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Solo Results from
Shake Out The Cobwebs page 13



Are YOU ready for the next events??
Performance Driven Dash Solo on May 18
June Junket / Journey / Jaunt on June 1

See the worker specialty descriptions on page 6, and the Worker Incentive Program (Work for Dues) on page 7. Besides having fun, you can earn credits towards your annual membership dues.

and Results from the April TTT Rally page 11



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Calendar





May 3-4	Indy Region Spring Sprints Double Regional Races at ORP
May 18	Solo Points 2, Performance Driven Dash, Grissom
May 26	Solo CSCC Points 3, Walesboro
June 1	Rally, No. 3 June Junket / Journey / Jaunt
June 8	Solo Points 3, Summer Around the Corner, TBD
June 22	Solo CSCC Points 4, Walesboro
June 28-29	Solo National Tour Solo, Grissom
July 5-6	Race, Indy Grand Prix Nationals at ORP
Sept 16-19	Solo SCCA Solo National Championships, Heartland
1	Park Topeka
Sept 27-28	Race Fall Frolics, O'Reilly Raceway Park
Oct 5-12	Race SCCA National Championship Runoffs, Heart-land Park Topeka

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It appears we have finally broken out of the inclement weather! As you read this we will be holding our May Spring Sprints Double Regional Club Race weekend at ORP, plus finishing up our first Solo points event of the season, and the Road Rally season already has two events in the books. Fun in the sun has officially returned! All three competition programs are off and running and it's going to be a great summer!

Again, we can always use more workers for our upcoming July 5-6 Indy Grand Prix National race weekend at ORP and we provide on-the-job training all weekend long! There are lots of different ways to be involved and it really See you on track, on the road, or between the cones!

doesn't matter if you can only work one day. It really is a lot of fun. Come on out, meet your fellow club members and enjoy some great Club Racing. We will again be offering our Worker Dues program for those that work



3 or more days this season at ORP.

As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact me!

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 April 17, 2008 at Dooley O'Tooles, 6:30 PM. There were 10 directors and 5 guests present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

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

Clutch Chatter With the smaller mailing list, mailing First Class has actually reduced costs for the April issue. We will continue using First Class for the newsletter for the other advantages. Dick requested everyone please submit their material for May by April 20.

John continues to get our material on the website in a timely and friendly manner. Bill Campbell expressed his feelings about the website availability of the Entry Forms for our Spring Sprints Races.

Membership Brian emailed a report to everyone before the meeting. Current membership is 482. We have already seen two of the weekend members from the April 6 Solo Fun Run converting to full memberships.

Brian also mentioned we had a good turnout and a lot of interest in our display at the swapmeet, hopefully will get some new members.

Activities Lou Byer has had some discussions with activities chairs at other regions, and suggested we consider some method of registering and paying online for our annual awards Banquet next year. It probably won't make much difference in how many attend, but would simplify the response for our members and friends.

Velma suggested we try to organize a club activity at the "Ridemakerz" store in Castleton. This would be a nice family activity and should be fun for everyone.

We had 5 cars entered for the April rally, a slight increase from the March rally, but still lower than we were hoping for. The June and July rallies will follow a similar format, and the starting points and times have been set. Dick will get the ads in Clutch Chatter, and John will update the information on the website.

Sam Crites has volunteered to be Rallymaster for the August rally, Jay and Jeanne for September, and Pete Hylton for October. We still need rallymasters for the November rally, contact Chuck if interested.

Solo We had 107 entries for the April 6 Shake Out The Cobwebs Season Starter Fun Run, which included 51 "non members" (now weekend members). Although there were no points or trophies, the times were sent to John and Dick for publication.

Everything is set for the first points event April 26 at 16th Street, and May 18 at Grissom. We are progressing nicely for the National Tour event at Grissom June 28 - 29, and still need more workers.

We have been asked to put on an autocross for the Lotus Club. Will and Mike are working to establish a date and location.

Raleigh Borren has continued to investigate new site possibilities, along with Darren Daubenspeck and Clemens Burger. We are hoping to have a couple new sites available later in the year.

We are only two weeks away from our Spring Sprints Regionals. We currently have 16 online entries (and 10 workers registered), plus any that Cathy has received in the mail. Steve Linn has acquired the Shirts and Hats for our worker handouts, and ordered some extras to be sold at our Solo events. ORP is working to install a timing loop near turn 15 (starting the main straight), which would have T&S working in one of the suites, although Start Finish would still be at the original location. This is not locked in stone, and we still have daBus and an RV lined up for T&S if the new loop does not occur.

