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3 Class Awards for Rally
17 Great Lakes Division
Class Awards for Racers*

Plus All the Region Special Recognition Awards



Members of the Year Pete & Wendy Hylton



*Spirit of Solo
Jack Banker*



*Worker of the Year
Darren Daubenspeck*

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*Hergenroether Memorial Trophy
Jason Knuteson*

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Join us March 15 for the First Indy Region Rally of 2008!

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Calendar



Feb 12 Solo Steering Committee at O'Tooles
Feb 21 BOD Meeting at O'Tooles
Mar 1 GLDiv Workers Training, Toledo
Mar 8 Grand Opening Performance Driven
Mar 8 Indy Region Annual Tech Day, at PD
Mar 15 First Rally of 2008
Apr 19-20 GLDiv Race Drivers School, Nelson Ledges

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RE News: 2008, Here We Come !

by Steve Linn

Thanks to all that attended this years Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. I know some folks went home with some really great raffle prizes and dinner was great! My thanks again to John Wilmoth for all the work he did on our most-excellent trophies, to Dick Powell for shooting photos of all our winners, and to all of our great sponsors including the Gard's and Performance Driven LLC.

In between our celebration of the 2007 season, the Region membership elected its Board of Directors for 2008. There's no change from the previous year: Regional Executive – Steve Linn, Assistant Regional Executive – Andy Welden, Treasurer – Rich Lankford, Secretary – Dick Powell, Activities – Lou Beyer, and Brian Gard – Membership Director. Thanks to all and I look forward to working with you over the coming year. Thanks to Darren Daubenspeck for being our Ballot Chairman as well as Jim Lin for stepping in for him at the meeting. A quick

vote was held after the banquet and our two Solo Chairs, Will Lahee and Mike Benz, were appointed to the Board.

At the February Board Meeting (Thursday, Feb. 21) the elected Board will be appointing the balance of Directors. We expect to fill the final 3 at-large positions at this meeting. Anyone with any interest please contact me before the meeting and please plan on attending. Remember, this is **YOUR** club.

"Racing is a matter of spirit not strength." - Janet Guthrie

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...

Minutes of Indy Region Board Meeting

By Dick Powell

This is a synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD January 19, 2008 after the Awards Banquet. There were 5 directors and 4 guests present.

New Business Our new Solo Co-Chairs Will Lahee and Mike Benz were asked if they would be willing to

serve on the Board of Directors. They are willing, and the elected Directors voted unanimously to appoint Will and Mike to the 2008 BOD.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 21 at O'Tooles. Meeting was adjourned.

Congratulations to our 2007 Special Award Winners

Jack Hergenroether Memorial Trophy
Member(s) Of The Year
Worker Of The Year
Spirit Of Solo Award
Jack Tovey Solo Cup Champion
Fairbanks Competitor of the Year

Jason Knuteson
Pete & Wendy Hylton
Darren Daubenspeck
Jack Banker
Kevin Kent
Riley Dill

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2007 Indianapolis Region Awards Banquet

Report by Dick Powell



Saturday, January 19th was our annual awards banquet for about 80 Indy region members and guests, with a very nice buffet dinner at Primo's North Banquet Center. Lou Byer did a great job with the planning and preparation for the banquet, and deserves a lot of thanks from all of us for his work.



Steve Linn was the MC for the evening, starting by Thanking all the program chairs and their helpers for a successful year. This also being the annual meeting for the club, Steve went on to give us a short report on the state of the club, which was then followed by a Treasurers Report from Rich Lankford.



Steve Linn presided in the drawings for door prizes throughout the evening, assisted throughout by the Lovely and Talented Aeron "Vana" Hylton. The first drawing was for a wall-mount Tire Rack (Special Thanks to Tire Rack for the Prize), with the winning ticket sealed away until the end of the evening.



After some more booty, we got to the Solo Awards for 2007. Phil Wehman read while Mike Benz and Will Lahee presented the Solo awards to 38 of our members (see List on page 8) for their results in 24 classes this year, followed by a special award to Chuck Hanson for his

help in providing a place to keep "da Bus". Thanks to Chuck, the funds that would have been spent for storage can be utilized more effectively for the club. Then it was time for the infamous "Conehead of the Year" award, with Sean Murphy earning the award, although absent from the banquet. Sean always drives his Camaro fast and hard, as his second in class for 2007 attests, but sometimes the cones disagree with his speed!



The Spirit of Solo award was given to Jack Banker for his outstanding efforts in the Solo program throughout the year. Jack is always at the events early to help get things ready, and always helping get the site closed up after the event. Phil talked about the many other things Jack does for the Solo Program, and added his special Thanks for the help of a Special Friend.



The Jack Tovey Solo2 Champion of the Year competition tends to be close all year, with multiple competitors close enough to keep it honest. In the end, it was Kevin Kent who topped the final tally by about 1 percent to get the special Trophy.

