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from Nationals**



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October 6 through 12

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Calendar



- Oct 5 Solo Points 7, Australian Pursuit, 16th St. Stadium
Oct 5-12 Race SCCA National Championship Runoffs,
Heartland Park Topeka
Oct 12 Solo CSCC Points 10, Walesboro
Oct 19 Rally No. 6, GTA rally by Wendy & Susan
Oct 26 Solo Points 8, Season Lands at Grissom
Oct 25-26 Rally US Road Rally Challenge
Nov 1 Rally No. 7, Halloween Rally by Ted and Cara
Nov 2 Solo Workers Invitational, 16th Street Stadium
Nov 9 Solo CSCC Fun Event 2, Walesboro
Nov 16 Rally No. 8, RMs Jeanne & Jay

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RE News: Our Future In 2009

by Steve Linn

I hate to sound like a broken record, but I will again focus on future leadership of the Indianapolis Region. It is time to start thinking about 2009 and beyond and what you can do to help the Region. We have many Directors that have been serving on the Indy BOD for quite a few years and we are always looking for new folks to step up and learn more about how the Region works and help it stay fresh and progressive. We have many new ideas for 2009 but can always use new perspectives and energy in implementing them. If you are interested, please contact myself or anyone else on the current Indy BOD. We would love to hear from you.

Again, I have now been the Regional Executive for 3 consecutive years and 4 out of the last 6 years. I am not

running for reelection as RE, and I have been informed that the Assistant RE of the Region is not running for an elected office either in 2009. It's time for a fresh perspective and enthusiasm to lead the Region. I do plan on remaining active within the Region and plan on asking to remain on the Board of Directors and working to keep our Race Program running. I hope that the other core officers from the past several years remain involved as well.



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

Minutes of Indy Region Board Meeting

By Steve Linn

This is a synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD September 18, 2008 at Dooley O'Tooles, 6:30 PM. There were 5 directors and 2 guests present. Minutes of the previous meeting were not approved for lack of Quorum.

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

Old Business Phil Wehman will be instruction at the Street Survival school on October and will gather info regarding how events are run in preparation for an Indy Region event in 2009.

Clutch Chatter Reviewed Dick Powell's notes and current budget.

Website John Wilmoth reports the Web site is up and running, no issues to report.

Membership Brian emailed a report to everyone before the meeting. Current membership is 469.

Activities No report.

Rally Chuck Hanson reports that the Sept 21 and Oct 19 events are ready to go. We will not have a Halloween event this year, but it is planning for next year. 5 events are already being prepped for 2009.

Race Steve Linn reports no feedback from ORP yet regarding track improvements. Andy Welden presented first tentative GLDiv schedule for 2009.

Solo No report.

New Business Next meeting scheduled for October 16, 2008. Meeting was adjourned.

We are rapidly approaching the time to elect our officers for the year 2009. Now is the time for anyone desiring to be more involved with the running of our club to step up and enter their nominations for office in our region. I have included a general description of the various offices later in the paper. If you wish to run, or you know someone else who wishes to run for office, please contact our nominations chairman Steve Linn and let him know.

2008 Indy Region Board of Directors Elections Nomination Ballot

Regional Executive _____

Assistant RE _____

Treasurer _____

Secretary _____

Membership Chairperson _____

Activities Chairperson _____

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Region Officer Job Descriptions

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

Regional Executive

- Chief Executive Officer of the Region.
- Official Spokesperson for the Region.
- Presides at all meetings of Members and Directors.
- Shall report on the status of the Region at each meeting.
- Shall call any special meeting of Members and Directors in accordance with the Bylaws of the Region.
- Prepares and adheres to agendas for all meetings.
- Shall appoint or discharge necessary and appropriate positions and committees.
- Shall sign and execute, together with the Treasurer (or his assignee), all contracts, notes, and drafts in the name of the Region.
- With the Treasurer, participate in creating and assist to determine the Region's budget for the coming year.
- Shall perform or cause to be performed all duties assigned to him/her by the Sports Car Club of America, Inc.
- Shall cause books, statements, reports and other certificates and records to be filed as required by law.
- Shall complete (with aid of Assistant RE) Region SCCA Charter Documents and submit to the National Office no later than February 15th of each year.
- Shall complete SCCA Directory information for the Region and submit to the National Office no later than December 31st of each year.
- Shall enforce Region's Bylaws and perform all duties incidental to the office of Regional Executive.
- Shall supervise all activities of the Region.
- Shall have other such duties and authorities as prescribed by Bylaws or Regions Board of Directors.
- Work closely with Region Board of Directors to create and monitor one year and five year plans using guidelines offered in the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan of SCCA, Inc.
- Communicate as needed with Executive Officers of other local sports car clubs, SCCA Regions, and SCCA Divisions.
- Shall maintain communications with the responsible SCCA Area Director.

