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*Indy Region Racers sweep the
small formula classes*



*Restricted Regional
One Hour Enduro
had close competition
through the field
from start to finish !!*



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Calendar



- Aug 9-10 Solo CSCC School and Points 6, Walesboro
- Aug 9-10 Great American Solo Series Divisional, Grissom
- Aug 17 Solo Pts 5, CSCC / Indy Shootout Round 2, 16th St
- Aug 24 Rally No. 4, Jinxed Junket / Journey / Jaunt
- Aug 31- Sep 1 Solo CSCC Super Weekend, Walesboro
- Sept 7 Solo Pts 6, Nats Warmup, Double Down, Grissom
- Sept 16-19 Solo SCCA Solo National Championships,
Heartland Park Topeka
- Sept 21 Rally No. 5, Road to Providence, by Sam Crites
- Sept 28 Solo CSCC Points 9, Walesboro
- Oct 5 Solo Points 7, Australian Pursuit, 16th Street Stadium
- Oct 5-12 Race SCCA National Championship Runoffs,
Heartland Park Topeka
- Oct 12 Solo CSCC Points 10, Walesboro
- Oct 18-19 Rally US Road Rally Challenge
- Oct 19 Solo Points 8, Season Lands at Grissom
- Oct 19 Rally No. 6, Rallymaster Pete Hylton

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RE News: Mid Summer Blues !

by Steve Linn

As many have already heard, it has been decided that the September Double Regional Club Race weekend at ORP would be cancelled. A variety of reasons have all contributed to this "perfect storm" and the programs chairs decided and the Board of Directors confirmed that the Region simply cannot support another monetary loss race weekend. Obviously we can all feel the current squeeze on our personal finances, and one of the first things that gets chopped from the budget are our hobby's, especially expensive ones. We also face a scheduling issue in that our weekend was bracketed by three race weekends at Mid-Ohio, all of which pull not only competitors but workers away. The late scheduling of one event after our weekend was a big nail in the coffin. And of course we also continue to face the major issue of the ORP track surface. The paving between T2 and T5 continues to deteriorate. Racers continue to tell us that they are not returning due to the bumps, especially in T2. Our car counts continue to diminish.

So what do we do? That is my question to you, all of the competitors, workers, and members involved and inter-

ested in Club Racing at ORP. Now is the time to step up and be heard. The Region needs to hear from you about what your expectations, hopes, concerns and opinions are in regards to the long tradition of SCCA Club Racing by the Indianapolis Region. Now is the time to become involved. The program has survived the last several years on the blood, sweat and tears of a very small group of Region members. We have faced major obstacles and made some tough decisions. And we again face some major decisions that must be made over the next several months about our racing future. If you do not become involved in the process, do not complain about the outcome. The clock is ticking.

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

Steve



THANKS AGAIN, WORKERS (Our All-Volunteer Core) See YOU at the Board Meeting... Share the FUN...

Minutes of Indy Region June Board Meeting

By Dick Powell

This is a synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD June 19, 2008 at Dooley O'Tooles, 6:30 PM. There were 7 directors and 8 guests present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

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

Clutch Chatter The July issue was finished, printed, and the first group mailed by June 13. The second group was mailed on June 17. The early mailing was made to hopefully have them through bulk mail into everyone's hands well before the races. Some of the first group have already received their copies by the 19th. We printed 200 extra copies for programs at the races, for drivers, workers, and spectators.

Website John has been working hard to keep the website up and running, and to be attractive and easy to use. John continues to ask anyone finding glitches to let him know.

Membership Current membership is 478.

Rally The July Rally Route may have been damaged in the flooding. Chuck is keeping track of the route for possi-

ble changes. Notice of possible changes was in Clutch Chatter, and posted on the website. Chuck will continue to keep John informed of any changes so the website can have current information posted.

Race Steve sent a reminder / invite email to licensed workers in GLDiv, CenDiv, and the St. Louis area. Online entries are at 20 as of 6/19. Late fees will be waived to try to induce a few more late entries.

Solo Our schedule for the rest of the year does not have an open weekend to reschedule the Terre Haute event. The Solo Chairs are planning to try scheduling for next year.

National Tour - volunteer list is good. Performance Driven is the local sponsor for the event, including Friday welcome dinner and lunches for Saturday.

We have contracted to host events for the Lotus Club on 8/3, and Subaru at Lafayette on Saturday 8/23. We will be needing workers for these events, please contact Will or Mike if you can help.

Solo Steering Committee meeting is scheduled after the BOD meeting.

New Business Next meeting scheduled for July 17 at O'Tooles. Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of Indy Region July Board Meeting

By Dick Powell

This is a synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD July 17, 2008 at Dooley O'Tooles, 6:30 PM. There were 8 directors and 4 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 July issue got out early enough to reach all our members before the National Race Weekend, with extras printed for Programs at the races. Expenses are still well within the projected budget for the year. Dick requested everyone get the items for August in by July 21.

Website John is continuing to update the website. He requested everyone to continue sending him notes when they find discrepancies. Photos from our IGP Nationals are still loading to the website.

Membership Current membership is 473. We have had 12 members convert weekend memberships to full.

Activities Lou Byer is trying to set up an event later this year at Dismores in Greenfield.

Rally Chuck sent an email report for the board. Due to flooded roads, the July Rally has been moved to the August date, and the August Rally has been moved to the September date.

Race Total entries for our IGP Nationals were 80 cars, with an additional 18 for the Regional Enduro. All the responses and reports have been very positive. A good

weekend, except for the low car count. Thanks to the cost-cutting efforts and hard work of Wendy and Pete for lunches and the Party, along with all the other cost reduction efforts, our loss for the event will not be severe, merely difficult.

Using email discussions of the BOD members and the Race Chairs and assistants, the Fall Frolics Regional Races have been cancelled for this year. Based on previous years attendance, and general reductions in entries everywhere this year, we do not feel we are able to survive another race weekend loss this year. We expect to keep the date at ORP for next year.

Solo The club promoted National Tour Event at Grissom will show a moderate gain for the club this year. National Top Performer Trophies were presented to Steve Brinkerhoff (D Mod winner) and John Wilmoth (Worker Extroinaire and Photographer).