Steve Linn took over for the Rally Awards, presenting the First Place Trophy for Experienced class to Pete Hylton. Velma Boreen won the award for Novice class, and Riley Dill won an award for the Most Rally Mileage for the year, contesting every Rally for 2007.



Time for more door prizes! Did I tell you Steve really got a lot of stuff lined up for us? We had gift certificates and goodies from Performance Driven LLC (Thanks Brian), lots of goodies from Indianapolis Motor Speedway (Thanks Tony), illustrated coasters from our own special Artist Lou Byer, and other interesting prizes. Steve had a busy night drawing for all those goodies.



Our Race program awards were presented by Steve Linn and Andy Welden, starting with our competitors at the National level. Jason Knuteson had a great season to get 5th in points from our region, and Mark Olson with his Formula Mazda was 4th. 3rd in points was John LaRue in his new Formula Continental, and Bill Partridge's year long efforts in GT Lite got him the second place points. Bobby Caldwell, whose outstanding year in Formula Continental included a win at the June Sprints, led the region in National Points. In the Regional Series, the points showed Vicky Otoupal in G Production while 4th was a Three way Tie between Charles Smith in his Club Formula Ford, Tim Selby in ITA, and Brad Hayes in Formula Ford. First in Points was again Stephen Best in H Production.



Our National level competitors who finished well in their classes in the Great Lakes Division National Championship Series were recognized,



with their trophies from GLDiv to be given later. Bill Partridge was First in Division in GTL, Bobby Caldwell First in FC, Jason Knuteson Second in F500, Gerry Mason Second in GT2, Ralph Porter Third in SSB, John LaRue Third in FC, Mark Olson Third in FM, and Chris Jennerjahn Third in FV. Andy then presented the GLDiv Awards to the competitors who finished in the top 5 their class in the regional championships: Russel White for 3rd in ITS, Steve Lionn for 3rd in ITA, Brad Hayes for 3rd in FF, Ben Brinn for 3rd in SRF, Paul Holeman for 2nd in FM, Dave Schacht for 2nd in SRF, Charles Smith for 1st in CFF, Vicky Otoupal for 1st in GP, and Steve Best for 1st in HP.



Our Club Racing Rookie Of The Year Award was a tie this year between two competitors, both of whom met the requirements and had the same total points for the season. Brad Hayes and Charles Smith were both presented awards for their achievement in 2007.

Each year the recipient of the Hergenroether Award is selected by all winners from previous years on the basis of attitude, sportsmanship, and competitive-

ness. This is truly a recognition of an outstanding racer by his peers. Jason Knuteson is the winner this year, after a year of hard competition ending with a Second Place finish at the Runoffs in the very tough Formula 500 class. Jason thanked his Wife for helping him get through the year, and he especially Thanked all the SCCA Workers for making our Racing possible.



Pete Hylton, our Race Chairman and also the SCCA National Historian, came to the podium to discuss some sportscar related history, and also to give us an update on his efforts to reduce the effects of his sportscaraholism. He told us of some of the ways it can affect the Family, and how his case has actually started similar conditions in his young daughter, who has also seemed to develop an ability to find MGs where others may not notice them. Of course, some of them simply had to be rescued from neglected and deteriorating conditions!

Pete also talked about some of the historically significant sportscar tracks in Indiana, and showed us some pictures from some of the earliest races in the State. Quite a few of the pictures were of one of our early members Bob Magenheimer in a variety of Sports Cars, and frequently winning. Pete has been able to use some of his MGs to visit many of the historical track locations in his book "Ghost Tracks", and is still researching more lost tracks for a possible sequel.

Steve Linn presented Appreciation Awards for their support of our club and competition programs through the year to O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and also to The Tire Rack, Performance Driven LLC, Indy Parks and Recreation, Mount Comfort Airport, and Office Max Impress. All of us need to remember those who support our club when we need goodies throughout the year.



Membership Chairperson Brian Gard recognized our members who have attained multiples of 5th anniversaries during 2007, including up to 45 years as a member of SCCA for Bill Campbell. The listing of these members is in the membership report on page 11.

Brian then recognized the 2007 recipients of the Involved Member Award, those members who accumulated more than 800 points in two or more disciplines for the year. Receiving the awards this year were (in alphabetic order) Jack Banker, Darren Daubenspeck, Dave Dusterberg, Pauletta Dusterberg, Aeron Hylton, Pete Hylton, Wendy Hylton, Will Lahee, Jim Lin, Steve Linn, Dick Powell, and John Wilmoth. I know there are a few others who forgot to submit their points. Look in the March issue of Clutch Chatter to review the points system for this award, and see how you might participate next year and get an Involved Member Award.

The 2007 Worker of the Year award goes to Darren Daubenspeck for his continual work through the year as Solo Co-Chairperson and prime organizer, as well as his work through the year as our communications chief for the races at IRP. Steve Linn told us of the award and selection, but Darren was not able to be at the banquet due to job related travel. Thanks Darren, for all the cheerful work and effort, and congratulations.