INR has sent out notice cancelling the Gingerman National 4/26-27, citing lack of entries as the reason. Andy Welden has started discussions with the Division Stewards for possibly changing our July National to a Double National. This probably will not occur for this year due to time restraints before the event.

Next meeting scheduled for May 15 at **New Business** O'Tooles. Meeting was adjourned.



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Race Worker Specialties

It takes many people to hold a road racing event. There are a numon at an amusement park. The following is a list of some of the system! specialties.

Coming up in May at O'Reilly Raceway Park (formerly IRP) is jokes the Double Regional weekend. This is a great opportunity for the "experience challenged" to come check it out. Live! Bring along a The stewards program can always use some help - these guys friend and do it together.

people? Registration may be the place for you! For just a few short 'em right and they're teddy bears...try to pull something over on hours, you can meet everyone who comes to the track and then them and they're Kodiak's... spend the rest of the day wandering around the paddock talking to them! The more people we have helping here, the shorter the lines in which you can improve the sport for all involved are for those getting in!

out trinkets and tech cards

Timing & Scoring: Are you the type of person who likes to have everything right down to the smallest detail? Or might you simply be checkered flag waves! interested in finding a warm, dry haven for the weekend? We can to know how to use a stopwatch (anymore)! An insatiable appetite jokers up here).

Job description: good eye-hand coordination, quick reaction times, an eye for details, good sense of humor, basic computer and most importantly, the drivers and crew who might be working skills for some jobs (but not all)

Flagging & Communication: Have you not quite figured out safety in the pit lane are followed. how to drive the Carousel (turn 12) or how to take turn 1 flat-out? Job description: line 'em up and move 'em out



Come out to the cordriving but still want to ners and parties. be close to the action? too close, but I digress). Get out your best white clothes and come flag!

Job description: nerves of steel, a desire to help, ability to run with a 20 lb fire extinguisher, sign language a plus (of course it's our own language....), ability to withstand tempera-

tures from 30-95F with 100% humidity at either end of that range

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

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

Driver Information: This may be as close to a trophy as some ber of functions that are needed before the first race car rolls out of us get! This is also another warm, dry haven as well as having onto the track. There are many race worker disciplines, offering a the social aspect...especially when you hand out a trophy to a wide variety of ways to do it — sort of like choosing which ride to go happy driver! And the best part? You get to talk over the speaker

Job description: A positive attitude and cheery voice, lots of

Stewards: Power hungry? Have a desire to better the sport? have to cover every single race in the division! No one likes to be Registration: Are you the social type? Do you like to meet new the bad guy but sometimes it's necessary. Seriously though, treat

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

Starter: Look down the straightaway and see 65 cars coming at Job description: check licenses, have them sign the waiver, hand you, 2 by 2, engines screaming, just waiting for you to wave the green flag! Give the furled black to someone who's been misbehavin' (who me? can't be!) See the fist raised in victory when the

Grid & Pits: You're the final checkpoint before cars go on track! always use a hand in Timing and Scoring - and you don't even have Face shields down, Window nets up, Arm Restraints on, Belts tight... You also get to see the nerves of the drivers as they sit on for perfection and a quick wit are all it takes (we have some serious the pre-race grid....the psych jobs they pull on their competitors (and themselves)....

> When cars stop on pit lane, the workers job is to protect the cars, on those cars. They do this by making sure the rules regarding

Race Control: Race Control is a "catch all" specialty covering ners and watch how those people that assist in various tasks that are not otherwise dethe fast guys do it! Are fined. As an example, the pace car driver falls into this category as you not interested in well as the people who plan the "after hours" activities such as din-

We're as close as you Young, old, new and grizzled vets! Mark your calendars with can get! (sometimes the Indy Region race dates!

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Driver Information: Phil Osborne, Aeron Hylton

Pace Car Driver: Mark Badgley

Fire/Rescue/Course: ORP Fire/Rescue Staff **ORP Medical Staff** Medical: Security: Hendricks County Sheriff

THANKS IN ADVANCE TO ALL WORKERS AND OFFICIALS WHO HELP TO MAKE THIS SCCA RACING EVENT HAPPEN!

