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## Calendar



Nov 13 Board Meeting, O’Tooles, Carmel  
Jan 17, 09 Awards Banquet, Primo’s South

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We are rapidly approaching the time to elect our officers for the year 2009. 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 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 Steve Linn and let him know.

Our competition seasons are rapidly coming to a close and the tone of this column will continue to be our need for new and fresh perspectives and enthusiasm from both new members as well as the old veterans that have "been away" for awhile. The Indianapolis Region needs your help.

We have many Directors that have been serving on the Indy Board of Directors for quite a few years and we are always looking for new folks to step up and learn more about how the Region works and help it stay fresh and pro-

gressive. We have many new ideas for 2009 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.



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...**

## Mi nutes of Indy Regi on Board Meeting

By Vel ma Boreen

A synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD 6:30 PM October 16, 2008 at Dooley O'Tooles. There were 9 directors and 7 guests present. Minutes of the August and September meetings were approved.

**Treasurers' Report** – Rich Lankford – no major outstanding expenses. Club is in the black.

**Old Business** – Phil Wehman gave a report on the Street Survival at Hamilton Southeastern High School. Phil's suggestion is that the involvement that Indy Region has with Street Survival is as a sponsor – leave the organization to the BMW Club in the area. Phil was impressed with the organization and content of the program and recommends it to anyone with children that are just starting to drive.

A reminder from Steve Linn that the 2009 elections for the Indy Region BOD will be taking place soon. So far he has received 1 ballot. Steve will not be the R.E. for 2009. A recommendation was made to make sure we get this information into the November and December Clutch Chatter and also get a phone campaign going.

**Clutch Chatter** – (given by Steve Linn) – Please get info for the next Clutch Chatter to Dick Powell by 10-24.

**Website** – John Wilmoth continues to add items of interest to the website and is always looking to make it better and more user friendly. John will also be doing the year end awards for the club. He will need results by Thanksgiving at the very latest.

**Membership** – (given by Steve Linn) – Indy Region currently has approximately 500 members

**Activities** – Lou Byer - 2008 awards Banquet was discussed – will probably be held at Primo South. Scheduled date is 1-17-09. Price should stay the same as last year.

More information will be in Clutch Chatter and the Website.

Lou and Chuck Hanson are also organizing a social get-together on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at Shapiro's in downtown Indianapolis. First car off at 6 pm – stay as long as you like! This would be a chance for folks to meet others in the club without a formal meeting taking place.

**Rally** – Chuck Hanson – Indy District Drive Rally is planned for Sunday, 10-19. The rally will be about 50 miles in length. 2 new members are the rally masters. The next rally is 11-1, Rallymaster is Ted Drummond and it is the New Palloween Rally. The last rally is scheduled for 11-16, Rallymasters are Jay and Jeannie.

**Race** – Andy Weldon – Driver's school is being planned for May, 2009 either at IRP, Mid-Ohio or the Bluegrass track. People are working to get a price break at Mid-Ohio.

**Solo** – Will Lahee – A new solo chair will be needed for 2009 to work with Mike Benz. Will is going to be assuming the responsibilities as the points keeper and T/S. The September event at Grissom was a huge success, thanks to Raleigh Boreen for being the course designer and providing two courses in one day! The Australian Pursuit on 10-5 had 60 competitors. The 10-26 event at Grissom is the last points event and the Worker's Invitational is 11-2 at 16<sup>th</sup> St. Karts are welcome at 16<sup>th</sup> St. for this event! Will is checking into any upgrades that are available for AXWare. Chuck Hanson will be donating a Dell Laptop computer for the solo program to use. Some events that are already being planned for 2009 include the Subaru event, a GASS event or the National Tour.

**New Business** – Next meeting scheduled for 11-13 at Dooley O'Toole's at 6:30 pm. Meeting was adjourned.

### 2008 Indy Region Board of Directors Elections Nomination Ballot

Regional Executive \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant RE \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

Activities Chairperson \_\_\_\_\_

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## Region Officer Job Descriptions

To help us recruit new leaders, we present the following Job Descriptions for Region Officers. This list is by no means comprehensive, but is offered as a guide 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.

Elections for the 2009 Indianapolis Region Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2009 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.

In addition, there are other non-elected positions of importance for the club, described below. Often, these people have also been appointed Directors each year.

### Newsletter 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.

Current Great Lakes Division Representative and SCCA Director Larry Dent Has decided not to continue in this capacity for Health and Personal reasons. Great Lakes Division members have the opportunity to vote for their new Director on the SCCA Board of Directors. Steve Harris, Marcus Merideth, and John LaRue have announced that they will run for the office of Director. We have included platforms for all three candidates in this issue. You should have received your ballot in the mail. Be sure to mark your choice and send the ballot in before Nov 10.

## Platform Statement of John LaRue

## Candidate for SCCA Area 4 Director

Dear Great Lakes, Area 4 Member:

As you may be aware, I am seeking to become your representative on the SCCA Board of Directors. I am doing so at the urging of a number of racers and existing members of the Board who are struggling to make positive changes for the Club against a tide of "good old boy" favoritism and power brokering. They, as I, am tired of poor decision making which is bringing the club to its knees.

I will not lay out a lengthy resume' of accomplishments, but will simply point out that I have been active in racing since the age of twelve (12) years. I have managed and promoted racing events and racetracks; I have owned and operated motor sport related manufacturing businesses and have been involved as a car owner, mechanic and driver in regional and national SCCA club racing for about 15 years. In that regard I have been fortunate to realize success participating in major SCCA events. I am an attorney by profession and provide legal counsel to the motor sport industry and several sanctioning bodies.