The Lotus Solo Event scheduled for August 3 has a fair worker signup so far, should be smooth. Setup at 6 AM, runs from 9 - 1, then workers should be able to have a couple runs.

The Subaru event contracts have been signed, ready to run August 23. For this event, the participants will also work on course, so we mainly need specialty chiefs.

New Business Next meeting scheduled for Thursday August 14 at O'Tooles.

Meeting was adjourned.

Indy Region Fall Frolics Double Regionals – Cancelled

We had to make a very tough decision and with heavy hearts we regret to announce we have cancelled the September Fall Frolics race weekend.

Thanks to all the workers, the drivers and their crews. You have contributed so much in making our racing season so special. You have come near and far to join us so many times to make our racing events fun, exciting, and memorable. We consider you all part of our racing family. Again, thank you all so much!!!!

See You in 2009 !!!

The Last Checkered Flag - Butch Sumner

By Jan Castelluccio

Butch (Minten A) Sumner passed away in Cincinnati over the weekend (July 26). Butch and his brother Jim started coming up to work races at IRP from Cincinnati in the late 1970's. Over the course of the next decade or so they could be found almost every weekend at an SCCA race at IRP, Mid-Ohio, or Nelson Ledges. As the 80's drew to a close Jim's family started getting older and he gradually stopped coming to the races. Butch continued on and eventually succeeded me as the IRO F&C Chief at IRP for the years 1987 to 1989. At some point in the 1990's we gained a second Sumner again, Butch's son Tim. Then Butch had a terrible bicycle accident that broke his jaw, required reconstructive surgery, and had him out for something like a year. He came back afterwards and continued working races until he was diagnosed with Alzheimer's several years ago. I think my fondest memory of Butch and his

brother Jim was at one of the US Grand Prix events at Detroit. I'm corner captain and my team is working a station clear on the other end of the race circuit from Butch and Jim. During one of the SCCA Trans-Am events my communicator starts relaying, there's a big wreck, turn whatever, pile up, cars on fire, full course yellow, etc. We just happened to be lucky enough to have one of those big Jumbo Tron TVs within view of our station. One of my crew looks up there at the big screen and yells "there's Butch and Jim on the Jumbo"! We all look up and there they are; they've popped out through their openings in the debris fencing and are putting out the fire. Needless to say "the Sumner boys" took a lot of ribbing at the beer party that evening over their Jumbo Tron fame. Of course anyone of us would have gladly traded places with them!

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Indy Region

July 5th + 6th 2008

Indianapolis Grand Prix

Results



Group 1 & 4 Race T2, T3, SSB, SSC, SM

PIC	Class	No.	Name	Hometown	Region	Make	Sponsor	Laps	Best Tm
1	T2	98	Bill Baten	Indianapolis IN	Indy	Chevy Camaro	Online Architecture/Marks Adr	18	1:46.180
2	T2	3	William Moore	Chagrin Falls Oh	NEO	Pontiac Solstice	Swift Hoosier Backstreet Carbotech	18	1:45.636
1	T3	07	Chad Gilsinger	Marysville Oh	OHV	Honda S2000 Cr	Bfg Traqmate H&R Alpinestars Honda	18	1:48.245
1	SM	59	Dennis Brown	Avon IN	Indy	Mazda SM	The Winning Formula	18	1:51.424
2	SM	68	David Bednarz	Ann Arbor MI	DET	Mazda Miata	Dynomax Exhaust	18	1:52.198
1	SSB	53	Chase Lin	Raymond Oh	OHV	Honda Civic	Honda / Bf Goodrich / Traqmate	17	1:52.723
3	T2	5	Richard Kulach	Franklin, TN	MIW	Nissan 3502	Toyo /Tire/Nissan	17	1:52.472
3	SM	4	Michael Neal	Henderson Tx	HOUS	Mazda Miata	L L C Rental Properties	17	1:52.971
2	SSB	32	Ralph Porter	Kokomo IN	Indy	Mini Cooper S	Hoosier Dreyer & Reinbold Bmw	17	1:52.856
4	SM	7	Bob MacDonald	Strongsville Oh	NEO	Mazda Miata	Impact Communications	17	1:52.797



Announcements

New Track Record (1:45.636) for T2 by William Moore.
 New Track Record (1:48.245) for T3 by Chad Gilsinger.



Group 2 Race GT1, GT2, GT3, AS, BP, DP, ST, T1

PIC	Class	No.	Name	Hometown	Region	Make	Sponsor	Laps	Best Tm
1	GT1	04	Phil Lasco	Fenton, MI	DET	Mustang Cobra	Lasco Ford Hoosier Tire Redline Oil	18	1:33.356
2	GT1	07	Ryan McManus	Cleveland, OH	NEO	Mustang Cobra	Goodyear Oswald Insurance	18	1:34.274
3	GT1	82	Dick Greer	Columbus, OH	OHV	Chevy Corvette	Wendy's	18	1:38.379
1	GT2	50	Tom Patton	Hamilton, OH	CINCI	Sunbeam Tiger	Tire Discounters/Red Line Oil	18	1:38.207
2	GT2	74	Gerry Mason	Fishers, IN	Indy	Nissan 300Zx	Hoosier Tire/GMR/Motionwear	18	1:38.171
1	GT3	76	Michael Cyphert	Chagrin Falls,	NEO	Toyota Celica	Red Line Oil TRD Goodyear	17	1:38.757
1	T1	92	Stan Wilson	Mount Juliet, TN	TEN	Dodge Viper	Kumho - Dodge - Roe Racing	17	1:41.998
3	GT2	60	Timothy Gray	Eden Prarie, MN	LOL	Porsche GT3	Ryan Companies Us Inc.	17	1:42.530
2	T1	40	David Pintaric	Canfield, OH	MVR	Dodge Viper	Kryderacing/Hoosier/WRP Investments	17	1:45.566
2	GT3	45	Kenford Nelson	Novi, MI	DET	Dodge Daytona		16	1:46.167
1	AS	15	Steve Hynes	White Lake, MI	SAGV	Ford Mustang	Heat Treating Services	16	1:47.024
2	AS	11	Mark Muddiman	Belleville, MI	DET	Ford Mustang		16	1:47.502
3	AS	23	Brian Doll	Columbus, IN	CIL	Pontiac Firebird	Engines By JB	16	1:50.141
1	DP	20	Mark Crellin	S. Charleston,	WOR	Nissan 200 Se-R	Fuelport.Com/Goodyear/Nissan	14	2:02.762

Announcements

New Track Record (2:02.762) for DP by Mark Crellin.
 New Track Record (1:38.757) for GT3 by Michael Cyphert.