The John McGee Member of the Year Cup was presented by Steve Linn to Pete and Wendy Hylton. Anyone who attended our races at ORP saw how much Pete and Wendy were doing, and not everyone realizes how much they both do before the weekends even begin. The success of our Club Racing Program is almost entirely due to the dedication and efforts of Pete and Wendy throughout the year, and all of us associated with SCCA Club Racing recognize how important they are to us. There was not enough time in the evening for Steve to try listing all the things they do for the club, just barely time enough to say a heartfelt THANKS!

Time for Competitor of the Year. This award is based on finishes in 2 or more of the competition categories for our region, counting the best 9 results with no more than 4 from any one category. The 2007 Competitor of the Year is a young and new competitor, Riley Dill, getting his points in Race, Rally, and Solo, finishing ahead of Steve Linn with points in Solo and Racing. Congratulations, Riley, for a solid season of competition.



The final door prize for the evening was for the wall mount Tire Rack, given for the occasion by Tire Rack, suppliers of competition tires for the Solo crowd. Thanks for your support of our club. Rich Lankford won the prize, and especially Thanks You!

The final bit of business for the annual meeting was the announcement of election results. Jim Lin took care of final counted the ballots and announced the results. Our officers for 2008 are Steve Linn as Regional Executive, Assistant RE is Andy Welden, Treasurer Rich Lankford, Secretary Dick Powell, Activities Chairperson Lou Byer, and Membership Chairperson Brian Gard. These new officers will be selecting the rest of the Board Of Directors at the February BOD meeting at Dooley O'Tooles on February 21. Anyone interested in helping guide the future of the club as a director should plan to attend the meeting.

Thanks again to Lou Byer for organizing the banquet and making it a huge success, and for stepping up to be our Activities Chairperson again in 2008.

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Year End Class Winners Trophy List Rally and Solo

Rally Classes Experienced Pete Hylton Novice Velma Boreen Rally Mileage Award Riley Dill	CP 1st Paul Fox DP 1st Jeff Alexander EP 1st Riley Dill GP 1st Victoria Otoupal BM 1st Clemens Berger DM 1st Paul Snyder EM 1st Lee Miller 2nd Warren LeVeque STS 1st Will Lahee 2nd David Dusterberg STS2 1st Braian Tabor STU 1st Kevin Kent STX 1st Warren Kniesley	SM 1st Jim Priest 2nd Scott Dales 3rd Jason Proksch Junior Kart 1st Robby Linn 2nd Parker Dales X 1st Geoff Chambers 2nd Gustavo Hammerly Conehead Sean Murphy Solo Rookie of the Year Doug Matulewic Tovey Cup COTY Kevin Kent
Solo Classes SS 1st Jack Tovey AS 1st Steve Stone CS 1st Darren Daubenspeck ES 1st Ryan Kowalewski FS 1st Bill Farr 2nd Sean Murphy ASP 1st Aaron Haskell BSP 1st Doug Matulewic CSP 1st Ted Drummond DSP 1st Brian Gard ESP 1st Nate Glass		

Descriptions and Criteria for Indy Region Special Awards

By Steve Linn
And Pete Hylton

The **Spirit of Solo Award** is presented to the Solo person or competitor that may not have won a year-end class award, but showed the most enthusiasm, helpfulness, and spirit, and exemplifies what we believe all Solo competitors should be like. This award is chosen by the Solo Chair(s) after the finals points event of the season, but before the Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet.

The **Worker Of The Year** is selected by the Regional Executive as the person the RE believes made the most significant differences in the running of the clubs activities based on the special work they did during the year. Many times the work of an individual may be more behind the scenes and is not readily apparent to the general membership, but the valuable contributions to the club are known by the RE and recognized by this award.

The Club Racing **Rookie Of The Year Award** is presented to the Indianapolis Region member and SCCA competitor accumulating the highest total points, awarded per GCR, for the best six finishes in regional and/or national events with no more than 2 out of division events counting. The competitor will be a Racer who has never previously held an SCCA racing license, and who begin the season on a Novice Permit and met National license requirements during the season.

In the event of two competitors qualifying for the award and having identical points, the award will be made to co-Rookies of the Year. The award was founded in 1971.