Assistant Regional Executive

- Performs duties of the Regional Executive in that person's absence or incapacity.
- Performs other such duties as assigned by the Regional Executive.
- Performs duties as assigned by the Region's Board of Directors.
- Shall attend all meetings of the Members and Directors.
- With the Regional Executive, shall prepare the Region's SCCA Charter Documents and submit to the National Office no later than February 15th of each year.
- Work closely with Region Board of Directors to create and monitor one year and five year plans using guidelines offered in the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan of SCCA, Inc.

Secretary

- Shall keep minutes of meetings of Members and Directors.
- Shall be the custodian of all records of the Region.
- Shall attend all meetings of the Members and Directors.
- Work closely with the RE and Region Board of Directors to create and monitor one year and five year plans using guidelines offered in the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan of SCCA, Inc.
- Shall maintain the Region's calendar of events.
- Shall submit the Region's calendar to newsletter and website.

Treasurer

- Shall have care and custody of, and be responsible for all funds, merchandise, and assets of the Region.
- Shall have custody of monies, debts, and financial obligations of the Region.
- Shall attend all meetings of the Members and Directors.
- Reports financial status of Region to Members and Directors.
- Shall maintain accounting records in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

- Pays listing or sanctioning fees in advance of any SCCA event.
- Shall transmit dues and income information received from the SCCA National office to the Region's Membership Chairperson.
- Shall make monthly, or more often if required, deposits to the Region's bank account.
- Obtain tax exemption certificate if required.
- With the Regional Executive, participate in creating and assist to determine the Region's budget for the coming year.
- Work closely with the RE and the Region Board of Directors to create and monitor one year and five year plans using guidelines offered in the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan of SCCA, Inc.
- Shall ensure preparation and filing of tax returns in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and other controlling jurisdictions.
- Shall notify the Region's bank(s) when changes are made with respect to addresses, signatures, and other contact information for new officers or check signers.

Membership Chairperson

- The Membership Chairperson promotes continued growth of the Region through actively recruiting new Members and retaining current Members.
- Shall be the Chairperson of the Membership Committee.
- Shall make new Members and other interested parties feel welcome at all Region events.
- Shall maintain a list of Members and other interested parties. The list shall include all available contact information.
- Shall prepare an annual Region roster.

Other Directors or Officers

- Shall attend all meetings of the Members and Directors.
- Shall perform such duties and have such powers as assigned by the Board of Directors
- Work closely with Region Board of Directors to create and monitor one year and five year plans using guidelines offered in the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan of SCCA, Inc. May be assigned as liaison to committees and specialty chiefs who are not already members of the Region's Board of Directors.

Elections for the 2009 Indianapolis Region Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2009 at the Annual Membership Meeting/Awards Banquet. If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact any of the current members of the Board of Directors. Contact information is on the inside front cover of the newsletter.

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

Newsletter Editor

- The newsletter editor generates a periodical publication and distributes it to all Region Members and other interested parties.
- Shall produce a publication that is professional appearing and easy to read.
- Generates content that is relevant to the Region and SCCA activities.
- In cooperation with the Region's Secretary, shall generate a calendar of events.
- Shall include reports of all the Region's events.
- Shall work closely with the Region's Webmaster to ensure accuracy and timeliness of shared information and stories.
- Shall secure advertising to offset publication costs.