Group 3 Race FA, FB, FC, FE, FM, S2, CSR, DSR

PIC	Class	No.	Name	Hometown	Region	Make	Sponsor	Laps	Best Tm
1	FC	05	Pete LeSueur	St Charles, IL	CHI	Van Dieman	QSQ Racing	18	1:33.301
2	FC	34	Tim Flock	Mooreville, IN	Indy	Van Diemen		18	1:32.669
1	FM	68	Steve Jenks	Cincinnati, OH	CINCI	Star FM	Cleanlife Products	18	1:33.356
1	FE	31	Matt Schneider	Lexington, KY	CKR	Van Diemen	Jay Motorsports	18	1:34.224
2	FE	49	Tim Floyd	Southgate, KY	CINCI	Van Diemen		18	1:33.837
2	FM	20	Steve Johncock	Bellevue, MI	WMR	Star FM	Lyn-Mar Machine & Tool	18	1:35.127
1	DSR	41	Garry Crook	Pensacola, FL	GCR	Stohr Wf1	Vision Construction Inc.	18	1:34.920
2	DSR	2	Jason Briggs	Hamilton, OH	CINCI	Lola Suzuki	Briggs Racing	18	1:35.168
1	S2	54	Mark Hardymon	Delaware, OH	OHV	Carbir CS2	Elite Fab Hoosier Tires	17	1:37.518
3	FM	39	Paul Holeman	Yorktown, IN	Indy	Star FM	River Road Motorsports	17	1:38.716
3	DSR	72	Ron Harris	Louisville, KY	KY	Storh		17	1:42.504
3	FC	98	Johnny Reisert	New Albany, IN	Indy	Van Dieman	Amsoil/Athletic Armour/Motor Tabs	17	1:42.795
1	CSR	40	John Metzger	Cross Lanes, WV	SWV	Shannon		16	1:50.834
4	FC	5	John LaRue	Muncie, IN	Indy	Citation	Goodyear	15	1:35.324

Announcements

New Track Record (1:33.837) for FE by Tim Floyd.



Group 5 Race GTL, EP, FP, GP, HP

PIC	Class	No.	Name	Hometown	Region	Make	Sponsor	Laps	Best Tm
1	FP	52	Mason Workman	Reynoldsburg, OH	OHV	Mazda Miata	Hoosier/Mazdaspeed	18	1:46.714
1	EP	09	Gary Martz	Canton, OH	NEO	Mazda RX 7	Kryderacing	18	1:47.601
2	FP	5	Joe Walker	Richland, MI	OHV	Lotus Super 7	Walker Racing	18	1:48.782
1	HP	34	John Salisbury	Gurnee, IL	BVR	AH Sprite	Hoosier	17	1:55.943
1	GTL	41	Daniel Stalzar	Plainsfield, IL	BVR	Toyota Corolla		17	1:56.488
1	GP	72	Riley Dill	Brownsburg, IN	Indy	MGBGT	IUPUI	15	2:10.638
2	GP	7	Pete Hylton	Brownsburg, IN	Indy	VW Golf		15	2:09.832
DNF	EP	84	Lee Feineigle	Van Buren, OH	OHV	Datsun 1600	F&R Imports	5	1:56.605
DNF	GTL	42	James Stinehelfer	Tecumseh, KS	KAN	Mazda Miata	JES Racing	1	2:06.080
DNS	EP	83	Sam Halkias	Westerville, OH	OHV	Triumph TR6	Catawba Island Marina	0	

Group 6 Race SRF

PIC	Class	No.	Name	Hometown	Region	Make	Sponsor	Laps	Best Tm
1	SRF	56	Jay Green	S. Charleston, IL	047	Spec Racer Ford	Jay Motorsports	18	1:47.583
2	SRF	5	James Marinan-	McHenry, IL	CHI	Spec Racer Ford	McHenry Savings Bank/Elite Autosport	18	1:47.680
3	SRF	31	Jeff Beck	Ingleside, IL	CHI	Spec Racer Ford	Lindell Mtrspts/Ryan Cos.	18	1:47.881
4	SRF	21	David Schacht	Noblesville, IN	Indy	Spec Racer Ford		18	1:47.597
5	SRF	15	J D Pftzing	Englewood, OH	OHV	Spec Racer Ford	H.I.P.I. Racing/Joel Booth Signs	18	1:48.363
6	SRF	9	Stephen Pence	Reston, VA	SWV	Spec Racer Ford	Jay Motorsports - !Ti Xif Nac Yaj	18	1:49.424
7	SRF	77	Joelle Pence	Reston, VA	SWV	Spec Racer Ford	Jay Motorsports - Jay Can Fix It!	18	1:49.643
8	SRF	62	Benjamin Brinn	Lafayette, IN	Indy	Spec Racer Ford	Brinn Racing/Plato's Closet	18	1:49.622
9	SRF	58	Stu Coomer	New, IN	KEN	Spec Racer Ford	Stu Coomer D.M.D.	18	1:50.327
10	SRF	25	Ray Dalton	Louisville, KY	KEN	Spec Racer Ford	Kroger Co.	18	1:50.208
11	SRF	60	Timothy Gray	Eden, MN	LOL	Spec Racer Ford	Ryan Companies Us Inc.	18	1:50.569
12	SRF	85	Dennis DeWitt	Louisville, KY	KEN	Spec Racer Ford	Don't Know Jack Racing	18	1:50.384
13	SRF	61	Matt Gray	Chaska, MN	LOL	Spec Racer Ford	Ryan Companies Us Inc.	18	1:51.449
DNS	SRF	68	Amid Shayesteh	Richmond, IN	WOR	Spec Racer Ford			