I do not seek this position for the glory of being a member of the Board nor do I need additional work to keep me occupied. I simply seek this position to make a positive change, to set the club on the right track and to help ensure its' future. I will briefly note my thoughts and concerns:

First, we must, as a club realize that the environment has changed. There is ever increasing competition for the disposable income of our members not to mention their spare time. Unless and until the club produces events and programs that offer good value and entertainment it will continue to see participation decrease. While we can certainly point to fuel costs and the economy over the past 24 months, this does not give us an excuse for the decline that proceeded that period. Simply stated we cannot afford to operate our club as we have in the past. While I am a big proponent of tradition, there is a point where we have to realize that what worked yesterday for our members will not work today. In this regard the BOD must determine what the membership needs to increase participation. The BOD must not only hear what the membership tells it, it must listen and react. All too often good ideas simply fall on deaf ears. As a member of the BOD I will listen to anyone who wishes to call, email or otherwise sit down and discuss matters. I am open to good ideas and realize that the solution to the problem lies within the membership not with some outside consultants who will "market" our club. We already have a good membership base; we simply need to energize them to participate!

Generally speaking I believe that the Club needs to focus on making events more desirable to attend by

- 1) increasing the number of participants per class
- 2) increasing track time per event
- 3) decreasing the "hassle" factor of attending
- 4) decreasing the cost of attending.

There are a multitude of ideas to accomplish these ends that have been discussed in bench racing sessions and across the various internet forums. I am most certain that each of you have at least one or two ideas that would make you more likely to attend more events and what would make those events more enjoyable. Not only must the BOD listen to the members, it must ACT upon their requests, opinions and ideas! They must remember that the members are the most valuable asset of the Club.

One of the most disturbing issues locally is the current state of the Division. The split of the Division has taken us from the largest most prosperous Division in SCCA to one which is struggling to make minimum participation numbers. While I was not involved in this action, I did speak out against it and believe that it is vital to re-unify the Divisions. Simply stated, the reasons behind the split do not justify the harm it has caused. If elected I will work relentlessly to re-unify the Division and rejuvenate its health.

Another disturbing issue is our loss of venues and the absence of new venues. Solo, Rally and Road Racing all need to continually work to seek out new venues and enhance the relationship which we have with existing venues. Comments that the owners of the facilities do not "get along" with SCCA is simply not acceptable. We must get busy and rectify these broken relationships and develop new. To this end we need to appoint a full time person at the national level to act as the chief liaison as between the club and these facilities with a primary objective of securing new venues and facilities for SCCA activities.

There are many other issues which have my concern and cause me to seek this position. These include but are not limited to poor business and management decisions which seemingly bring forth a constant stream of potential legal liabilities for the club. Given the nature of this letter I will not get into further detail here, but will be most happy to discuss any issues or ideas that you might have. You can reach me either at my office 765.287.1717 or via my cell phone 765.748.4848. Rest assured that if you give me YOUR vote and YOUR support I will become an active member of the Board and will fight to put this club on the right track.

Sincerely, John B. LaRue

My experience with many levels of the club as a competitor, crew and volunteer provides me with a broad based perspective of how the Club operates and how to address the issues facing it today.

The Great Lakes Division National Racing program is at a cross roads. Declining numbers of participants and volunteers threaten the viability of events. Scheduling conflicts have driven us to a competitive situation between Regions and Divisions for participants and volunteers to the detriment of all. Continuing to address the situation with the same old approach has not worked and will not work. A fresh perspective on the National level is needed. Exciting and fun racing drives the club and is what attracts participants and volunteers. Analyzing event scheduling from a National perspective will eliminate event deterioration and help all Regions get their share of the pie. Possible solutions are to have fewer events, restrict the classes at the current events so the competitors have fewer events, or have weekends showcasing classes offering more seat time or a preferred race time. Finding a way to include a PDX in a race weekend might be a way to offset some of the event costs. I am sure there are more ideas out there but continuing on the current path is not the better idea. Working together on the Regional level, we must find a solution and move forward.

This is a very exciting time in the SCCA. Challenged by a slow economy and real competition in the market, we need to solidify our position as the leader and the best place to have fun while playing with cars. SCCA was once the place to go for motorsports competition in the US. Now there are numerous competitors trying to wrestle the crown away from SCCA. We have been letting them win recently. As a Club we need to promote ourselves both nationally and locally. Reaching out in the community with driver training and other community service activities will show our enthusiasm and value. Formula SAE is a great program for SCCA and we must do everything we can to provide the competitors and organizers a positive experience. Mentoring the local collegiate team and encouraging them to come out and play with us not only at Solo events but all events will guarantee the future of SCCA. SCCA continues to be the safety leader in motorsports and that must continue. We must reinforce our strengths and address our weaknesses. SCCA will be known as the best events with the best competition in the US.

SCCA is a club and a business. Fiscal responsibility and openness will allow us to maximize the membership value.

Financials should be tracked on a quarterly not yearly basis. Action cannot be taken at the end of the year to offset unexpected occurrences. Fiduciary responsibility for the SCCA is the BOD's primary responsibility and along with that communicating to the membership. We must assure we never see financial difficulties again with long term planning and commitments.

My experience with the Solo Events Board and working with the BOD leads me to believe that one thing we are not lacking is passionate knowledgeable people who want the Club to be the top of the motorsports pyramid. When the Club needs advice or help, we should not be afraid to ask the membership for that help or advice. The BOD should be setting direction and policies not running the programs. I bring both competitor and administrator experience to the Board.

Continuing on along the current path will not lead SCCA to the future. The current BOD is highly biased to road racing and continuing the status quo. My extensive competition history and broad based volunteer experience make me uniquely qualified to lead the Great Lakes Division as their member on the Board of Directors.

#### Past Club Experience

Chairman, Solo Events Board 2005-2007, member 2001-2007

Regional Executive - Detroit Region

Formula SAE SCCA Chairman

Detroit Pro Solo Chairman

Chairman for numerous Regional Solo Events

Solo Safety Steward

Solo Safety Steward Instructor

Solo Youth Steward

Solo Competitor 1987-Present

Regional Road Racing License holder 1999-2002.

Rally Competitor

Pro and Regional Race Crew

Race Volunteer

Member since 1990

Please vote for me in the upcoming election!