2008 Indy Region Club Racing Worker Recognition Program

You Can Get YOUR SCCA Membership Paid For By Working at ORP!

The Rules:

- Workers are defined as people working a Specialty at one of the three Club Racing weekends held by Indianapolis Region at O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis (formerly IRP). The following are the available Indy Region Specialties: Race Chairman, Registration, Grid & Pit, Steward, Tech Inspection, Flagging & Communications, Guest Services / Driver Information, Radio Tech, Sound Control, Starter, and Timing & Scoring.
- 2. This promotion is open to any worker, including any SCCA Member from <u>any</u> Region.
- 3. Workers begin to earn Credits after working three days of a Specialty. Combining of days of more than one Specialty worked simultaneously is not allowed. A <u>maximum</u> of two days worth of credit is available to a worker for each race weekend. A "day" is defined as working more than 90% of the available hours within a single day per the requirements of that specialty. A "weekend" is defined as the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the scheduled Club Racing event.
- 4. Each worker must have the designated Chief of that Specialty sign off on the attached credit submission card for each day of a weekend. Specialty Chiefs will have either the Race Chairman or Regional Executive sign off on their credit submission card. At the end of each race weekend, the Chief of each Specialty will provide a log of all signed cards within their Specialty that weekend to Regional Executive or his designate. This log will be retained by the Region and is for reference only. It is the workers responsibility to submit their completed credit

submission card to the Regional Executive (see address on card, below) after the final race weekend. Completed cards may be mailed or will be accepted at the track after the final checkered flag of the final race weekend of the season. Cards must be received within 30 days after the final race weekend. Late submissions will not be accepted. Earned credits will not be applied to the worker's National Membership account until after the final race weekend is completed. Paid or compensated staff are excluded from this program.

Indianapolis Region will credit up to \$80.00 for dues for each worker qualifying based on the following credit structure:

3 days worked: maximum \$30.00 credit

4 days worked: maximum \$40.00 credit

5 days worked: maximum \$50.00 credit

6 days worked: maximum \$80.00 credit

First Gear Members will be credited a maximum of \$45.00 after five days.

If the worker is part of a Family or Spouse Membership, a maximum of \$120.00 will be credited to the Membership if submissions are received from more than one worker within the Family or Spouse Membership.

6. Credits will be sent to the SCCA National office in the workers name and will be credited to their account for the next membership renewal due. No cash will be given to members. Credits are non-transferable. The Indianapolis Region Board of Directors will address any questions and will review all credit submissions and reserves the right to reject any submissions it deems necessary.

2008 Indy Region Club Racing Workers Credit Submission Card					
All fields must be completed					
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Address					
City , State, Zip					
Phone , Email address					
SCCA Member Number			Expire Date		
Membership? Family		Spouse		First Gear	
Event	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Specialty Worked	Chief Signature
Spring Sprints Double Regional	May 2	May 3	May 4		
Indy Grand Prix National Race	July 4	July 5	July 6		
Fall Frolic Double Regional	Sept. 26	Sept. 27	Sept. 28		

Completed card must be submitted to the Indianapolis Region after the final race weekend of the season: Indy SCCA, c/o Steve Linn, 6714 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260 317-727-2132 racerlinn@sbcglobal.net

Hello Indy Region! Allow me to introduce myself, my name how we (you and I) can bring new is Bryan Deane. I am the newly appointed Chief of Flagging & Communication for the Indy Region. I have recently re-located here from New Jersey and for the last 14 years I have been the Chief of F&C for the Mohawk-Hudson Region. I am looking forward to meeting everyone and get- It has been my experience that one of the best ways to get ting to know all of you.

It is my sincere hope that you each take the opportunity to make yourselves known and if you've never tried your hand at flagging that you will do so. I can promise you one thing for certain and that is we flaggers have the second best seat in the house! Of course the driver's have the best seat in the house, but hey with fuel prices these days we may actually have the best seats. One of my big initiatives is going to be recruitment of new flagging & communications workers. The second and equally as important is training those new people properly, with enthusiasm and dedication to make sure they are welcome and want to continue to support us. Fun is one of the main reasons we all do what we do in the club. To that end please feel free to give me your thoughts, opinions, ideas or comments on

people into the fold. I can't promise every idea will bear fruit, but who knows.



a ton of experience flagging is to travel to other tracks and not just work your home track. To that end I highly encourage you to take in a race at a track that you would not normally go to. I do on a regular basis and trust me some of my most treasured moments flagging came away from home. If anyone wishes to travel to a race and doesn't know who they should get in touch with please ask me I will be more than happy to make the introduction for you. This is especially true if you want to go to any NeDiv track, Road Atlanta, Sebring, Daytona, Moroso or Homestead in Florida.