Webmaster

- The Region's Webmaster designs the webpage and maintains content that is relevant to the Region and SCCA activities.
- Maintains a professional and easily navigated site.
- Ensures that the website is updated on a regular basis and is timely.
- Collect stories, features, and pictures for web content.
- Works closely with the Region's newsletter editor to ensure accuracy and timeliness of shared information and stories.
- In cooperation with the Region's Secretary, shall generate a calendar of events.
- Shall include results from all of the Region's events.

Current Great Lakes Division Representative and SCCA Director Larry Dent Has decided not to continue in this capacity for Health and Personal reasons. Great Lakes Division members will have the opportunity to vote for their new Director on the SCCA Board of Directors.

Steve Harris, Marcus Merideth, and John LaRue have announced that they will run for the office of Director. We are placing ads and presenting platforms for the candidates as we receive them. We have not received material from John LaRue yet, but will publish any material when we get it.

Marcus Merideth for Area 4 Director

Who is Marcus?

- Solo Competitor
- Past SEB Chairman
- 17 Year Member
- Past Detroit RE
- Past Road Racer
- Event Chair
- Race Volunteer
- Crew
- Event Chair

Why vote for Marcus:

- SCCA needs to solidify our position as the leader and the only place to have fun while playing with cars.
- A fresh perspective with broad based experience is needed to address the participation and volunteer issues we face today.
- Fiscal responsibility and openness allows us to maximize our membership value.
- Community service will enhance our reputation and membership value.

“SCCA is all about having fun with cars and having fun with cars is what we do best. Everything we do should be evaluated with ‘Is this fun?’”

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Platform Statement of Marcus Merideth

Candidate for SCCA Area 4 Director

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

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



STEVE HARRIS

FOR AREA 4 DIRECTOR

Experienced

- * Solo (ok – I was slow and got lost a lot!)
- * Road Racing (Racer, Steward, Executive Steward)
- * Administration (Regional Executive and Asst. RE)
- * SCCA certified Track Inspector
- * President and CEO of a small business for 25 years

"I have intimate knowledge about how our club functions. I will put my experience to work for you. Let's improve SCCA together."



Member for 23 Years

Endorsed by

- Current Director** Larry Dent
- Past Director** Bob Burns
- Past Director** Erik Skirmants
- Past Director** Peter Hylton
- Past Director** Chuck Shapiro



Steve Harris' Area 4 Condensed Election Platform

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. The Competition Review Board (CRB) does a competent job, but can be improved by having each class represented by an entrant or driver in that class.

way to offset some of the event costs. I am sure there are more ideas out there but continuing on the current path is not the better idea. Working together on the Regional level, we must find a solution and move forward.

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

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

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

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

Past Club Experience

Chairman, Solo Events Board 2005-2007, member 2001-2007
Regional Executive - Detroit Region
Formula SAE SCCA Chairman
Detroit Pro Solo Chairman
Chairman for numerous Regional Solo Events
Solo Safety Steward
Solo Safety Steward Instructor
Solo Youth Steward
Solo Competitor 1987-Present
Regional Road Racing License holder 1999-2002.
Rally Competitor
Pro and Regional Race Crew
Race Volunteer
Member since 1990

Please vote for me in the upcoming election!

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3. I would ask the CRB to simplify our rules so that races can be run with fewer race officials, competitors can police themselves, and the race officials would be more pro-active to assist competitors.

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

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

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

1. SCCA Enterprises should be a key component in building the brand. I have already detailed a plan with Erik Skirmants, President of SCCA Enterprises and we believe it is a great method of recruiting new members into SCCA and generating increased revenues for the club.
2. SCCA University can build the brand. It can be used to train our volunteers, insure and certify them. Certified volunteers should reduce our insurance costs, build respect for our specialties and make them a valuable asset to other sanctioning bodies.
3. Really hip jackets, shirts and shoes build the brand. SCCA can be branded to appeal to youth, which then brings them into the club.
4. The Street Survival Program should be expanded. This program focuses on young driver training. In 2008 we will do 28-30 such schools. The momentum of these programs should be capitalized by creating affiliated High School chapters of SCCA. This builds the brand with the youth market. We could be a force for High School affiliated driver training. The public exposure and PR are invaluable.
5. Media exposure builds the brand. Product placement through movies or a movie based around the Runoff™ would be ideal. Look what "The Fast and the Furious" did for the car tuner industry. My own company has had placements with movies like *Jurassic Park* and *12 Monkeys*. It is not that difficult to interface with Hollywood.
6. Contract with a gaming company to create a video game based upon the SCCA Runoffs™, RallyCross or Solo Nationals. This also enhances our value with sponsors who want their name associated within the game. But more importantly, it teaches the pattern for young people how to compete within SCCA.
7. Publicity and Sponsorships require coordinated expertise. We need a full time staff position dedicated to this important function for club racing, solo and rally, with a portion of the revenue generated from this effort allocated to the Regions so that the sponsorships are meaningful and enforced across the entire club.