Marcus Merideth

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## Steve Harris' Area 4 Condensed Election Platform

Thank you for your interest in this year's Area 4 election. It is a critical time for SCCA. We have real competition that has directly targeted us. We are getting older. Our products are getting stale. We must take immediate action to meet today's challenges. New leadership is required that understands what we do well and has the intelligence and courage to fix our problems and move us forward. More importantly, we are only electing 1 of 13 Directors. Our Director must know how to motivate and work with others to execute a plan to reach our goals. I am the best candidate for the job. Please con-

sider my Platform and the steps we will use to return SCCA to its position as the premier club for autosports enthusiasts.

**GENERAL** I seek to represent you. I will actively solicit your thoughts on how to improve our club. Communication is the key. I will communicate with you monthly via the Great Lakes Website and through email releases to all Regional newsletters and to any individual who wishes to sign-up on a Director's Distribution list. But I am also here to listen to your ideas/concerns/problems. Your emails will be answered.

2. We will improve the SCCA by making it fiscally sound. We will promote our sponsors and create events that potential new members will want to join. And we will apply smart business principles that help reduce our member's individual costs.

**BOD and OPERATIONAL REFORM** We are very fortunate to have an excellent staff at SCCA. They need better direction from our BOD. The BOD should be trained to understand their role. I would employ professional services for that purpose.

2. Our Risk Manager and Legal Counsel is currently the same person, which is a potential conflict of interest. These jobs should be separated. With 20% of our operating budget in insurance costs, it is logical to devote more resource to reducing these costs.

**RULES AND THE GCR** Rules should be frozen so there are no mid-year rules changes.

2. The Competition Review Board (CRB) does a competent job, but can be improved by having each class represented by an entrant or driver in that class.
3. I would ask the CRB to simplify our rules so that races can be run with fewer race officials, competitors can police themselves, and the race officials would be more pro-active to assist competitors.

**THE RUNOFFS** The Runoffs™ have lost their luster because it is too easy for slow, poorly prepared cars to qualify. I would propose to the Club Racing Department that the top three cars (by points) in each Division get a free entry to the Runoffs™; the top five cars receive tow money and the top seven cars get invited. The result will be National Championship Races that are meaningful as racers compete all season for the free slots, tow funds and invitations.

2. Every National class deserves their own race at the Runoffs™. But we must cap the number of National classes at 24. This is a CRB function; not a BOD function. If we have a CRB where each individual represents a class, then the specific CRB members can meet and decide how to equalize performance of joined classes.
3. I am against making any IT class into a National Class. IT is grassroots, relatively low buck racing and should be enjoyed by those desiring this product. Making this a National Class would create \$100,000 IT cars much like in AS, and ruin the flavor of this class.

**MOVING THE SCCA FORWARD** Increasing membership has always been a goal of SCCA. I believe that a better goal would be to improve member equity by delivering better products. Increased participation (memberships) will come if we are successful building the brand. It equates to generating more sources of revenue, increased membership and lower costs for our activities. Here is how we build the brand:

1. SCCA Enterprises should be a key component in building the brand. I have already detailed a plan with Erik Skirmants, President of SCCA Enterprises and we believe it is a great method or recruiting new members into SCCA and generating increased revenues for the club.
2. SCCA University can build the brand. It can be used to train our volunteers, insure and certify them. Certified volunteers should reduce our insurance costs, build respect for our specialties and make them a valuable asset to other sanctioning bodies.
3. Really hip jackets, shirts and shoes build the brand. SCCA can be branded to appeal to youth, which then brings them into the club.
4. The Street Survival Program should be expanded. This program focuses on young driver training. In 2008 we will do 28-30 such schools. The momentum of these programs should be capitalized by creating affiliated High School chapters of SCCA. This builds the brand with the youth market. We could

be a force for High School affiliated driver training. The public exposure and PR are invaluable.

5. Media exposure builds the brand. Product placement through movies or a movie based around the Runoff™ would be ideal. Look what "The Fast and the Furious" did for the car tuner industry. My own company has had placements with movies like *Jurassic Park* and *12 Monkeys*. It is not that difficult to interface with Hollywood.
6. Contract with a gaming company to create a video game based upon the SCCA Runoffs™, RallyCross or Solo Nationals. This also enhances our value with sponsors who want their name associated within the game. But more importantly, it teaches the pattern for young people how to compete within SCCA.
7. Publicity and Sponsorships require coordinated expertise. We need a full time staff position dedicated to this important function for club racing, solo and rally, with a portion of the revenue generated from this effort allocated to the Regions so that the sponsorships are meaningful and enforced across the entire club.

#### **BUILDING MEMBER EQUITY – OWNING THE PLAYGROUND**

I will work to establish an SCCA owned/invested track within Great Lakes Division. The SCCA owned/invested track will include a Solo site.

**REDUCING MEMBER COSTS** The cost of membership is too high. It is an impediment to recruiting new members and retaining older members. I would propose a dues reduction of 25% within three years and 50% over five years. This is enough time to launch our other programs and offset these reductions.

2. It is also too expensive for many of our members to attend the National Convention. I will work to develop sponsors that specifically support the National Convention with the goal of reducing these costs.

**PERSONAL** Married 34 years, two kids BS, Chemical Engineering SCCA Member 23 years  
Regional Executive and Asst. RE of Western Ohio Region.

Raced SCCA Solo for several years.  
SCCA National Competition License - Sports2000 and FC  
Owned and prepped for an SCCA Pro team and an IMSA Pro team.  
President/CEO of a successful high tech business for over 25 years.  
Chairman of the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery Concourse d' Elegance for 10 years, an event supported by WOR-SCCA and over 100 volunteers.