As I stated at the beginning of this column I am really looking forward to getting to know everyone and am excited to get the season underway. So until next time I hope to see all of you "On Station."

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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
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		OVR @ MO (R)	OVR @ MO		
Jun 7 - 8					
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		WOR @ MO (D)(C)		N/N @ HPT	
Sep 6 - 7		OVR @ MO (D)(C)			
Sep 13 - 14					
Sep 20 - 21					
Sep 27 - 28		INDY @ ORP (D)(C)			
Oct 5 - 12		Run	offs at Heartland Park	Topeka	
Oct 11 - 12		OVR @ MO (D)(C)			
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

For all the Indy Region old-timers, see if you can identify this driver. He has obviously been around for awhile, and the name will be recognized by most of us, as he is still active.

If I get enough response, I will post the responses and the answer in the next issue of Clutch Chatter. Think about it, and send me an email or a note.

Dick Powell, Editor Clutchchatter@yahoo.com



The Rally Report: Checkpoint 4

A shameless pitch for more of you to compete for the Indy Region Competitor of the Year Award (also known as the Fairbanks Award). Ted Drummond came back for the April event and won his class, beating somebody else, which I think is the criteria for getting COY points. I'm pulling for Ted to win the COY this season! He is on the way.

I was happy to have three competitors decide to run for time, even if all of them did run "seat of the pants." All of them made it through the course, and scored less than maximum. In fact, one got 4 points (2.4 seconds error) and another got 16 points (9.6 seconds error) on legs. Outstanding!

A special thank you to Jeanne Spellman and Jay Quinn, with grand-son Austin, who came to work checkpoints. You will also note that Jeanne and Jay have agreed to put on the September event. I am really thankful that they LOT because there is no nearby copy shop for me to run to have stepped up.

Both of the GTA cars on the April event demonstrated that they understand the concepts of Main Roads and Course Directing Actions. And I already knew that Dan Cook, who ran the Course rally knew how. His SOP skills have gotten a little rusty in the five years (yes Dan, it has been that long) since he ran the USRRC with me. I think that he will recover them guickly. Sad that his career frequently interferes with his ability to get to our events, but we all want to

I came up with what I thought was an elegant leg, and it did have Dan wondering whether he had made a mistake. Rule 1 of Rally: Always run your own event! The elegance of the leg was that the Course and Tour cars did DIYC at the same sign, but going in opposite directions. (See picture) Talk about testing your confidence! Dan turned around and checked it out before deciding that they were correct in the first place, but I had him thinking.

I really can not say a lot about the June Rally yet. I have been through the course once and think that it works. Since I am going to Pittsburgh for a double National next 317-780-9007 E-mail: dtcgh@verizon.net

weekend, and we have the double Regional race the following weekend, I won't get a real proof of course until the weekend of May 10, after the publication of this report.

The General Instructions for the June Tour/Trap/Trick rally will be posted on the web site by May 17. Feel free to study these and e-mail questions to me by May 31, particularly if you intend to run either the Course or GTA events. Questions should be in a form that can be answered yes. no, or will not occur. I will post the answers at registration. Feel free to fill in a Registration Form on-line and e-mail it to me as well (Tour or Course competitors need to use the ELSN form. GTA competitors need to use the EN form.). Then all I have 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). Pre-registration will REALLY HELP ME A for extra instructions.

Firm dates for 2008: (These events count up to 10 points toward the National Championship) as well as for the Regional Championship and for Competitor of the Year.

June 1 – J4 (June Junket / Journey / Jaunt) (choose your category: Tour, Course, GTA) See Ad below.

July 20 – J4/2 (July Junket / Journey / Jaunt) (choose your category: Tour, Course, GTA) See Ad below.

Aug. 24 – Still unnamed - Sam Crites

Sept. 21 – Still unnamed – Jeanne Spellman / Jay Quinn

Oct. 19 - Still unnamed - Pete Hylton

Tentative dates for 2008:

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

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

RALLY CHAIRPERSON Chuck Hanson, Indianapolis, IN



Where'd you come from ? And who's right ???