Indianapolis Grand Prix National Races Results *(cont.)*

Group 7 Race FV, FF, F500

PIC	Cls	No.	Name	Hometown	Reg	Make	Sponsor	Laps	Best Tm
1	FF	24	Michael Baden	Anderson, IN	INDY	Van Dieman	Team E Hort Racing	18	1:37.781
2	FF	71	Michael Kolthoff	Hamilton, Oh	CINC	Swift DB-6	Apg Office Furnishings-Seven 1	18	1:38.023
3	FF	74	Brad Hayes	Noblesville, IN	Indy	Van Diemen	Team Effort Racing / Amp / T&T	18	1:39.549
1	F5	92	Jason Knuteson	Danville, IN	Indy	Scorpion S1	Hoosier Racing/Mitchell Racing	18	1:39.293
4	FF	2	Craig Jones	Zionsville, IN	Indy	Van Diemen		18	1:40.886
2	F5	3	Steven Thompson	Royal Oak, MI	DET	Stinger	T&R Fabricating	18	1:41.666
3	F5	9	Jerry Weida	W.Lafayette, IN	Indy	Scorpion	Mayne H	18	1:41.874
1	FV	48	Chris Jennerjahn	Hartford City, IN	Indy	FV Vortech	Jennerjahn Machine Inc.	17	1:47.760
2	FV	7	Jeff Loughead	Darien, IL	OHV	Vortech Cr04	Hoosier Tire; L L Loughead Dds;	17	1:48.575
3	FV	46	Seth Ravndal	Livonia, MI	DET	Mysterian FV	Hoosier Racing Tire, Jennerjahn Machine	16	1:49.895
4	FV	87	Bryan Gresock	Noblesville, IN	DET	Citation 94V	Gresock Racing	16	1:50.586
5	FV	61	Matthew Guzowski	Henderson, KY	STL	Caracal C	Endless Endeavors/Veetech	16	1:53.768
6	FV	60	Zach Leeke	Lebanon, IN	Indy	Citation	Cryogenics of IN & SWE Race Car Parts	16	1:54.157
4	F5	1	Charlie Schlismann	Homewood, IL	STL	KBS Mk 8.5	Nearlynakedracing.Com	16	1:52.435
7	FV	64	William Cooper	Louisville, KY	KY	Protoform P-3	Noble Race Engines Sracing.Com Pops	15	1:50.488
5	F5	45	Tom Tomlinson	Tarpon Springs FL	STL	KBS Mk 7	Mitchell Racing Specialties	9	2:21.256
DNF	F5	22	James Weida	Lafayette, IN	Indy	Scorpion S1	JRW Homes/Weida Apartments	4	1:42.441
DNF	FV	86	Mike Landon	Zionsville, IN	Indy	Wasp LM10		3	1:50.935



Restricted Regional Enduro Race

PIC	Class	No.	Name	Hometown	Reg	Make	Sponsor	Laps	Best Tm
1	ITE	1	Robert Pfeffer	Avon, IN	Indy	Corvette	PaceAir	33	1:47.002
1	SM	4	Michael Neal	Henderson, TX	HOUS	Mazda Miata	L L C Rental Properties	32	1:53.942
1	ITA	6	Steve Linn	Indianapolis, IN	Indy	Sentra		32	1:54.661
2	ITA	59	Csaba Szekelyhidi	Orland Park IL	INR	Fiero		32	1:54.171
2	SM	90	Rick Deerwester	Union, OH	Cincy	Miata	Fortune Cookie Racing	32	1:54.489
1	GTL	41	Jonathan Stalzer	Plainfield, IN	SIL	Corolla		31	1:56.068
1	ITS	14	Russell White	Greenwood, IN	Indy	Supra		31	1:54.787
3	SM	10	Jerry Cabe	West Chester,	Cincy	Miata	Engineered Designs Inc	30	1:57.038
3	ITA	71	Chad Murfin	Ft Wayne, IN	SBR	Neon	Toyo/TireBarn/Sorg Chrysler	30	1:59.805
4	ITA	19	David Dusterberg	Morristown, IN	Indy	Neon	Performance Driven Llc	30	2:00.127
5	ITA	72	Jay Jenkins	Ft Wayne, IN	FTW	Neon	Toyo/TireBarn/SorgChrysler	29	2:02.233
1	ITB	76	Lenny Basaj	Whitehall, IN	WMR	VW GTI		29	2:03.810
1	GP	7	Pete Hylton	Brownsburg, IN	Indy	VW Golf		29	2:01.142
6	ITA	9	Pam Poppe	Huber Heights,	WOR	Toyota MR2	Me, Myself & I	29	2:05.158
2	ITB	36	Tipton / Sexton	Indianapolis, IN	Indy	Rabbit		29	2:00.809
1	ITC	75	Jim Hardesty	Xenia, OH	WOR	Civic	Powered by Makers Mark	28	2:01.512
2	ITC	44	Joe Kohls	Batavia, OH	Cincy	Fiesta	TischgeinPharm/Pleasant Ridge Auto	27	2:09.585
2	ITE	91	Jonathon Pfeffer	Avon, IN	Indy	Corvette	PaceAir	18	1:47.536
DNF	GP	12	Victoria Otoupal	Brownsburg, IN	Indy	MGBGT			

On Station: Indy Grand Prix Nationals by Bryan Deane



With our 4th of July National and Leap Laps Enduro in the record books it is time to turn our attention to the 2009 season. The region has decided for financial reasons to cancel the fall Regional. While I am personally disappointed, I certainly do concur with the decision. The region cannot afford to have a repeat of our Spring event in terms of car count or worker participation.

With that out of the way a quick recap of the July National. From a worker perspective the turnout was great! THANK YOU everyone! My boss (sort of speak) the Great Lakes DA Verne Wandell was in attendance and it was my first opportunity to meet him in person. Each of our manned stations had a minimum of 2 *experienced* flaggers per day with some stations having 3 or 4 people per day. The car count was respectable, the enduro on Saturday drew a nice field and was a great race. And the weather cooperated which was a tremendous bonus for us. Everyone I have spoken to regarding the event had nothing but high marks for the entire weekend. So now it's on to planning for 2009.