Member, Board of Trustees – Dayton Museum of Natural History  
Member, Board of Trustees – Boonshoft Museum of Discovery

Advisory Boards – Cedarville University, Sinclair Community College, National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT), Robotics Industries Association (RIA), BEST Robotics,  
Executive Steward – Central Division and Great Lakes Division 2004 – present; Responsible for 4 Spring Training Meetings & 2 Roundtables.

Authored many new training materials for the Stewards Program that have been used nationally.  
Authored the Steward Strategic Plan for the National Stewards Program and presented it at the 2008 National Convention.  
Although provided a budget by Great Lakes Division, I have never used that budget or charged the Division for any of my expenses.

Thank you for reading this condensed Platform. The full Platform may be view on the GLD website at <http://www.greatlakes-scca.org/node/500>. I will do my best to lead our club into the future, listen to your concerns, and improve your club experience.

Thank you in advance for your vote.

*Steve Harris*



# INDY REGIONS FIRST EVER! CLUB NITE OUT

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## **Time for a New Editor !**

After 6 years as the Indy Region Newsletter Editor, it is time for a change. I have had a lot of great contributors giving me the columns and articles for publication, and keeping me informed about schedules and results, and I need to thank ALL of these people for their help. As you look through the pages of this and previous issues, you will see their names attached to the columns and articles; too many to try and list here, but all of them know who they are, and how much I appreciate the help through the years. The new editor will be able to count on all of these special people as much as I did, and of course I will also offer as much help as I can to get the new Editor started.

The club owns the Microsoft Publisher software, the Adobe Acrobat Professional software, and an excellent digital camera, all of which will go to the new Editor for their use. In addition, I will provide the Publisher files from the last few years, with a lot of material that can be extracted and re-used in new issues.

Please contact me if you are interested in becoming the new Indy Region Newsletter Editor. I will be glad to discuss it with you, and get the transition started. Dick Powell 317-407-7743 [clutchchatter@yahoo.com](mailto:clutchchatter@yahoo.com)

# Indy Region Racers at the



Driver	Class	Race	Qual	Finish
Bill Baten	T2	1	4	6
Paul Holeman	FM	2	14	12
Gerry Mason	GT2	9	4	DNF
Jason Knuteson	F500	13	1	1
James Weida	F500	13	14	DNF
Brad Hayes	FF	16	14	10
Michael Baden	FF	16	17	18
Bill Partridge	GTL	17	17	12
Ralph Porter	SSB	19	14	DNF

Indianapolis Region was represented at the 2008 Runoffs by 9 drivers in 7 classes. As the cover tells, Jason Knuteson obviously had a great week, culminating with the winning of the Formula 500 Race from the Pole Position, and was the only Podium finisher for Indy Region this year. Let's review the races in the order they ran.

Shortly after I arrived mid-day Monday, I saw a familiar looking Black T2 car with number 98 on the side; but wait - it's not Bill Batens Camaro!! I found Bill in the paddock, along with his less than 1 week old Pontiac Solstice. Seems the Camaro just isn't competitive any more, so Bill switched. And even though the Monday session was the first time in the car, and the first time for the car on the track, Bill managed 4<sup>th</sup> fastest time in qualifying. The time



held up for the week, and Bill was gridded 4<sup>th</sup> for the first race on Friday morning. On the first lap, Bill had some problems and was held up, falling back to 6<sup>th</sup> place, but kept with it and held on for 6<sup>th</sup> at the flag. A good showing for a brand new car in a very competitive class at the National Championships.

The second race had Paul Holeman in his Formula Mazda. Paul managed a 14<sup>th</sup> Qualifying position, and stayed steady through the race to finish 12<sup>th</sup>.



The last race on Friday was for Grand Touring 2, and Gerry Mason worked hard in the qualifying sessions to get into 4<sup>th</sup> place on the grid. Unfortunately, a first lap problem put Gerry out of the race, pulling into the pits at the end of the lap and finished for the day.



Saturday came in bright and cheery, and racing started as planned. The 4<sup>th</sup> race in the morning (Race 13), last before lunch break, was for Formula 500, and Jason

Knuteson was ready for all comers, qualifying on the pole for the third year in a row. Jason got a great start, drove hard in front of a very strong field, never set a tire wrong for the whole race, and brought his Scorpion to the checkered flag for his first National Championship. Former Indy Region member (and former F500 National



Champion) Aaron Ellis worked his way up from 9<sup>th</sup> qualifying to take second place under the flag. Also in this race was James Weida, qualifying his Scorpion in 14<sup>th</sup> place on the grid. James was holding his own for the first 4 laps, but mechanical problems put him out of the race.



Race 16 on Saturday afternoon had two Indy Region members competing in their Formula Fords. Team Effort teammates Brad Hayes and Michael Baden qualified 14<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> respectively, still within 4 seconds of the pole time. In the race, Michael kept pace with the





others around him, finishing 18<sup>th</sup>, while Brad was able to pick his way through some competitors to get to 10<sup>th</sup> at the end of the race. This was the first Runoffs appearance for both drivers, and they showed they can race with the best in the country.



The next race was for Grand Touring Lite, and Bill Partridge had his trusty old Nissan Sentra in the race. The restrictions put on this car along with some of the newer cars classed in GTLite relegated Bill to qualifying 17<sup>th</sup> on the grid. By driving steady and working hard to pick up spots, Bill brought the car up to 12<sup>th</sup> at the finish.

The first race Sunday Morning, and 19<sup>th</sup> of the weekend, was the Showroom Stock B class. Ralph Porter is still trying to make his Mini competitive, but is badly outclassed by the Honda Civic and Pontiac Solstice. Even though Ralph had a podium finish in SSC before the car was reclassified, the best he could get in this years SSB was 14<sup>th</sup> on the grid. On the first lap, in the first turn, some other cars tangled in front of Ralph, and with no place to go, Ralph ran into the other cars and finished his race before the second turn.



The numbers tell us we had some racers with great races and finishes, and others with considerably less luck and a tough tow home after the week. Congratulations to Jason Knuteson for his National Championship, and hoping it is the first of many!!