April Tour / Trap / Tricks Rally Results

April 13, 2008						
Туре	Class	In Class	Driver	Navigator	Car Type	Points
Course	S	1	Dan Cook Indianapolis, IN	David Cook Indianapolis, IN	Chrysler	538
Tour	S	1	Samuel Grites Indianapolis, IN	Beth Crites Indianapolis, IN	Buick	665
Tour	S	2	Joseph Kempf Indianapolis, IN	Jason Bayless Shipshewana, IN	Mustang	716
GTA	Exp	1	Ted Drummond Indianapolis, IN	Cara Rondot Indianapolis, IN	Hyundai	1
GTA	Nov	2	Susan Vogt Indianapolis, IN	Wendy Harrison Indianapolis, IN	VW	6

JUNE JUNKET/JOURNEY/JAUNT (J4)

Third Rally for 2008! Sunday, June 1

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

Starting at: Brookville Shoppes on Brookville Rd (SR 52)

approx. 0.2 miles east of Franklin Rd, 0.5 miles east of I465

Registration starts 12:00 PM

Drivers Meeting 12:45 PM

First Car out at 1:00 + car number

End Location will be divulged at Drivers Meeting.

Entry fee Members \$20 per car One Non-Members \$25 per car Two Non-Members \$30 per car

For more information contact Chuck Hanson, 317-780-9007, dtcgh@verizon.net.

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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.

JULY JUNKET/JOURNEY/JAUNT (J4-2)

Fourth Rally for 2008! Sunday, July 20

Competitors will again 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) (same as March Rally)

Registration starts 12:00 PM

Drivers Meeting 12:45 PM

First Car out at 1:00 + car number

End Location will be divulged at Drivers Meeting.

Entry fee Members \$20 per car

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Two Non-Members \$30 per car

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Solo Report: Solo Drivers Start Your Engines

As I write this article for this month's Clutch Chatter, we are over em! (joking of course!) quickly approaching the 2008 Season Points Event #1 at Street. Results for the Fun Run Event were posted online at IndySCCA.Org within a couple days, along with photos of the event. We had a great turnout (over 100 participants) for the season opener and are looking for the same turnout at each and every points event this year. Lots of newcomers the first event too!

This brings me to my next to my next topic...event workers. We need members to step up and volunteer to be event chairs, active safety stewards, scoring and timing chiefs, waiver chiefs, etc. in order to put these events on and get them properly sanctioned. I have the list filled out to this next event and then we are dead in the water if I don't get people to stand up and volunteer. Many of the jobs require no prior or little prior experience to accomplish and take little effort on your part to accomplish. I will be roaming around this next event with the spreadsheet in an attempt to fill in the blanks to plan the season. When approached, if you could, please volunteer. It goes a long way to fulfill your responsibilities toward your annual involved member award goal as well as helping make the event even possible in the first place! Without volunteers, we can't have the events! So when I come up to you and ask, if at all possible, please step up and volunteer. I was an event chair last year and was surprised how little extra effort I had to go through to accomplish the task. I promise, it's not an overly burdensome to accomplish.

The Solo Safety Steward Training Program was held at Performance Driven a few weeks ago and was quite successful and well attended. Both Will and I would like to take the opportunity to thank Rick Swarts for teaching the session as well as Performance Driven for hosting the event! Look for your new Solo Safety Stewards in training at many of this year's events! I would also like to thank everyone who showed up to learn and master the skill-sets involved therein. They have a great responsibility out there to keep all of us safe throughout the events! Kudos to you all for stepping up and helping out the program!!

As several of you noticed, we have incorporated many new bright and shiny orange cones that we acquired this year to replace the old worn out tire blackened cones from years gone by. It's your job to drive around the cones guys...not michaelbenz@comcast.net

Just do vour best to miss the good ones...ok? (joking again)



2008 Event Schedule:

- 5/18 "Performance Driven Dash" Points Event #2 -Grissom
- 6/8 "Summer is: Around the Corner" Points Event #3 -
- 6/28—29 National Tour Solo Grissom
- 7/13 "CSCC vs. Indy Region Shootout Round 1" Points Event #4 - Walesboro
- 8/17 "CSCC vs. Indy Region Shootout Round 2" Points Event #5 – TBD
- 9/7 "Nationals Warm-up, Double Down!" Points Event #6 Grissom Aeroplex
- 10/5 "Aussie! Aussie! (Pursuit)" Points Event #7 16th St. Stadium
- 10/26 "Season Lands @ Grissom" Grissom Aeroplex,
- 11/2 "Worker's Invitational" 16th St. Stadium

Stay tuned to the website and future Clutch Chatter issues for the remaining site(s). As soon as they are confirmed, the information will be posted. Please watch Clutch Chatter, www.indyscca.org website, the Indy Regional Yahoo e-Group and the Indy Forum on SCCAForums.com for late breaking news and further announcements about Solo Steering Committee meetings.