1971 Martin Carver	1983 Rex Ecoff	1996 Tom Edwards
1972 Greg Mansfield and Warren Mockler	1984 Steve Teeters / Joel Kirby	1997 Bill Baten
1973 Dave Shafer	1985 Alan Knell	1998 Mark Dismore
1974 Jay Shadoan	1986 Barb Sweet / Larry House	1999 Les Moore
1975 George Halleck	1987 John Christos	2000 Dave Hart
1976 Tom Henricks	1988 Jan Castelluccio	2001 Michael Baden
1977 D. J. Fazekas	1989 Bill Coughlin/Tony Broso Jr.	2002 Shane Benson
1978 Don Boyle / Ted Hartman	1990 Ken Adams	2003 Vicky Otoupal
1979 Jay Koontz	1991 Kerry Alexander	2004 not awarded
1980 Pete Hylton / Chris Schultz	1992 Aaron Ellis	2005 Steve Linn
1981 Horst Muehlbronner	1993 Dick Deering	2006 Mark Terrell
1982 Mike Angus	1994 Raphael Mariano	2007 Charles Smith / Brad Hayes
	1995 Jerry Middleton	

The Jack Tovey Solo Cup Solo2 Series Championship

Founded 2002

A Solo Competitor of the Year Award is presented each year to the Solo competitor earning the most points during the season via PAX scored finishes at each Indianapolis Region points-scoring event, with 100 points for the fastest PAX time, and Ten points for the slowest PAX time. Individuals between those times get points proportional to their relative PAX scores. The points for each competitor's worst event during the season is dropped. In 2004, the Solo Competitor of the Year award was renamed in Honor of Jack Tovey.

Jack first got interested in fast cars when his neighbor got a new 55 Corvette. He was hooked by "performance envy" and has never looked back. He started attending Rallies and Gymkhanas (gimmick autocrosses) in the 1950s. He remembers CSCC (Columbus Sports Car Club) events in the Public Service parking lot, and then at the Walesboro airport, which CSCC has since returned to. Some of these Gymkhanas even had "LeMans" Starts'. Ask a "Senior" what that is! Other things we remember is how Jack had his red formula car shortened by Jim McKamey after hitting a curb. In the era of 8 ft. gates and 35 ft slaloms, short cars were supposed to be the fastest, so.... Jack won two National Solo I Championships in his motorcycle-powered car. The third year he didn't attend the Championships and they sent him the first place trophy and jacket anyway. How's that for scaring the competition away?

When asked what he would do if he were absolute Czar of autocrossing, Jack responded: "I would make stock cars absolutely stock; tires, suspensions, everything. The current stock cars' preparedness and equipment level is not good for recruiting new people. If the money were somehow available, I would have permanent sites and permanently marked courses for comparing times for development."

Several years ago Jack had major heart surgery to replace a faulty valve. We missed him for a year but he came back strong. Jack intends to keep working and racing for a few more years. While you may see him in his current ride, you are more likely to hear him first with his baritone voice and infectious laughter all over the paddock.

We're all watching Jack. The longer he runs, the longer we think we can run.

2002	Steve Linn	2004	Matt Curry	2006	Phil Wehman
2003	Scott Dales	2005	Joe Kniesly	2007	Kevin Kent

The Jack Hergenroether Memorial Trophy

**A Perpetual Trophy Awarded Annually To The Outstanding Competition Driver of Indianapolis Region, SCCA
Dedicated 1965**

In 1956, Jack Hergenroether, a long time Indianapolis Region member and one of the people who helped get the region started, died in a motorcycle accident near Greenfield, Indiana. Indy Region member John McGee was instrumental in inaugurating the Jack Hergenroether Memorial Trophy, represented by a large silver bowl. It was to be presented to the top race driver in the Region on the basis of attitude, sportsmanship, competitiveness, and the manner in which the driver represented the Indianapolis Region. After the first couple of years of presentation, the selection of each year's winner was turned over to the past recipients of the trophy. The award carried a great deal of respect and as time passed the winners became a rather elite group. They placed the selection criteria very high with an emphasis on racing success, such that one had to almost win a National Championship just to be eligible to win the trophy. At the 1979 Indy Region Awards Banquet, the selection committee of previous winners announced that they did not feel anyone had performed well enough to earn the award that year, so they were not going to present it that year. Frankly, the membership was rather taken aback by the decision. The same scenario repeated again in 1980, and the Indy Region Board of Directors took matters into their own hands, reclaiming the Trophy and choosing Greg Graham as the 1981 recipient. The Board of Directors selected the winners over the next several years, but then again decided to turn the winners selection over to the past recipients of the Trophy, with instructions to put equal emphasis on all of the original criteria, not just on the ultimate competition success part.