It is and has been my stated objective since being asked to be the Flag Chief in March to schedule a 2 day Flag & Fire school here, hopefully at ORP in conjunction with the Safety Staff at ORP. With the focus being not only on training, but recruiting new workers as well.

We've run this program in the past back east with tremendous success both from a training aspect but more importantly as a recruiting tool. The 4 regions that use Lime Rock Park, Mohawk-Hudson, New England, New York and Northern New Jersey banded together and approached

Lime Rock and their EMS staff with the idea of this type of program 6 years ago. It was well received by the track and the regions, obviously.

We then approached local marque clubs like the MG "T" Register, Jaguar Club, VSCCA, Porsche Club and BMW Car Club to join us at no cost to them for this training. The idea was to introduce these folks to what it is that we do and hopefully spark their interest into joining the SCCA and participating in our events as well as their own. And it worked!

In fact the first school 5 years ago netted 14 new flaggers for the regions of which 4 or 5 are still active. Then our second school in 2007 netted another 10 or 11 new flaggers and I believe most every one from that school is still active in the SCCA. The school is broken down into 3 modules and run 1 module at a time in an every other year schedule.

First the Basic Flagging School with just enough advanced content to keep the experienced people on their toes. The second school is the Intermediate School where the curriculum is a geared a little more toward the experienced folks, but not so much as to frighten off the new people. Finally the third module is the Advanced course which is still under development at this point for next spring's Flag & Fire School. Each module of the school is very interactive and hands on for the people that attend the school. There are lectures, demonstrations, skill building exercises (read fire), video role playing in a section know as "You Make the Call."

Each school is a full 2 day event. But more important it as a tremendous opportunity to not only recruit new people but to build an even better relationship with the EMS folks at ORP.

It is my intention to replicate the success of the NEDiv school here in the Great Lakes Division and have our region as the lead group in this effort. The dividends we potentially can reap from this are tremendous and I believe worth the time and effort.

Well, that's all for now. More about the Flag & Fire School in the months to come. Until then, hope to see all of you "On Station" real soon.



American MPG RECENT STUDY

A recent study found the average American walks about 900 miles per year.

Another study found Americans drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol per year.

That means, on average, Americans get about 41 miles to the gallon.

Kind of makes you proud to be an American.

Wow, where is the summer going? It has been awhile since the Indy Region has actually hosted a Solo (May 18th to be exact), and between floods that cancels one event and CSCC hosting another, it seems like a long time since we had a points event. We have been busy in other regards with hosting the National Tour at Grissom for the second year in a row. Check out the National Tour results article elsewhere in this issue of Clutch Chatter for details about that event.

CSCC hosted what was the Indy Region's 3rd points event of the year, putting on a good show in Walesboro. 91 competitors came out to brave the cones on a course that demanded precision. The results for this event have been posted on the website and are also in this issue of Clutch Chatter. Next points event is the second half of the CSCC vs. Indy double header at 16th Street Stadium August 17th. See you there!

Our schedule is heating up, with 4 events to go. Which has brought up some questions about points for the year since we lost the June event to natural causes. The rules are still the same and can be found on the website. But in a nutshell, your best five events will be scored for all open classes, and one event will be dropped for the Tovey Cup. However, since the Tovey Cup is scored on PAX finishes and there is an event left that does not score PAX, then Tovey Cup is also going to score your best 5 events since you can drop one PAX event. Contact Will Lahee with any questions you might have.

Lotus Group Event – Indy Region has been contracted to manage the Lotus Owner's Group autocross on August 3rd at 16th Street Stadium. Many have contacted us so far to volunteer to work at this event. Please check the Yahoo group or the SCCAForums.com site for details. Thank you to all those who have already committed to help.

Subaru Challenge Event – Indy Region has also been contracted for the second year in a row to manage the Subaru Challenge at the Lafayette Subaru plant. Again, workers will be needed for this event that is scheduled for August 23rd. Watch for an announcement on SCCAForums.com and the Yahoo group for further details.

This is OUR Club

We still need competitors to sign up for Event Specialty chairs for all events (what a great way to qualify your points for the year!), so please check out the matrix on the website to see what is available....hurry, spots are filling up fast! Mike is the worker chief, so send him a note or give him a ring if you would like to work a chair for an event. We provide all the training you will need!



It takes the dedicated efforts of Co-Chairmen, Event Chairmen, Event Specialty Volunteers, and the collective effort of our club members to pull off our events, so please step up to give back!

2008 Remaining Event Schedule:

- August 17th - "CSCC vs. Indy Region Shootout Round 2" Points Event #5 – 16th St.
- September 7th – "Nationals Warm-up, Double Down!" Points Event #6 – Grissom Aeroplex
- October 5th – "Aussie! Aussie! Aussie! (Pursuit)" Points Event #7 – 16th St. Stadium
- October 26th – "Season Lands @ Grissom" , Peru
- November 2nd – "Worker's Invitational" – 16th St. Stadium

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. As always, the solo chairs can be contacted at:

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"Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot, and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?" – George Carlin

Why Men Don't Write Advice Columns!

Dear Walter,

I hope you can help me here. The other day, I set off for work leaving my husband in the house watching the TV as usual. I hadn't driven more than a mile down the road when the engine conked out and the car shuddered to a halt. I walked back home to get my husband's help. When I got home I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in our bedroom with the neighbor girl. I am 32, my husband is 34, and the neighbor girl is 22. We have been married for ten years. When I confronted him, he broke down and admitted that they had been having an affair for the past six months. I told him to stop or I would leave him. He was let go from his job six months ago and he says he has been feeling increasingly depressed and worthless. I love him very much, but ever since I gave him the ultimatum he has become increasingly distant. He won't go to counseling and I'm afraid I can't get through to him anymore.

Can you please help? Sincerely, Sheila

Dear Sheila

A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the vacuum pipes and hoses on the intake manifold and also check all grounding wires. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the carburetor float chamber.

I hope this helps.

Solo National Tour In Our Backyard -- Who Went To Play?