BUILDING MEMBER EQUITY – OWNING THE PLAYGROUND I will work to establish an SCCA owned/invested track within Great Lakes Division. The SCCA owned/invested track will include a Solo site.

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

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

PERSONAL Married 34 years, two kids BS, Chemical Engineering SCCA Member 23 years
Regional Executive and Asst. RE of Western Ohio Region. Raced SCCA Solo for several years.
SCCA National Competition License - Sports2000 and FC
Owned and prepped for an SCCA Pro team and an IMSA Pro team.
President/CEO of a successful high tech business for over 25 years. Chairman of the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery
Concourse d' Elegance for 10 years, an event supported by WOR-SCCA and over 100 volunteers.
Member, Board of Trustees – Dayton Museum of Natural History Member, Board of Trustees – Boonshoft Museum of Discovery
Advisory Boards – Cedarville University, Sinclair Community College, National Association of Industrial Technology (NAIT), Robotics Industries Association (RIA), BEST Robotics,
Executive Steward – Central Division and Great Lakes Division 2004 – present; Responsible for 4 Spring Training Meetings & 2 Roundtables.
Authored many new training materials for the Stewards Program that have been used nationally.
Authored the Steward Strategic Plan for the National Stewards Program and presented it at the 2008 National Convention.
Although provided a budget by Great Lakes Division, I have never used that budget or charged the Division for any of my expenses.

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

Thank you in advance for your vote.

Steve Harris

September was a great month for Solo. With the Indy region "Nationals Warmup" event, then the Nationals in Topeka, KS (see Nationals article elsewhere in this issue), it was one to remember. We tried something new at the September 7th event at Grissom, and it worked out very well. Two courses in one day, three runs on each course for six total runs. Combine your best times from each course for your total time. An event like that took setting up the courses and grid the day before by a few members: Raleigh and Velma Boreen (thanks Raleigh for two great courses!), Geoff Chambers, Will Lahee, Darren Daubenspeck and Larry Harts.

The day started with the course being a little wet from a brief rain shower the night before, but quickly dried out when the sun showed up. Everyone brought their car to grid, and the setup ended up working out beautifully! This was easily one of my favorite events of the year. The teamwork was just outstanding from all members of our club who were there. Thank you!

As for times on those courses, Michael LeVeque showed us the way on both courses with the fastest combined FTD in Steve Brinkerhoff's Ultralite. Top PAX went to your course designer Raleigh Boreen in his Mazda Miata. Full results from the event and all events can always be seen on the Indy Region website. You can also see the current class points and Tovey Cup points standings.

October will bring the last two points events of the season, with the Aussie Pursuit on the 5th, and the last event at Grissom on the 26th. A word about Grissom: this is a great concrete site and we have had pretty good attendance there this year. It is really worth the drive if you have never competed on that surface. With the rumors still floating around about the Solo Nationals possibly changing sites and going back to a concrete surface next year (nothing is final yet), now would be a good time to get some seat time on the best concrete surface in the state. Attendance will

certainly increase at a place like Grissom if Solo Nationals ends up somewhere on concrete. Stay tuned.



This is OUR Club

The Worker Invitational will be at 16th Street on November 2nd. There will soon be a worker list posted on the website, and at the next two Solo events. If you think you should be on this list, please contact Mike Benz.

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! Come see Mike and Will at an event to see what you can do to help. No experience required, only a "can-do" attitude.