In closing, both Will and I look forward to a successful and fun filled 2008 Solo Season! We need some additional volunteers to step up in the coming weeks to help host and fill in the necessary positions for our future events and are asking all parties that can help to step up to the plate and volunteer. If there is anything you are concerned about or have questions about feel free to ask anytime. That is, in part, what we are here for!

As always, the solo chairs can be contacted at:

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April 6 Shake Out The Cobwebs Solo Results 16th Street

Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time
Super Stock		C Prepared		Street Modified St	reet Tire (cont)
Joe Wade	46.952	Paul Fox	51.453	Jacob Vandeibilt	46.674
Randal Boone	48.411	X Prepared		Jay Warfel	46.694
Derek Bricklar	49.086	Michael LeVeque	42.249	Jerry Hicks	46.921
Jack Tovey	49.431	Rob Morelli	45.743	Andy Skaggs	47.006
Sunday Ross	49.630			George Walker	47.078
A Stock		E Modified		Chris Snyder	47.200
Joseph Wilson	46.304	Warren LeVegue	39.985	Jon Martindale	47.466
B Stock		Lee Miller	43.495	Jason Fletcher	47.497
Joey O'Neill	46.904			Tim Meggenhofen	47.860
Jerry Cunningham	48.307			Doug Robertson	48.131
C Stock		Street Touring S		Luke Allen	48.617
Darren Daubenspeck	41.695	Scott Dales	43.445	Garret Brown	55.036
Geoff Gallup	43.490	Bob Miller	44.846	Street Modified 2	
Mark Galovic	44.937	David Dusterberg	44.853	Curt Bagley	41.738
Matthew O'Sha	46.655	Curtis Wade	45.679	Sean Seamon	43.367
Bruce Durell	47.058	Adam Chasz	46.108	Matt Buckley	44.738
D Stock		Jeremy Garrett	46.865	Matt Eilenberg	47.251
Vincent Vergara	47.761	Leslie Ramirez	46.975		
E Stock		Jason Massey	48.098		
Cooper Lacy	42.820	Edward Funk	49.186	Xpert	PAX Adj.
Joel Yeats	47.559	Ross Robertson	51.805	Brian Davis	40.538 33.079
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Chris Hacker	47.892	Harold Hammerly	42.906		
Sean Murphy	48.209	Street Touring X			
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Garry Houghton	48.911	Fred Foxworthy	48.236		
Nathan Fite	49.031	Shahab Sakha	48.842	Geoffrey Chambers	40.729 33.316
Cole Tuner	49.034	Robert Rohn	52.309	Mike DeArmond	39.801 33.512
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Kelly Allen	49.480	Luke Wilson	42.672		
H Stock		Nicklas Myers	43.983		
Brent Carey	45.938	Marshall Radwin	46.326		120
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Aaron Haskell	42.913	Ben Stoner	45.614	Kevin Kent	41.175 34.175
Stephen Brinkerhoff	47.279	Jim Mosher	45.945	Ron Conrad	42.682 34.828
B Street Prepared		Michael Benz	46.012	Travis Robuck	43.273 35.310
Adam Coffin	43.251	Robert Richwine	47.669	Will Lahee	43.705 35.663
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Joel Harleman	42.144	Scott Herzog	44.400		
Leonardo Bonvino	43.464	Dale Brier	44.651		
Jeff Alexander	43.603	Chris French	44.723		
D Street Prepared		Gretchen Lee	45.034		
Joe Conrad	49.195	Jason Proksch	45.130		
E Street Prepared		Tony Johnson	45.191		
Matt Reichert	48.865	James Priest	46.383		
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Indy Regional Solo Series Points Event 1 "SPRING INTO SOLO"

Indianapolis Region Solo Series Sunday, April 27th, 2008 Rain or Shine

Location: 16th Street Speedway/Bush Stadium

Sorry, No Karts Allowed at this Event.