June 27th – 29th was a busy time for the Indianapolis Region Solo program as we hosted the sixth stop of the Tire Rack National Solo Tour at Grissom Aeroplex in Peru, IN. There were 197 competitors there from all over the country, and even a few from Canada. Twenty-eight Indy region members competed, while several others came just to help out and take in the festivities that are the National Tour. This was a great team effort by the Indy Region to put on a smooth event. Performance Driven, LLC was our local sponsor for the event and bought all the competitors lunch on Saturday. Big thanks to Brian and Valerie Gard, and Dave and Pauletta Dusterberg. Call them up to schedule your next alignment or dyno tuning session. Rumor is they can get you the parts you need as well!

There were several close finishes and great competition all weekend, but the big story was trying to guess the weather. Sunny, hot, windy, rain. Yes it's Indiana and you can expect it all in one day. Heat two had the most trouble with rain, as it came just as they were running on both days. With the majority of Mod cars running in that heat, some strange things were happening... including the very first Audi street car running in BML Saturday! Sunday was mostly dry, and some very fast times were laid down, including BM winner (and grid chief) Clemens Burger posting a blistering 39.162 for an easy FTD. His co-driver and BML winner Joan Karnas also posted good times on Sunday, and didn't need to bring the Audi out on course at all!

Steve Brinkerhoff won DM by a margin of .325 for the weekend, and won a Top Performer award for his help all weekend and a great (albeit wet!) drive to win his class. His co-driver

and car constructor Michael LeVeque ended up 5th in class (got to watch those "rolling starts" Michael). John Wilmoth was the other Top Performer from the weekend without even being entered in the event! He helped setup on Thursday and Friday, and also shot over 6,000 frames of pictures of the event on Saturday and Sunday. Look for John's pictures on the Indy SCCA website and possibly some more in future issues of SportsCar magazine.

STU had four out of five entrants hail from the Indy region, with Chuck McMillion taking the win over Kevin Kent in a battle of Subaru STI's. Newcomer Nick Myers finished 3rd in his Mitsubishi Evo VIII. Luke Wilson finished 5th, but had problems with his Evo X on Saturday and co-drove Nick's Evo on Sunday. Great sportsmanship was shown by Nick to let a down competitor co-drive his car to finish at a National level event.

Raleigh and Velma Boreen (who was also chief of impound) competed in their CSP prepped Miata all weekend, with Velma winning the Ladies class and Raleigh finishing

2nd to a "pesky CRX" driven by Steve Mieritz out of Ft. Wayne. Kudos to both for huge help lending expertise and use of their vehicles all weekend to the Region. If you see Raleigh and Velma at an upcoming event, please let them know what a great asset they are to the Indy Region and the SCCA.

Operating Steward for the event Dan Stone finished 2nd in CS to his co-driver Tim McIntosh from the Detroit Region. Dan had cone trouble Saturday on his best run in his Pontiac Solstice.

Larry Harts finished a close 3rd in HS in his Mini. He ended up only .345 out of first place to Wes Jenrich from Chicago Region. Larry was another competitor that lent a hand all weekend, and was the "gatekeeper" being chief of waivers.

Brian Davis was the course designer for the weekend, and finished 3rd in a competitive STS field which included 4 National Champions and 6 Indy Region competitors. Lone Star Region's Andy Hollis won the class, who is a multi-time National Champ and seems to be winning most everything he enters this year. Brian did beat out reigning STS National Champ Jason Frank, previous BSP National Champ John Tak and multi-time National Champ Ann Hollis. Other Indy region finishers in STS included Will Lhee (6th), Travis Robuck (8th), Ron Conrad (9th), Chris Hacker (11th) and Tech Chief Bob Miller (12th). According to Bob, STS should be renamed "Spec Civic".

STS2 saw Indy Region's version of Jack Roush, as Geoff Chambers owned the cars of 4 out of 5 Miata entries in the class! Okay it was 2 cars that were both co-driven, but that is impressive. Geoff did finish 2nd in class, .113 behind his young prodigy, Tom O'Gorman from Cincinnati Region. Course chief Gus Hammerly finished 3rd, .503 behind Geoff and Sean Seamon finished in 4th.

In perhaps the closest competition all weekend, Mark Lamm piloted his CM Dulon to a 4th place finish only .494 out of a trophy spot and .686 out of 1st. Don Elzinga from the Detroit Region won the class only .045 ahead of Peter Calhoun from the Chicago Region. This competition was up in the air all weekend until the very last runs and was fun to watch. Other Indy Region finishers in CM were Stephen Geiger (7th), Brent Cary (8th) and Randall Turner (9th).

Lee Miller was chief of safety for the weekend and drove his Locost EM to a 6th place finish. Jason Proksch drove his M3 into a 6th place finish in SM, which included past ESP National Champ Andy Lieber and his co-driver Jarrod Hoops from the Saginaw Valley Region. Cooper Lacy also competed in ES with his Miata, bringing it home in 7th.

Indy Region Solo would like to extend a special thanks to the following people who came out to help but did not compete all weekend: Mike Benz, Phil Wehman (Chief of Registration), Brian Gard (Chief of Social), Dave Dusterberg, Valerie Gard, Pauletta Dusterberg, Wanda Brinkerhoff, Larry Metz, Charles Lemerom and Dick Powell.