1965 Logan Blackburn	1976 Wayne Nelson	1987 Chris Schultz	1998 Ralph Porter
1966 Jack Hurt	1977 Logan Blackburn	1988 Bob Sweet	1999 David Daughtery
1967 Harvey Hess	1978 Dale J. Fazekas	1989 David Daughtery	2000 Aaron Ellis
1968 Erwin Dollinger	1979 Not Awarded	1990 Bruce May	2001 Greg Buttrey
1969 David Causey	1980 Not Awarded	1991 Alan Knell	2002 Shane Benson
1970 Don Ramsey	1981 Greg Graham	1992 Chris Schultz	2003 William Campbell
1971 Logan Blackburn	1982 Horst Muehlbrunner	1993 David Daughtery	2004 Bill Partridge
1972 Jim Lloyd	1983 Chris Schultz	1994 David Ham	2005 John LaRue
1973 Sid Rust	1984 Gerry Mason Jr.	1995 Kerry Alexander	2006 Ralph Porter
1974 Gerry Mason	1985 Gerry Mason Jr.	1996 Bruce May	2007 Jason Knuteson
1975 Warren Mockler	1986 Pete Hylton	1997 Tim Selby	

**Michael Buchanen Fairbanks Memorial Award
Competitor of the Year**

The first award the Indianapolis Region ever presented was the High Point Award, which went to the driver scoring the most points in all of the Indy Region's events. It was first presented in 1952 to Bob Magenheimer, driving a 1948 MG TC that is now owned by Indy Region member and National SCCA Club Historian Peter Hylton. Bob repeated the feat and won the award again in 1953. Then in 1954, Mrs. Joseph Daniels donated a large silver plate to the region as the Michael Buchanen Fairbanks Award. It was named after her son, who had died in a car crash while attending Depauw University. As a matter of interest, Michael happened to be the grandson of Charles W. Fairbanks, Vice President of the United States under Teddy Roosevelt from 1905 to 1909. The new Fairbanks Award replaced the High Point Award, and continued to be given to the top competitor across all forms of competition in the Indy Region. As the club evolved into having more and more events, this interpretation evolved such that the award was given to the top competitor who competed in all forms of competition. This is a subtle distinction, but an important one. Originally it did not matter what events you competed in, you scored points in any event you ran, and they counted toward the award. In the later interpretation, you HAD to compete in all forms of competition. This is the reason that in the seventies the Fairbanks Award was not always presented. Unless someone scored points in all three disciplines of Racing, Rally, and Solo, they were not eligible to win the award. In 1982, after the Fairbanks Award had sat in a closet for 4 of the 6 previous years, the Indy Region Board of Directors created a new Competitor of the Year Award, using essentially the rules we have today. However, a number of long time members objected to eliminating the Fairbanks Award, so the original plate was brought back, mounted on the base we have today, and the name of the award was officially changed to the Michael Buchanen Fairbanks Memorial Competitor of the Year Award.

1954 Bob Magenheimer	1967 Harvey Hess	1982 Pete Hylton	1997 Dave Hart
1955 Bob Magenheimer	1968 Mike Robbins	1983 Cindy Hylton	1998 Dave Daugherty
1956 Luke Stear	1969 Mike Robbins	1984 Cindy Hylton	1998 Dave Hart
1957 Chuck Rickert	1970 Mike Robbins	1985 John Scherer	1999 Matt Curry
1958 Bob Clifford	1971 Mike Robbins	1986 Glenn Davis Jr.	2000 Dave Hart
1959 Mike Norris & Phil Vickery	1972 Will Zobbe	1987 Roger Baker	2001 Matt Curry
1960 Mert Jaguar	1973 Vic Drummond	1988 Frank Pope	2002 Shane Benson
1961 A.J. Werner	1974 Keith Hess	1989 Pete Hylton	2003 Chad Stringer
1962 Gerry Mason	1975 Keith Hess	1990 Pete Hylton	2004 Bill Partridge
1963 Mike Robbins	1976 Not Awarded	1991 Mark Badgley	2005 Steve Linn
1964 Dave Causey	1977 Jud Jaqua	1992 Pete Hylton	2006 Steve Linn
1965 Harvey Hess	1978 Not Awarded	1993 Cindy Hylton	2007 Riley Dill
1966 Jack Hirt & Mike Robbins	1979 Chuck Hanson	1994 Mark Badgley	
	1980 Not Awarded	1995 Not Awarded	
	1981 Not Awarded	1996 Sam Crites	

**The John McGee Memorial Award
Member of the Year**

John McGee was one of the most respected members that Indianapolis Region and the Central Division of the Sports Car Club of America ever had. He served the Indy Region in nearly every capacity and he competed in all forms of club activities. But he was best known as one of the finest stewards that the SCCA race program ever saw. He served as Indy Region's senior steward for years, he was Chief Steward for the Indy National Race for as long as anyone could remember, he mentored numerous new stewards into the racing program, served Central Division as it's Executive Steward, and in 1983 received the Dave Morrell Award at the SCCA National Convention. For years the region had given out a Member of the Year Award to someone who had shown long-term commitment and dedication to the region. When John died, the Indianapolis Region Board of Directors renamed the award as the John McGee Memorial Award.