Runoffs Broadcast Schedule  
Speed Channel

Race	Class	Date	Time
1	T2	12 Nov	12 PM
2	FM	12 Nov	1 PM
3	EP	19 Nov	12 PM
4	T3	19 Nov	1 PM
5	SRF	26 Nov	12 PM
6	FV	26 Nov	1 PM
7	SM	3 Dec	12 PM
8	FC	3 Dec	1 PM
9	GT2	10 Dec	12 PM
10	GT3	10 Dec	1 PM
11	DSR	17 Dec	12 PM
12	SSC	17 Dec	1 PM
13	F500	31 Dec	12 PM
14	T1	31 Dec	1 PM
15	HP	7 Jan	12 PM
16	FF	7 Jan	1 PM
17	GTL	14 Jan	12 PM
18	S2000	14 Jan	1 PM
19	SSB	21 Jan	12 PM
20	CSR	21 Jan	1 PM
21	AS	28 Jan	12 PM
22	FE	28 Jan	1 PM
23	FP	4 Feb	12 PM
24	FA	4 Feb	1 PM
25	GT1	11 Feb	12 PM

The October 26<sup>th</sup> event at Grissom was the last of the season. Wind, a little rain, some sun, and oh yeah.... the wind! Varying conditions made it a challenging yet fun event as 103 competitors braved the conditions and had a great time on a course designed by Geoff Chambers. I would like to thank everyone for coming out and making it the highest attended Indy Region Grissom event in the past couple of years. We had a large contingent show up from Fort Wayne who helped increase the number of competitors. Thanks to the Indy region members who invited their Fort Wayne friends to come and try to take some trophies.

FTD and PAX top times for the day both came from Clemens Burger, who showed us once again why he is a National Championship contender in his BM LeGrand. Several class championships were decided at this event as well, with the STX class ending up as a tie! Check the Solo points rules for how we decide to break that tie.

### 2008 Season Results

The 2008 season class results are not finalized as of this writing, but will be complete after the Worker Invitational. Season points results are shown on the website, HOWEVER not all of the high-finishing listed names will be getting season ending trophies, as not all of them are Indy Region SCCA members or Associate members or have qualified their points. Maybe I'm looking at you... maybe you've missed the opportunity for a NICE Season Trophy in your class, because you haven't joined the SCCA. The Season Trophies are usually full color wall plaques stating your Season placement and an action shot of you in your car. They are really nice mementos, and John Wilmoth, Steve Linn, and others do a really nice job of putting them together. But this is okay, as the next guy in the class has worked hard behind the scenes all year and is always there to help, and I'm happy to see him collect this Season Trophy.

That being said, I would like to congratulate a couple of confirmed winners for the year:

Tovey Cup Solo Competitor of the Year –

Geoff Chambers

Solo Rookie of the Year – Marshall Radwin

Both proved to be great competitors all season. Congratulations on a job well done!



I encourage everyone to make an effort to attend the annual awards banquet in January, as many awards will be handed out. There will also be good food, good company and door prizes! Keep an eye on future Clutch Chatters and the website for details.

### Future considerations

In closing, it has been a great 2008. Going into 2009, think about what YOU can do to help the Solo program. It's nice to show up, pay your entry fee, run, work course then go home. But we need more from our membership than that. It takes dedicated teamwork from several members to pull off events in a smooth fashion. Step up to give back! There are several ways you can step up and help out with. Remember, it only takes a little effort to make a big difference. No experience necessary, just a can-do attitude!

During 2009 as always, Event chairmen will be required for all events. This is a chance to see how an event is run. Don't worry, the program chairmen will be there as a guide. Besides, it's a great way to qualify those year end points and gain an appreciation for those who have been chairmen before you. Stepping up to help is easy.... just contact us! Remember, it's YOUR club.

Please watch Clutch Chatter, [www.indyscca.org](http://www.indyscca.org) website, the Indy Regional Yahoo e-Group and our room on [SCCAForums.com](http://SCCAForums.com) for late breaking news and further announcements about Solo Steering Committee meetings. As always, the solo chairs can be contacted at:

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For more information on Indy Region SCCA Solo events, go to: <http://www.indyscca.org/SoloPage.html>

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# Oct 26 Season Lands at Grissom results

Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time
<b>Super Stock</b>		<b>B Modified</b>		<b>Street Modified</b>	
Jerry Strobe	0:52.166	Clemens Burger	0:44.771	John Wilmoth	0:56.057
Max Wade	0:55.576	<b>Fast Time of the Day and PAX FTD</b>		Michael Benz	0:56.252
Joe Wade	0:58.374	Daniel Stone	0:47.011	Doug Robertson	0:57.962
Jack Tovey	1:01.502	<b>C Modified</b>		<b>Street Modified Street Tire</b>	
<b>A Stock</b>		Bruce Faucett	0:48.666	Kevin Miller	0:54.203
Kyle Lee	0:54.498	<b>D Modified</b>		John Ryan III	0:54.204
Ted Juern	0:54.884	Michael Leveque	0:48.473	Chris French	0:54.325
Jason Massey	0:55.277	Stephen Brinkerhoff	0:48.604	Travis Camp	0:54.385
Austin Maguire	0:55.802	Paul Snyder	1:05.030	Jay Warfel	0:55.116
Shahab Sakha	0:56.958	<b>D Modified Ladies</b>		Kyle Mavis	0:55.408
<b>B Stock</b>		Wanda Brinkerhoff	1:10.117	Jason Proksch	0:55.491
Ross Maguire	0:53.748	Tracy McLean	1:10.709	James Priest	0:55.549
Brandon Huber	0:57.679	<b>E Modified</b>		Dan Levey	0:56.167
Joe Oneill	0:59.204	Steve Tamandli	0:49.710	Jason Fletcher	0:56.866
<b>C Stock</b>		Lee Miller	0:52.384	Benjamin Newburn	0:57.077
Darren Daubenspeck	0:54.610	Jack Banker	0:00.000	Wesley Evans	0:58.024
Steve Linn	0:56.516	Ben Scott	0:00.000	Tim Meggenhoffen	1:00.297
<b>D Stock</b>		Mark Scott	0:00.000	Marco Della	1:02.918
Roland Bayly	0:56.947	<b>F Modified</b>		<b>Street Modified Street Tire Ladies</b>	
<b>E Stock</b>		James Redwine	0:48.937	Susan Newburn	1:04.389
Brandon Lavender	0:52.226	Charles Lameron	0:53.163		
<b>E Stock Ladies</b>		<b>Street Touring S</b>		<b>Formula Junior B</b>	
Krystal Broom	0:54.996	Kyle Roland	0:55.994	Robby Linn	1:01.759
<b>F Stock</b>		David Dusterberg	0:56.066	Marissa Linn	1:09.502
Brian Clabaugh	0:57.416	Rob Bohn	0:57.593		
Chris Hacker	0:57.726	Curtis Wade	0:58.148	<b>Expert</b>	<b>PAX Adj.</b>
Rick Huibregtse	0:58.773	Terrance Bowen	0:59.127	Chuck McMillion	0:42.149
Sean Murphy	0:59.150	Edward Funk	1:00.180	Kevin Kent	0:42.688
Steven Ruschak	1:01.383	Bob Miller	1:02.727	Gustavo Hammerly	0:42.990
Peter Loftus	1:01.802	Scott Thomas	1:03.071	Raleigh Boreen	0:43.273
Peter Loftus III	1:08.358	<b>Street Touring S 2</b>		Geoffrey Chambers	0:43.332
<b>G Stock</b>		Harold Hammerly	0:55.046	Brian Davis	0:43.379
Ian Girvan	0:56.992	<b>Street Touring X</b>		Will Lahee	0:43.603
Stefan Girvan	0:57.077	Andrew Madson	0:55.775	Travis Robuck	0:43.857
Shawn Emmons	1:01.648	David Sockrider	0:56.430	Ron Conrad	0:44.810
Grant Sollenberger	1:02.768	Jordan Huibregtse	0:57.610	Velma Boreen	0:45.008
Max Wade	0:00.000	Jay Nogan	0:57.985		
		Bryan Welch	1:00.000	<b>Expert</b>	<b>Raw Time</b>
<b>A Street Prepared</b>		Darly Gibbs	1:01.128	Chuck McMillion	0:50.783
Phil Wehman	0:55.119	Richard Miller	1:01.517	Kevin Kent	0:51.432
<b>C Street Prepared</b>		<b>Street Touring Ultra</b>		Gustavo Hammerly	0:52.555
Mark Galovic	0:55.320	Justin McCarthy	0:52.776	Raleigh Boreen	0:50.553
Leonardo Bonvino	0:55.341	Nicholas Myers	0:52.843	Geoffrey Chambers	0:52.974
<b>C Prepared</b>		Luke Wilson	0:53.540	Brian Davis	0:53.161
Warren LeVeque	0:52.473	James Feltz	0:53.904	Will Lahee	0:53.436
Jeff Rapp	0:55.452	Matthew Jordan	0:54.452	Travis Robuck	0:53.747
Robert Richwine	0:57.354	Marshall Radwin	0:55.150	Ron Conrad	0:54.915
<b>E Prepared</b>		Vito Mazzola	0:59.598	Velma Boreen	0:52.580
Riley Dill	0:00.000	<b>Street Touring Ultra Ladies</b>			
<b>G Prepared</b>		Melissa Britten	0:55.052		
Oner Yurtseven	1:18.239	Kelly Cogdill	1:02.867		
Robert White	0:00.000				

By the time that this gets published, the Indy Region 2008 Rally season will be history. I have been pleased with three new teams presenting their first ever rally events. This is what the program needs to get back on a growth track. Thanks to Sam and Beth Crites for the Sept. event; to Wendy Harrison and Susan Vogt for the Oct. event; and to Ted Drummond and Cara Rondot for the Nov. event.

The really big headline for the program is that our novice ladies, Wendy and Susan, in addition to putting on their first local rally in Oct. also sewed up the National GTA Championship in Sportsman Class in addition to the Region Novice Award. These two ladies have really gotten with the program. They ran their first event in March on weekend memberships and won. They came back in April to run again on weekend memberships (just to show how sharp they were, they maximized their membership coupon value) and then joined to make their points count for year end awards. I think that I am as proud of their accomplishments this year as they should be.

The 2009 season is shaping up nicely. I mentioned that Dan Cook has agreed to develop an event for March or April. Ted Drummond and Cara Rondot have committed to doing a Halloween event, obviously in October. Sam passed on a message from Randy Hall that Columbus has an event under development that could make it onto next years calendar. The ladies want to do another District Drive rally, and have asked for the month of August so that they can coordinate it with the Indy Fringe Festival. I would like to get at least two more independently produced

events to go with the three that I have promised to write. That would give us a total of eight events, which would make for a pretty good local series. (The points rules state that competitors have to work one event in a manner that prevents their participation as a competitor. Rallymaster, pre-checker, and control worker all meet this criteria. However, rallymaster is the only one that gets you points toward the Local Championship.)

The General Instructions for the November rally are posted on the web site. (*Editors note: This column was written and submitted in October, and references the Nov 1 Paloween Rally. By the time this is printed and distributed, the rally will be completed.*) Feel free to study these and e-mail questions to Ted by October 30. Questions should be in a form that can be answered yes, no, or will not occur. He will post the answers at registration. Feel free to fill in a Registration Form on-line and e-mail it to me as well (GTA competitors need to use the EN form.). Then all Ted has to do at registration is see your drivers license, collect your money, and have you sign the liability waiver (and fill out a temporary membership form if you are not a member).

For those of you who would like to do more rallying, but would like to stay within day-trip radius, there is a Campaign County Sports Car Club in Champaign, IL that is putting on a pretty nice series of events.