July 13 CSCC vs Indy Showdown I Results

Walesboro

Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time
Super Stock		E Street Prepared		Street Modified	
Randal Boone	62.194	Brian Karns	52.737	Robert Richwine	59.638
A Stock		Andrew Dexo	62.178		
Michael Johnson	54.108	F Street Prepared		Street Modified Street Tire	
C Stock		James Hill	60.195	Kevin Miller	52.383
Lou Savion	53.782	C Prepared		James Priest	54.499
Darren Daubenspeck	56.993	Jeff Rapp	55.953	Jay Warfel	54.919
D Stock		E Prepared		Scott Dales	55.133
Bob Farr	52.116	Ryan Walden	55.271	Tony Johnson	55.222
Fast Time of the Day and PAX FTD		D Modified		Les Ramirez	55.550
Roland Bayly	57.356	Stephen Brinkerhoff	53.784	Greg Murphy	55.668
Chris Carson	64.157	Michael LeVeque	54.769	Scott Herzog	55.989
E Stock		Paul Snyder	65.140	Chris French	57.057
Ryan Kowalewski	54.698	E Modified		Jason Proksch	57.223
Joe Aiello	56.229	Warren LeVeque	52.460	Tim Meggenhofen	57.438
F Stock		Lee Miller	60.577	Travis Camp	57.804
Sean Murphy	56.814	F Modified		Dale Brier	58.093
Brian Steverweld	57.390	Charles Lameron	62.240	Dan Levey	58.519
F Stock Ladies		Street Touring S		Benjamin Newbury	58.602
Kelly Allen	65.771	Eric Brunamonti	52.294	Nathan Herk	59.249
G Stock		Vic Brunamonti	55.371	Chris Snyder	59.688
Jay Nogan	54.963	Andy Greenlee	56.122	Jeremy Meadows	60.959
Ian Girvan	56.325	Kyle Roland	57.544	Kevin Dunmire	63.858
Jorge Lopez	56.855	Robert Miller	57.832	Russell Shireman	66.214
Mark Luehrmann	59.979	Matt Reeves	59.319	Street Modified 2	
Stefan Girvan	62.035	David Dusterberg	59.766	James Moore	53.033
James Luehrmann	64.282	Taylor Forster	60.494	Sean Seamon	54.227
G Stock Ladies		Justin Buffington	61.749	Scott McKay	63.630
Weena Lopez	66.052	Justin Short	62.462	Formula Junior B	
H Stock		Street Touring S 2		Parker Dales	58.077
Bill Farr	55.495	Braian Tabor	55.693	Robby Linn	60.223
Randy Hall	55.666	Harold Hammerly	57.075	Marissa Linn	63.486
C Street Prepared		Street Touring X		Expert	PAX Adj.
Mark Galovic	53.602	Pat Gilbert	53.357	Kevin Kent	51.345
Joel Harleman	54.207	Andrew Madson	57.389	Ron Conrad	52.752
Jeff Alexander	54.356	David Sockrider	57.942	Geoffrey Chambers	53.738
Leonardo Bonvino	57.056	Brad Riehle	58.439	Will Lahee	55.129
Ted Drummond	60.907	Street Touring Ultra		Brian Davis	55.144
		Nick Myers	51.780		
		Matt Jordan	54.353		
		Marshal Radwin	54.982		
		Vito Mazzola	59.306		
		Pat Kent	60.794		

The Indy and CSCC Annual Showdown II

Indy Region Points event #5 Sunday, August 17 Rain or Shine Location: The 16th Street Stadium, Indianapolis
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 Chairman for copies of Minor Waivers before the event.

Restrictions on high center of gravity vehicles are also applicable. Contact the Solo Chairman 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)

Contact Will Lahee, 317-596-8938, Indysccareg@sbcglobal.net or Mike Benz, 317-753-2062, michaelbenz@comcast.net



**Indy Regional Solo Series
Points Event 6
"Nationals Warmup
Double Down"**



Indianapolis Region Solo Series
Sunday, Sept 7th, 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>

Non-members get a temporary weekend membership in SCCA, which puts them under the SCCA insurance umbrella, plus a certificate that entitles them to a \$15 discount on a full membership. The certificate is good for 60 days from the date of issue, and you are entitled to use two certificates.

And They Ask Why I Like Retirement !

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Three hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: How many retirees to change a light bulb?

Answer: Only one, but it might take all day.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% percent discount.

Question: Among retirees what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: What is the common term for someone who enjoys work and refuses to retire?

Answer: NUTS!

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal.

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the people he used to work with?

Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth.

My favorite

QUESTION: What do you do all week?

Answer: Mon to Fri. Nothing, Sat & Sun I rest.

Well, this break was anything but intentional. To say that the weather has been less than helpful is to indulge in tremendous understatement. The July rally had 8 legs for the Course rally, 8 more for the Tour rally, plus the mandatory odometer calibration zone and tire warm-up zone. The tire warm-up was the ONLY part of the rally that did NOT go under water. As explained last month, most of it was still under water on June 14 which is when I had to take three weeks off to run events, for a family event, and the National Race. When I got back on the course on July 13 we had just experienced another major storm and five of the legs were under water again. But the course is finished and will be measured this weekend. Dan Cook will be pre-checking the course on Aug. 7. Please put August 24 (Sunday) on your schedules for the Jinxed Journey / Junket / Jaunt also known as J4-2 (Delayed).

The August event is again, a "universal" rally which means that you get to choose your category: Tour, Course, or GTA. We will continue our "training" program by changing the available main road determinants (MRD's). In March we used Protection, Right at T, and Straight as Possible. In April we used Onto, Left at T, and Straight as Possible. For June we used Onto, Protection, and Straight as Possible. Since several people expressed concerns about the meaning of Protection, we will make the August event Protection, Onto, and Straight as Possible.

Let's talk about Protection in some detail. The definition in the rules is: The SINGLE road (other than the one you arrive on) that does not have a STOP or YIELD sign. This requires that you be able to identify the sign by its shape in many cases, even when you are looking at an edge of the sign. And edges are frequently the basis of the trap. An example would be that you are approaching a T where you have to go either left or right (Straight would put you in the woods or a field) and either the left or the right has a stop or yield sign, but not both. This means that the main road goes in the direction that does not have the sign, and you cannot execute an instruction that takes you in the direction of the main road. So, if the instruction you are working on directs you to go left, and the road to the left is the one without a sign, you cannot execute the instruction at this intersection. You go left and look for another intersection at which the instruction takes you off of the main road.

Now, let's consider a more difficult example: MRD priorities for August are (Protection, Onto, SAP) and you are working on an instruction that directs you left as before. Only now, you are also Onto a road and when you come up to the T the road to the right with the Stop or Yield sign also has a sign identifying it as the road that you are Onto. You do the same thing as the first example because Protection is the highest priority and overrules the Onto. (This is why you evaluate the MRD list from the top; so you can quit as soon as one of them defines a main road.)

Now let's revise the second example by using the June priorities which were (Onto, Protection, SAP). In this case, the main road would be right by Onto, and you could execute the instruction "left" because it takes you off of the main road.