1994 Peter Hylton	2001 Jan Castelluccio
1994 Cindy Hylton	2002 Matt Curry
1995 Bob Burns	2003 Alyson Kunack
1996 Mark Badgley	2004 Jeanne Spellman
1997 Terrence Garrett	2005 Steve Linn
1998 Myra Kulke	2006 Darren Daubenspeck
1999 Dave & Cathy Hart	2007 Pete and Wendy Hylton
2000 Chuck Hanson	

At the Indianapolis Region's Annual Awards Banquet on January 19th, our 2007 Membership Chairperson Brian Gard provided the list of individuals who have achieved milestone anniversary marks of membership with the Indianapolis Region and the Sports Car Club of America. Those members with 20 to 45 years membership were honored for their continued support and commitment to our sport.

Celebrating 45 years of membership —

William J Campbell Anderson IN

Achieving 40 years of membership —

Fred Steinhoff Indianapolis IN

Achieving 35 years of membership was —

Jay H Lutz Indianapolis IN
 Simone H Smiljanic Cincinnati OH
 Sue Young Indianapolis IN

Achieving 30 years of membership were —

Craig Campbell Anderson IN
 Jan C Castelluccio Indianapolis IN
 Stephen T Garrett Fishers IN
 Brian Jennerjahn Hartford City IN
 Julie Johnson-Partridge Mooresville IN
 Hugh F Kluesner Jr. Bedford IN
 Gary T Parker Fishers IN

Achieving 25 years of membership were —

Craig A Leeke Lebanon IN
 Anita Nicholas Fort Wayne IN

Achieving 20 years of membership were —

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We also had a number of members who reached the 15 year, 10 year, or 5 year anniversaries. We congratulate them, and encourage them to continue to be the next group of 20 to 50 year members.

Reaching 15 years of membership were —

Matt Curry Carmel IN
 Kerry Darrenkamp Indianapolis IN
 Donald R Hardman Indianapolis IN
 Howard C Liebengood Vienna VA
 Scott M Schick Lafayette IN
 Jerry Weida II West Lafayette IN

Reaching 10 years of membership were —

Valerie R Baten Indianapolis IN
 William A Baten Indianapolis IN
 William R Drane II Indianapolis IN
 Cathy M Hart Fishers IN
 John Holman Bloomington IN
 Clark Howey Westpoint IN
 Sylvia L Johnson Richmond IN
 Christopher McGuire Fishers IN
 J M Spellman Indianapolis IN

Reaching 5 years of membership were —

Don Armenoff Clermont FL
 Dale Brier Indianapolis IN
 Robert A Caldwell Terre Haute IN
 Curtis L Clark Lebanon IN
 Jordan Clark Lebanon IN
 Teresa Clark Lebanon IN
 Joseph K Cox Greenwood IN
 Brian Davis Indianapolis IN
 Matthew Durkee Indianapolis IN
 Tim Flock Mooresville IN
 Larry Harts Bunker Hill IN
 Mark Lamm Brownsburg IN
 Ryan Mansfield Indianapolis IN
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 Rick Ordo Greenwood IN
 Amanda Otoupal Brownsburg IN
 Victoria Otoupal Brownsburg IN
 Wendy Otoupal-Hylton Brownsburg IN
 Paul Page Indianapolis IN
 Jeff Rapp Indianapolis IN
 Jeff S Read Vacaville CA
 Donald W Ridenour Kokomo IN
 Stephen R Ring Carmel IN
 Jim Sexton Coatesville IN
 Nicholas Snyder Brownsburg IN
 Anthony R Spencer Warren OH
 Andrew S Tipton Indianapolis IN
 Carol S Tipton Indianapolis IN
 Patrick A Tipton Indianapolis IN
 Alex Whikehart Findlay OH

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

Fred W Fuhrmann Crawfordsville
 Nathan J Kinney Fishers
 Kevin Dunmire Indianapolis
 Rob Sparks West Lafayette
 Leonardo Bonvino Indianapolis
 Randal Boone Greenwood
 Fred S Foxworthy Fishers
 Mark, Elizabeth, Benjamin,
 and Katherine Scott Indianapolis

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 461 members strong.

Solo Report: Moving Along Solo Style ..

by Mike Benz



The Indy Region Solo Program is progressing along with some great ideas coming forth from the monthly Solo Steering Committee Meetings, which myself and Will would encourage all interested parties to attend. The next meeting is scheduled for February 12th, 6:30pm at Dooley's in Carmel, IN as always.

The Aussie Pursuit, an Indy Region tradition, will indeed continue for the 2008 season. There were some discussions about replacing this event with another event format, but after some additional feedback from Yahoo Group and SCCAFORUMS, it was decided that it would be retained. We are considering adding other special event formats at Grissom in the event we run 3 events at that venue, such as a Pro-Solo type event or some other special format still being explored at the Committee Meetings.

We are scheduling Solo Safety Steward training led by Rick Swarts, in the month of March at a date and venue to be later announced.

By popular request, the SMS (Street Mod Street Tire) Class is being added as a pilot program for the 2008 season as well to even up the competition in SM (Street Mod). We look forward to seeing how this new class turns out as it has been quite successful at other neighboring regions and should bring additional attendance from these neighboring regions attending Indy Region events.