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

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

Registration & Tech: 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Driver's Meeting: 10:00 AM Event Start: 10:15 AM

Cost: \$20.00 SCCA Members, \$35.00 Non-Members (Non-Member fee includes temporary SCCA membership)

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Membership Report

Bv Brian Gard

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

Geoff B Gallup Noblesville Scott A Herzog Indianapolis Chase B Kaufman Kokomo Joseph L Kempf Indianapolis Charles Lemeron Noblesville Kaylee O'Brien Noblesville Rick Parrish Indianapolis Jennifer Pratt Lafavette Marshall Radwin Indianapolis Doug C Robertson Lake Villa IL

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 482 members strong.

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Performance Driven, LLC Presents: Indy Regional Solo Series Points Event 2 "Performance Driven Dash!"



Indianapolis Region Solo Series Sunday, May 18th, 2008 Rain or Shine





Location: Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN

Karts Allowed at this Event.



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For more information on Indy Region SCCA Solo events, go to:

http://www.indyscca.org/SoloPage.html

Special Details about the Performance Driven Dash

This is a special event where the folks at Performance Driven are putting up a prize for the most consistent competitor of the day. The least amount of time variance over a competitors fastest and slowest time for the day wins the prize being put up for grabs. What is the prize you ask? Not sure at this point, but owner Brian Gard says it is worth coming to Grissom to compete for! Still get your points and compete for a great prize....win and WIN!

Specific rules for the Dash:

- 1) No setting Cruise control or similar feature to assist the driver in setting more consistent times. This is a driver consistency challenge, not equipment consistency challenge.
- 2) DNF's and Cones disqualify the competitor for the "Dash" prize.

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APRIL 6TH SOLO — "THAT WAS FUN" LETTERS!

Some of the competitors at the April 6th "Shake Out The Cobwebs" solo posted notes on the forum, and I thought they might go nice here! I got sunburned taking pictures, but I really enjoyed the day too!!

Autocross at Indy Posted by: levair@aol.com Sun Apr 6, 2008

How things change in a week. After mother nature crapped on us last week, we finally had a wonderful day for an autocross. About 65 nice and shiny degrees -- perfect for racing. Indy Region drew at least 105 entries at their "fun" solo at 16th street. Part of that group caravaned down from Fort Wayne.

Kudos for Phil Wehman for a great course design. I just LOVED the big top of second gear sweeper at the bottom of the hill! It's fun and a challenge to get the back end out just enough to steer directly into the inside of the following slalom. There were lots of tight excruciating/ challenging sections for the masochists as well. It was great to see all of my friends after a long winter.

I've heard people complain about standing around working the course at Solo events and what a pain it is. I see it entirely differently. I get a chance to watch my friends drive the course and try different lines. I also get to watch how different types of cars react to inputs; for example how the 4 wheeldrive, high horsepower Rally cars literally just jump sideways in the direction the wheel is turned upon big power application. But most importantly, I get the opportunity to meet new friends with the same interests while working corners; this time it was Kelly and Adam. A lot of time, at serious track events, the socializing kind of gets left out.

My Corvair ran well for a change. The larger Weber carb was a little boggy out of tight spots--just a jetting problem. The new larger brakes helped a lot and I noticed that the larger/sticker tires made launching a little more trouble--so they must work. The clutch problem seems to be fixed also. The downside to modified cars is you can't test before the event and must fail or succeed very publicly. The up side is the great adrenalin rush when all goes well. I believe that I was 2nd overall by about a tenth. Congrats to the S2000.

Michael (Levair Performance and Restoration) LeVeque was trying out his recently prepared Super Duty Fiero in X Prepared and did very well for a first time running in a new strange car, with a first place. I again made it to church on time with a huge grin on my face. I'll bet they wonder just what I've been up to.

Posted by: "John Wilmoth" Mon Apr 7, 2008

Good morning! Awesome event yesterday, great job by the new solo team!

Posted by: "mlevair1" Mon Apr 7, 2008

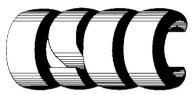
I would like to say I had a wonderful time, it was a great event, and I can't believe how smooth everything seemed to go considering the large turnout. Course design was good and flowed well. It's nice to see everybody after the long winter. Hopefully my new car will do better in events to come.