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## Indy District Drive Rally Results October 19, 2008

Rallymasters Wendy Harrison and Susan Vogt						
Type	Class	In Class	Driver	Navigator	Car Type	Points
GTA	Nov	1	Wunji Lau Fishers, IN	Sarah Pitman Indianapolis, IN	Honda	6
GTA	Exp	1	Sam Crites Greenwood, IN	Beth Crites Greenwood, IN	Ford	25
GTA	Exp	2	Pat Gilbert Indianapolis, IN	Bill Farr Indianapolis, IN	Ford	25

# Indy Region's Annual Awards Banquet

*To be held Saturday January 17, 2009 At  
Primo South Banquet & Conference Center  
2615 National Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46227*

*Buffet Dinner and Drinks to be followed by the  
2008 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.

**SCCA RoadRally 2008**  
**NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS**  
**GTA RALLY SERIES**

Note: 275 entrants were awarded National points in the Sportsman Category for 2008. The list has been shortened to fit our page.

**Indy Region members**  
**hold the Top 6 places in**  
**National GTA Rally Series !**

Sportsman Category	(0 Lifetime Points)		Total	Scored
Name	Member # - Hometown	Place	Points	Events
Harrison, Wendy	396406 - Indianapolis, IN	1T	54	6
Vogt, Susan	396421 - Indianapolis, IN		54	6
Drummond, Ted	267155 - Indianapolis, IN	2T	36	4
Rondot, Cara	Indianapolis, IN		36	4
Crites, Beth	296013 - Indianapolis, IN	3T	26	3
Crites, Samuel	226131 - Indianapolis, IN		26	3
Marshall, Jon	332791 - Carrollton, TX	4	21	3
Anderson, Karin	Richardson, TX	5T	20	3
Deaton, Garry	318086 - Tulsa, OK		20	2
Miller, Richard	88679 - Sachse, TX	6	18	2
Mejia, Gabe	Grand Prairie, TX	7T	17.9	3
Oliver, Dan	Grand Prairie, TX		17.9	3
Pringle, Bob	McKinney, TX	8T	17	3
Pringle, Carole	McKinney, TX		17	3
Lanz, Sasha	9329 - Richardson, TX	9T	16	2
Shapiro, David	Plano, TX		16	2
Ward, Douglas	Arlington, TX		16	2
LaCroix, Catherine	371922 - Grapevine, TX	10T	15	2
LaCroix, Mark	371923 - Grapevine, TX		15	2
Meyers, Joseph	Dallas, TX	11T	14	2
Wilson, Michael	Denton, TX		14	2
Harris, Bob	400219 - Irving, TX	12T	13	2
Marshall, Teri	Carrollton, TX		13	2
Barr, Judi	Grand Prairie, TX	13T	11.6	2
Richerson, Charles	Grand Prairie, TX		11.6	2
Prockter, Colleen	South Salem, NY	14T	11.4	2
Prockter, Sean	South Salem, NY		11.4	2
Alexander, Jeff	178962	15T	10	1
Alexander, Marcia	82907		10	1
Farr, Bill	320830		10	1
Gilbert, Pat	100356		10	1

Two of Indianapolis Regions newer members have really made a name this year! Wendy and Susan started the year on temporary (weekend) memberships for the first two rallies, then converted to permanent members. They continued to compete in the regions Rallies, and then tackled the job of (Rallymasters) writing, checking, and preparing the October GTA Rally. As a result of their efforts and strong finishes, they have captured the National Championship for GTA Rallies in the Sportsman Category. I have reprinted the National Championship Points Table for Sportsman GTA for all to see.

In addition to the Ladies accomplishment, we also see that the team of Ted Drummond and Cara Rondot won the second place in the National Series, and we also see that Sam and Beth Crites won Third!!

As Chuck Hanson stated in his Rally Report, all three of these teams also participated in our Rally Season by being Rallymasters for an event for Indy Region this year. Obviously they are enjoying the Indy Region Rally program! We also have to be sure we Thank Chuck Hanson for his work and (a lot of) time to organize our Rally program, and his commitment to keep the rally program going strong for another year. All of this in addition to competing at the National level in the Course Rally series; Chuck was in the lead for the Course National Championship going into the US Road Rally Championships in late October. We will find out how he finished in the December issue.

Take a cue from these Happy Folks, and come out and join the FUN at an Indy Region Rally in 2009!!



# 2008 Great Lakes Div Race Schedule with other events

DATE	DRIVERS SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	GREAT LAKES NATIONALS	CENDIV OR MIDIV NATIONALS	OTHER EVENTS
The Race season is over for 2008. I will have the 2009 schedule in this location as soon as it is available.					

<b>GM-GingerMan</b>	<b>GRA-Grattan</b>	<b>M-O-Mid Ohio</b>	<b>NL-Nelson Ledges</b>
<b>ORP-O'Reilly Raceway Park Indy</b>	<b>WAT-Waterford Hills</b>	<b>HPT - Heartland Park Topeka</b>	<b>MM- Milwaukee Mile</b>
<b>ABJ- Autobahn Joliet</b>	<b>BHF-Blackhawk Farms</b>	<b>GIR - Gateway International</b>	<b>RA-Road America</b>
(C) GLDiv Regional Champ Series	(R) Restricted	(D) Double	

## Indy Region Racers National Point Standings as of 10/23

Driver	Place	Races	Pts	Class
Jason Knuteson	1	4	48	F500
James Weida	6	5	17	F500
Bill Partridge	1	4	42	GTL
Bill Baten	2	5	51	T2
Ralph Porter	2	6	50	SSB
Michael Baden	2	5	37	FF
Brad Hayes	3	6	30	FF
Gerry Mason	3	4	37	GT2
Paul Holeman	6	4	15	FM
John Larue	1	4	35	FC
Jacek Mucha	1	5	24	FA
David Schacht	10	4	13	SRF
Chris Jennerjahn	2	3	19	FV
Brian Jennerjahn	5	2	12	FV
Zach Leeke	13	1	4	FV
Mike Landon	14	2	0	FV
David Bleke	3	2	2	FA
David Bleke	5	2	16	GT2
Bobby Caldwell	5	1	9	FC
Tim Flock	7	1	9	FC
Johnny Reisert	9	1	7	FC
Dennis Brown	8	2	12	SM
Jerry Weida II	9	1	7	F500
Craig Jones	9	1	6	FF
Ben Brinn	19	3	2	SRF
Stu Coomer	21	3	1	SRF