As mentioned in the last issue of Clutch Chatter, we have acquired a new timing and scoring software program, Axware. Training for the Axware program is preliminarily scheduled at Phil Wehman's home in March and will be formally announced next month as to the exact date and time. All interested parties are urged to attend in order to streamline the learning process so everyone will have a chance to learn and master the new program in advance to the opening event in April.

A new forum for the Indy Region has been set up at SCCAFORUMS.COM and all are invited to join in and sound off and participate in the process. This is being run as an enhancement to the normal Yahoo Groups bulletin board and the Indy Region Yahoo Group will continue to be run parallel to this new forum. At the end of the season, we will gauge its success and determine where to go from there.

Site acquisition is still underway and all possible avenues are being explored for new Solo sites. There are still a few prospective sites we are awaiting response from and we are in hopes that we can acquire at least one new venue for the 2008 season. In the event that this is not successful before the season starts, we have formulated a "plan B" to run at the two existing sites, 16th Street and

Grissom AFB, until a new venue is secured.

We are also planning a pre-season Annual Tech day, which will be held on March 8th from 9am -4pm at the grand opening of Performance Driven's new location at 4444 South Decatur Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46241, on the Southwest side of Indianapolis near the airport. All SCCA members wishing to get annual tech inspection prior to the first event in April are urged to attend as it will greatly streamline the first event in April at 16th Street and keep you from having to do it at that time prior to the event. This should give you additional time for course walks and tire changes. If you can't make it there at that time, as usual, you can also annual tech at the first three events as in past years.

The preliminary Solo Schedule has been released and is posted at indyscca.org with most venues still TBD, dependent on if we get an additional venue to add to the mix. The dates are:

April 6th (fun run)
April 27th
May 18th
June 8th
July 13th
August 17th
September 7th
October 5th
October 19th
November 2nd (worker invitational).

We look forward to seeing everybody there and to have an exciting season in 2008!

Congratulations to all winners from the 2007 season that received awards at the recent Annual Awards Banquet. Great fun was had by everyone that attended!

The new solo chairs can be contacted at:

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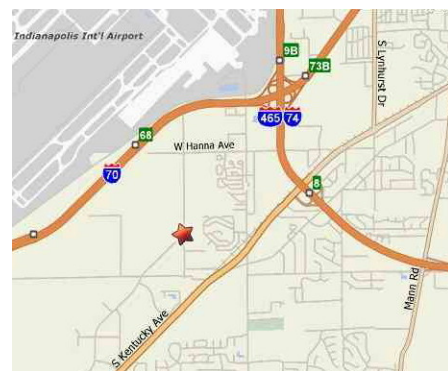
We'll have door prizes, food, cars on display. Check out our new full service shop, our show room, and for your clubs be sure to check out our conference room available for club meetings and events!

We'll also be having dyno runs all day at \$65.00 a run!

In addition, we are hosting the **Indy Region SCCA Annual Tech Day** for any of you who need a Club Race or Solo car teched for the up-coming season. Solo guys, this is an opportunity for you to get the 'Annual Tech' sticker and save time during event registration. That means more time to course walk, hang out, change tires, etc. Get it early and not have to deal with it the rest of the year! Remember to bring your helmets!

For the Club Racers, get your annual tech out of the way before the first race of the season. Contact Jay and Jeanne ahead of time at 317-248-9626 to schedule a specific time for the day.

For everyone else, come out and JOIN THE FUN!!



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**April 18-20, 2008
at Nelson Ledges Road Course
Warren, Ohio**

Additional information will be available on the Great Lakes Division website soon:
www.greatlakes-scca.org

This event will be administered by NE Ohio Division, and supported by many of the regions in our division. Indianapolis Region proudly supports this Drivers School, giving our members an opportunity to start racing within our own division.

Beware The Ides of March !!

First Rally for 2008! Saturday, March 15

Competitors will have the option of running the Rally as a Course event, a Tour event, or a GTA event.

Starting at: Southern Plaza Shopping Center between Pizza Hut and Steak & Ale (US 31 & I-465)

Registration starts 12:00 PM Drivers Meeting 12:45 PM First Car out at 1:00 + car number

End Location: Poe's Cafeteria south of Mooresville on SR 67 (Bring an appetite. Room is free if we eat.)

Entry fee Members \$20 per car Non-Members \$30 per car

More information will be available in the next issue of Clutch Chatter, and is also available on the website. Make plans NOW to come out and join the FUN in 2008 with the Indy Region Rallies!!

EXPLANATORY NOTE: GTA stands for Game Tour Adventure. The important thing about a GTA event is that there are no mathematical calculations required. In this case, people will be scored on a combination of responses: i.e. which part of an A/B instruction did they do, and answers to a series of questions inserted among the instructions.

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.