Michael LeVegue- LeVair Performance

2008 National Tour Solo June 28-29 Call For Workers

The Indianapolis Region has again agreed to host the June 28 — 29 National Tour Solo at Grissom. The course design has already been submitted to the National office for approval. We need people to help with all aspects of the event, especially for setting up the course on June 27, and for registration and Tech also on the 27th. Here is your chance to come out and help us put on the event, and see some of the top autocrossers in the country competing for the points and the trophies. If you can help, please contact:

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2008 **CSCC** Solo **Schedule**

Columbus Sports Car Club

May 26th – Points event #3 June 22nd – Points event #4 July 13th – Points event #5 w/ Indy at Walesboro

August 9th – Drivers School August 10th – Points event #6

August 17th – Points event #7

w/ Indy at Indy site

August 31st – Super Weekend

September 1st – Super Weekend September 28th – Points event #9

October 12th – Points event #10 November 9th – Fun event #2





OLD WORLD

GOODFELLA'S PIZZA IS PROUD TO PRESENT: THE FIRST ANNUAL GOODFELLA'S CAR AND BIKE SHOW AND CELEBRATION SATURDAY MAY 3.

We are celebrating our win at the International pizza championship in Las Vegas with a celebration and car show. We won "Best pizza in the World" for 2007.

We are inviting local dealerships, car and bike clubs, and pizza/car/bike enthusiasts to come and celebrate with us. We will have fun activities for the kids and adults alike. We are inviting the founders of Goodfella's from New York to join us in this momentous celebration.

We will be holding this event on Saturday May the 3rd from 11:00 am till 10:00 pm.

Goodfella's will personally be donating 5% of all sales that day to local Carmel charities.

There is no cost to anyone who wishes to join us for this awesome event. We would love to have as many cars, trucks, suv's whatever we can fit into our parking lot. All years, makes, and models of vehicles will be welcome.

To be involved please call or email Bobby Selegrath@

317-663-0055 bobbyselegrath@yahoo.com Goodfella's old world pizza 13190 Hazel dell pkwy. Carmel, IN 46033

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ANY PARTICIPATION



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.

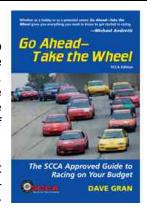
To gualify for the program, the new member may not have been an SCCA member in the previous 18 months.

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) 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.

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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.

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Dear Prospective SCCA Member:

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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.

FOR SALE: Timewise 797A rally computer for Class E competition. Complete except for external wheel sensor (normally sold separately depending on desired vehicles usage). Principle difference from current 798A model is that the internal clock does not have battery backup. A new 798A goes for \$1300, this unit is offered for \$400.

(317) 780-9007 Chuck Hanson dtcgh@verizon.net

FOR SALE: 1985 Jaguar XJ6 4.2 I, auto, power windows, power sunroof, 100K miles, needs some work. Asking \$1500.

John Holman, 812-333-1623 jholman@indiana.edu



FOR SALE: 1999 E prod Miata Mazda close ratio transmission, Boig engine, Braake body work, Electromotive Tech III engine control.

11 races on car, 2 races in 2006, 1st place (reg),& 2nd place (nat), not raced in 2007. Never wrecked or damaged. Over \$50,000 invested, asking \$15,000 included spares.

Sheldon Wilde 317-570-4518 or sheldonwilde@sbcglobal.net

Classified Ads







FOR SALE: 2004 Mini Cooper S prepared to North American Mini Cooper Championship Group 4 spec, but still street legal. 210 HP, 15% pulley on supercharger, M7 Intercooler, 6 speed manual transmission, Quaife LSD, Willwood 11.75" brakes, coil over suspension, Cobra carbon fiber race seat & 5 point harness, full chrome-moly steel cage, stripped interior, and more. Several small dents and missing 1 plastic side skirt. \$19,000 Or Best Offer.

Contact: Waylen Hunsucker 317-201-8670 or miniguru7@yahoo.com



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.

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



FOR SALE: DrawTite Class 3 Weight Distributing Hitch System, includes 1000lb spring bars. \$200 + shipping (delivery negotiable). Email riggenteam@sbcglobal.net Or call 815-584-9726

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

Dooley O'Tooles

160 E. Carmel Drive



0.6 mile west sof Keystone Ave.

Contact: Lou Byer cwbnewpal@insightbb.com 317-861-0710 Dick Powell clutchchatter@yahoo.com 317-407-7743

Or any Board member from the inside front cover.

Thursday May 15 6:30 PM

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