Subtle, yes. But this is why I suggest that you should have your children learn how to rally. It makes them observant of the road / intersection conditions, and it develops mental clarity. This will allow them to make better use of the physical reactions that they are endowed with. Especially when combined with solo training.

There is an open seat in the Contour for the Sept. 5 / 6 Michigan event known as the POR (Press On Regardless). This is a two night, almost entirely in the dark, event that will be running for the 60th consecutive year. I am looking for somebody who would like to learn how to run the computer and willing to commit to navigating this event.

The General Instructions for the August rally will be posted on the web site by August 9. Feel free to study these and e-mail questions to me by Aug. 21, 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).

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.

Aug. 24 – J4/2 (Jinxed Junket / Journey / Jaunt) (choose your category: Tour, Course, GTA) See Ad next page.

Sept. 21 – Road to Providence - Sam Crites (GTA only)

Oct. 19 – Still unnamed - Pete Hylton

Nov. 16 – Still unnamed – Jeanne Spellman / Jay Quinn (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 (moved to last weekend this year). All events occurring after that are scored for the following years championship.

For those of you who would like to do more rallying, but would like to stay within day-trip radius, there is a Champaign County Sports Car Club in Champaign, IL that is putting on a pretty nice series of events. I am going over for one Friday evening (July 25) and they have another event scheduled for Sunday Aug. 10. I am told that their events are mostly TSD, and from reading the General Instructions for Friday, it appears to be a relatively easy Course rally (only one MRD plus SAP). And this would be a great opportunity for somebody to learn the computer; i.e. I'm planning to attend and need a navigator.

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JINXED JUNKET/JOURNEY/JAUNT (J4-2)

Fourth Rally for 2008! Sunday, August 24

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 One Non-Members \$25 per car Two Non-Members \$30 per car

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

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.

Non-members get a temporary weekend membership in SCCA, which puts them under the SCCA insurance umbrella, plus a certificate that entitles them to a \$15 discount on a full membership. The certificate is good for 60 days from the date of issue, and you are entitled to use two certificates; a \$30 value for \$10 investment.

Make plans NOW to come out and join the FUN in 2008 with the Indy Region Rallies!!

ROAD TO PROVIDENCE

Fifth Rally for 2008! Sunday, September 21

Rallymaster Sam Crites invites you to take a tour of mid-south Indiana. A GTA rally for All to enjoy!

Starting at: Meier Plaza (SR 135 –West end of Main St. in Greenwood, about 1.5 miles S. of County Line)

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.

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Membership Report By Brian Gard

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

Curtis Wade	Indianapolis
Travis Camp	Indianapolis
Andrew Deyo	Bloomington
Jonathan Hayes	Indianapolis
Mac White	Greenwood

Steven Lee Armstrong	Muncie
Caitlin Siem	Big Rapids, MI
Col Daniel Levey	Indianapolis
Jon Mathew Wilson	Zionsville

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 468 members strong.

2008 Great Lakes Div Race Schedule with other events

DATE	DRIVERS SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	GREAT LAKES NATIONALS	CENDIV OR MIDIV NATIONALS	OTHER EVENTS
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 @ NL (D)(C)		N/N @ HPT	
Sep 6 - 7		OVR @ MO (D)(C)			
Sep 13 - 14					
Sep 16 - 19	Solo National Championships at Heartland Park Topeka				
Sep 19 - 21					VSCDA @ RA
Oct 5 - 12	Runoffs 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
(C) GLDiv Regional Champ Series	(R) Restricted	(D) Double	

Indy Region Racers National Point Standings as of 7/27

Driver	Place	Races	Pts	Class
Bill Baten	1	5	51	T2
Jason Knuteson	1	3	36	F500
Jerry Weida II	7	1	7	F500
James Weida	8	3	5	F500
Michael Baden	1	4	28	FF
Brad Hayes	3	4	21	FF
Craig Jones	7	1	6	FF
Jacek Mucha	1	5	24	FA
David Bleke	4	2	2	FA
Chris Jennerjahn	2	2	19	FV
Brian Jennerjahn	9	1	6	FV
Zach Leeke	12	1	4	FV
Mike Landon	13	1	0	FV
Ralph Porter	3	4	29	SSB
Gerry Mason	4	1	9	GT2
Bobby Caldwell	4	1	9	FC
Tim Flock	6	1	9	FC
Johnny Reisert	8	1	7	FC
John Larue	9	1	6	FC
Paul Holeman	6	2	7	FM
Dennis Brown	7	2	12	SM
David Schacht	10	2	6	SRF
Ben Brinn	14	3	2	SRF
Stu Coomer	16	3	1	SRF
John Salisbury	2	4	40	HP

Runoffs Qualification Explained

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

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

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

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.

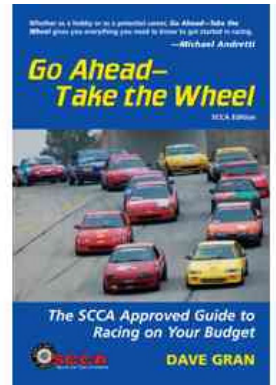
In order to receive credit for referring a new member, the recruit must provide your name and membership number when they sign up. This may be done via SCCA.com (preferred), phone, fax or mail.

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

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

New members of Indy Region will receive Clutch Chatter in the mail for 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:
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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 ____/____/____
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 06 Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

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

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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.

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

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First Gear Membership (You must be under age 24)
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	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.

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

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Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

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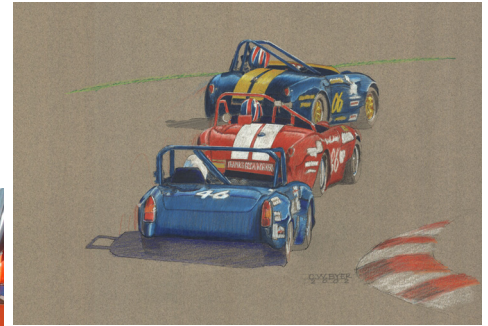
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jholman@indiana.edu

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

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**0.6 mile west of
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Thursday Aug 14, 6:30 PM

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