## Indy Region Racers Regional Point Standings as of 10/23

Driver	Points
Smith, Charles	69
Best, Stephen	48
Dill, Riley	40
Hayes, Brad	33
White, Russell	25
Ashton, Vincent	24
Flock, Tim	24
Meskauskas, Rock	24
Neylon, Michael	24
Schacht, David	24
Selby, Tim	24
Doyle, Andy	16
Durkee, Matthew	16
Landon, Mike	16
Brinn, Ben	14
Brown, Dennis	12
Doyle, Morey	9
Lameron, Charles	9
Reisert, Johnny	9
Tipton, Patrick	9
Hylton, Peter	7
Linn, Steve	7
Norris, Jeff	6

All Indy Region Race Drivers need to keep Jan Castelluccio up to date on race results and the points they earn during the season. Contact information is inside the front cover.

## Membership Report - By Brian Gard

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

Davis C Mathewson	Carmel
Marshall Cole Hudson	Terre Haute
Bryan D Alexander	Indianapolis
Brett Bollinger	Terre Haute
Kyle Boone	Terre Haute
Peter Joseph Loftus Jr.	Greenwood
Ron Funkhouser	Brownsburg

Alec Cervenka	West Lafayette
Scott T Thomas	Greenwood
Richard Huibrgtse	Fishers
David Michael Sockrider	Indianapolis
Kyle Douglas Roland	Indianapolis
C. Douglas Fawley	Bloomington
Justin Hayden	Lafayette

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 473 members strong.



**TOPEKA, Kan.** – 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.

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.

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.

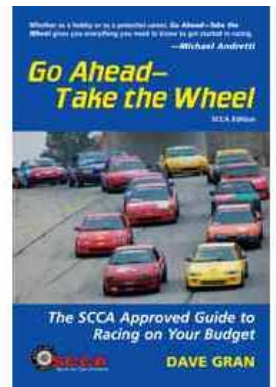
In order to receive credit for referring a new member, the recruit must provide your name and membership number when they sign up. This may be done via SCCA.com (preferred), phone, fax or mail.

## 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](http://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.



## 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](http://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 two 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 plan is to add non-member competitors to the mailing list for two months. If they participate in another event during the two months, then they stay on the list for two more months.

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.
- Opt-out to stop receiving Clutch Chatter via mail by completing and returning this form.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ SCCA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(address is provided for confirmation purposes only and will not result in an address change)

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	<b>\$80.00</b>
03 Spouse Member*	\$20.00 +	Spouse Member	\$10.00	<b>\$30.00</b>
10 Family Membership	\$95.00 +	Family Membership	\$25.00	<b>\$120.00</b>

\*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.

**NATIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY**

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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: ITS Miata RX-7

Speedsource motor and diff, spare trans & diff, Motec CPU, Koni double adjust coil overs, 22 gal cell, 12 wheels, runs cool, all kinds of spares including parts car, ready to go right now, nothing needed, lap records @ IRP and Gratten, competitive everywhere, all 1st's and 2nd's and 2nd in Mid-Ohio IT Festival in Aug. \$14,499.95.

Tim Selby, cell 765-661-3213  
email: timselby@citsexch.com.

### WANTED: Clutch Chatter Editor.

Responsibilities: Assemble and edit content, arrange for printing and mailing. Many good tools come with the position including MS Publisher, Adobe Acrobat, digital camera. Great lineup of contributors in place already. If desired, current editor will work with you to show you how it is done, provide years of content and materials.

Contact Dick Powell  
317-407-7743  
Clutchchatter@yahoo.com

### FOR SALE: Wheels (& tires)

Four 18" x 7" wheels for Mazda 6, etc, with 245/45 tires, medium tread. \$800 or best offer.

Chuck Hanson, 317-780-9007  
email: dtcgh@verizon.net  
Fax - 317-780-7845

### WANTED: 5.0L Mustang engine parts (leftovers from AS cars?):

Upper and Lower intake manifolds, fuel rail, EGR spacer, throttle body, EEC IV computer, mass airflow sensor, cam.

Email riggenteam@sbcglobal.net  
Or call 815-584-9726



**Beautiful full color illustrations of your race car, motorcycle, boat whatever.** Done from your photos or if you have been to the runoffs in the past two years, there's a good chance I have on track photos of you. They make great gifts and can be reproduced for family, crew, or sponsors. We can make greeting cards too, use on business cards and letterhead (I do great logos) or on your website.

Call me, Lou Byer, at 317-861-0710 or email cwbnewpal@insightbb.com.

**FOR RENT: GARAGE:** 1000 sq. ft. heated and alarmed, overhead door and people door, some additional fenced storage. Near Emerson and Southeastern Ave, easy access near I-465. \$ 450 per month on annual lease.

Stephen and Jackie Garrett, call (317) 783-6360 or (317) 694-6794

# **Indy Region's Next Board Meeting** **at Dooley O'Tooles**

**160 E. Carmel  
Drive** (121st Street)

0.6 mile west of  
Keystone Ave.



## **Thursday Nov 13, 6:30 PM**

**Contact:** Lou Byer [cwbnewpal@insightbb.com](mailto:cwbnewpal@insightbb.com) 317-861-0710  
Dick Powell [clutchchatter@yahoo.com](mailto:clutchchatter@yahoo.com) 317-407-7743

Or any Board member from the inside front cover.

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

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