to participate, or which interest you most. Your response will be used to allocate your national dues to the areas you indicate. Thank you.

Club Racing Pro Racing Pro Rally Road Rally Solo

Annual National dues			Annual Region dues		Total
01 Regular Member	\$60.00	+	Regular Member	\$20.00	\$80.00
03 Spouse Member*	\$20.00	+	Spouse Member	\$10.00	\$30.00
10 Family Membership	\$95.00	+	Family Membership	\$25.00	\$120.00

*Spouse must be regular member's legal spouse.

First Gear Membership (**You must be under age 24**)
 Birthdate: ____/____/____

	National	Region	Total
15 First Gear	\$ 35.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 45.00

May compete in rally and solo events; may be active in many race specialties.
 To enter speed event competitions, must step up to regular membership.

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Source

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ _____ U.S. Do not send cash.

VISA Mastercard No. _____ Expiration Date _____

I hereby apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, Inc. and its **Indianapolis / 013** Region and agree to abide by the bylaws.

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

Dues include payment for subscription to Sports Car (\$24 value)
 (Dues are not deductible as charitable contributions)

Classifieds are offered as a free service to Indy Region members. Send to Dick Powell, 2835 Madelynn Dr, Apt D, Indianapolis IN 46229 317-407-7743 Email: clutchchatter@yahoo.com

Deadline for next months ads is the 15th.

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

Classified Ads



FOR SALE NOW! SSC # 32 2001 Dodge Neon. As raced last year at Gingham, Blackhawk and Mid-Ohio. Two wins and two fourths last year. Also won this year at Indy Nationals. Engine by Marren, Roll cage by Skytec, aluminum seat, 14 wheels (four have rains) and other spares. Car is Runoffs legal and has a clear title. Delivery can be arranged. Asking price reduced to \$5500. Call Ralph Porter at 765 453-0395 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM any day



FOR SALE: 1999 E prod Miata plus 26 ft. enclosed trailer w/electric winch & tongue jack, 250cc ATV, and hitch. Set of 13", 15", & 14" (stock) wheels/tires. 4.1 & 4.3 diffs. Mazda close ratio transmission, Boig engine, Braake body work, Electromotive Tech III engine control. 11 races on car, 2 races in 2006- 1st place (reg), & 2nd place (nat). All spares included \$38,000.

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FOR SALE: DrawTite Class 3 Weight Distributing Hitch System, includes 1000lb spring bars. \$200 + shipping (delivery negotiable). email: jahracar@comcast.net Or call Julie at 815-467-9212

Indy Region's Next Board Meeting

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(121st Street)



0.6 mile
west of Keystone Ave.

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6:30 PM

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