The Rally Report: Checkpoint 1

By Chuck Hanson

Road Rally differs from the other types of automotive competitions staged by SCCA in that it is truly a team event whereas the others are individual, at least after the green flag drops. As an activity within SCCA it is as venerable as racing, having been an integral part of the equation as far back as the late 1940's for sure. Along with Solo and Racing, it has always been a part of the Indy Region Competitor of the Year program.

Starting in 2007 SCCA introduced a program to incorporate Regional Rally programs into the National Championship programs. It was felt that Regional competitors generally assumed that they would have as much chance competing for the national championship as they would going up against the New England Patriots, and that this perception was keeping many from even trying. Therefore, the National Championships have been divided into four experience classes based on Lifetime Points:

- Sportsman with 0 points
- Skilled from 3 – 49 points
- Expert from 50 – 199 points
- Master with 200 or more points.

Just as Solo has Stock, Prepared, and Modified categories of completion; RoadRally has Tour, Course, and Game-Tour-Adventure categories of competition. There are National Championships for all four Lifetime Point classes in all three categories.

At individual rallies, the Lifetime Point classes do not come directly into play. There are three preparation classes that are used on the road; Stock, Limited, and Equipped. Locally, we have a fourth class (Novice) for beginners running in the Stock class.

These classes apply to the Course and Tour categories of competition. G-T-A category is a single preparation level (But Indy Region Road Rally Rules include a Novice class for GTA also)

Firm dates for 2008: These events count up to 10 points toward the National Championship

March 15 – Ides of March (See Ad Page 14)
(choose your category: Tour, Course, GTA)

April 13 - either ATTT (another choose your category) or Tour/GTA by somebody else.

Tentative dates for 2008:

June 1 – ATTT if second option occurs on April 13, or other event master needed

July 20 – event master needed

Aug. 24 – event master needed

Sept. 21 – event master needed

Oct. 26 – event master needed (2009 Championship event)

Nov. 16 – event master needed (2009 Championship event)

As an explanation of the last two events; there is a season ending event called the USRRC (United States Road Rally Challenge) that is usually held the third weekend in October. All events occurring after that are scored for the following years championship.

As you can see, we are still in need of event masters for most weekends. There will be four events minimum because if necessary I will write three and I have one other commitment. Volunteer now or expect to hear from me by phone since e-mail doesn't seem to be working!!

RALLY CHAIRPERSON – Chuck Hanson
Indianapolis, IN
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E-mail: dtcgh@verizon.net



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2008 Great Lakes Div Race Schedule with other events

DATE	DRIVERS SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	GREAT LAKES NATIONALS	CENDIV OR MIDIV NATIONALS	OTHER EVENTS
March 1	Workers and Stewards Spring Seminar (Toledo, OH)				
Mar 29 - 30				R/N/IT @ Gateway	
Apr 19 - 20	GLDiv @ NL (D)				
Apr 26 - 27			INR @ GM		
May 3 - 4		INDY @ ORP (D)(C)		BVR @ BHF	
May 10 - 11			DET / FWR @ GRA		
May 17 - 18				MIL @ BHF	
May 24 - 25		WMR @ GRA (D)(C)	NEO @ NL, MVR @ NL	N/N/IT @ Memphis	
May 31 Jun 1					
Jun 7 - 8		OVR @ MO (R)	OVR @ MO		
Jun 14 - 15					
Jun 21 - 22				CHI @ RA June Sprints	
Jun 28 - 29					
July 5 - 6		INDY @ ORP (R)	INDY @ ORP		
Jul 12 - 13					
Jul 19 - 20					
Jul 26 - 27		NEO @ NL (D)(C)		MIL @ RA	
Aug 2 - 3				R/N/IT @ Gateway	
Aug 9 - 10		CIN @ MO (R)	WMR @ GRA		CIN @ MO (PDX)(T)
Aug 16 - 17				CHI @ ABJ	VSCDA @ GRA
Aug 23 - 24		SBR @ GM (R)	SBR @ GM		NEO @ NL (R)(24hr)
Aug 30 - 31				N/N @ HPT	
Sep 6 - 7		OVR @ MO (D)(C)			
Sep 13 - 14					
Sep 20 - 21					
Sep 27 - 28		INDY @ ORP (D)(C)			
Oct 4 - 5					
Oct 5 - 12	Runoffs at Heartland Park Topeka				
Oct 25 - 26				R/R @ Gateway	

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

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.

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

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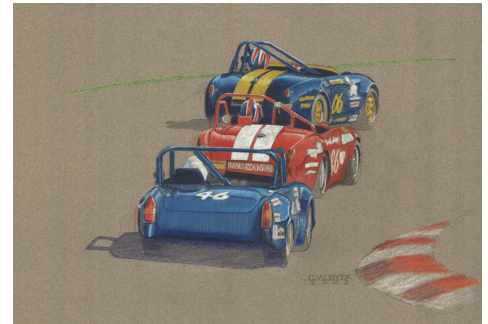
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