2008 Remaining Event Schedule:

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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"Racing here for me is muscle memory. Running at the limit is just kind of average. You are always trying to go as fast as you can go. If you can do it one lap, the next lap can be just as easy until you get tired." –Paul Newman

16th St Kangaroo Chase (Sometimes called an Australian Pursuit?)



Indianapolis Region Solo2 Series Sunday, October 5 Points event number 7

Location: 16th St. Speedway Rain or Shine (Them Kangaroos are FAST in the rain!!)

Sorry, no karts 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.

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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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Sept 7 Nationals Warmup Double Down Results Grissom

Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time
Super Stock		C Prepared		Street Modified	
Jack Tovey	1:51.718	Robert Richwine	1:53.193	Brian Britten	1:50.566
Joe Wade	1:53.293	C Prepared Ladiews		Michael Benz	1:54.011
A Stock		Kathy Lewis	0:00.000	Street Modified Street Tire	
Shahab Sakha	1:52.359			Tony Johnson	1:46.482
C Stock		D Modified		Kevin Miller	1:47.398
Darren Daubenspeck	1:45.927	Michael LeVeque	1:34.766	Jason Proksch	1:49.643
Geoff Gallup	1:49.158	Fast Time of the Day		Jay Warfel	1:50.459
Wes Hamilton	1:57.159	Stephen Brinkerhoff	1:37.948	Chris French	1:50.640
D Stock		Paul Snyder	2:10.435	James Priest	1:51.173
Vincent Vergara	1:51.844	E Modified		Travis Camp	1:52.108
Roland Bayly	1:53.818	Steve Tamandli	1:37.417	Dan Levey	1:54.251
Mark Corso	2:07.381	Lee Miller	1:41.065	Dale Brier	1:54.607
F Stock		Warren Leveque	1:41.239	Benjamin Newburn	1:55.063
Chris Hacker	1:52.289	Scott Lewis	1:42.403	Chris Snyder	1:55.921
Sean Murphy	1:54.666	Mark Scott	1:48.520	Grant George	2:01.036
Grant Sollenberger	2:20.084	Ben Scott	1:52.805	Michael Bickett	2:01.272
G Stock		F Modified		Street Modified 2	
Sam Centellas	1:53.418	Charles Lameron	0:00.000	Sean Seamon	1:48.801
Hermen Diaz	2:02.532				
Max Wade	2:04.400	Street Touring S		Expert	PAX Adj.
H Stock		Travis Robuck	1:45.766	Raleigh Boreen	1:23.573
Melissa Britten	1:54.461	Mike DeArmond	1:46.334	PAX FTD	
Dick Powell	2:05.006	Kyle Roland	1:52.586	Larry Harts	1:23.746
Justin Hayden	2:14.431	Bob Miller	1:55.768	Geoffrey Chambers	1:24.287
		Jason Massey	1:55.863	Brian Davis	1:24.611
A Street Prepared		Curtis Wade	1:56.033	Will Lahee	1:24.845
Bart Monnin	1:43.316	Nathan Kinney	2:05.768	Kevin Kent	1:25.720
Phil Wehman	1:46.472	Street Touring S 2		Gustavo Hammerly	1:26.937
C Street Prepared		Jonathan Hayes	2:03.148	Velma Boreen	1:27.157
Ted Drummond	1:47.370	Street Touring X		Expert	Raw Time
Mark Galovic	1:47.851	John Ryan	1:52.714	Raleigh Boreen CSP	01:37.6
Jeff Alexander	1:50.619	Bryan Welch	1:55.482	Larry Harts HS	01:45.7
Tom Walgamuth	1:51.923	Jordan Huibregtse	1:57.191	Geoffrey Chambers STS2	01:43.0
Bryan Alexander	1:53.263	Henry Pena	1:59.970	Brian Davis STS	01:43.7
D Street Prepared		John Ryan Jr	2:00.002	Will Lahee STS	01:44.0
Chad Murfin	1:55.955	Nelson Collado	2:00.281	Kevin Kent STU	01:43.3
Jay Jenkins	1:59.700	Street Touring Ultra		Gustavo Hammerly STS2	01:46.3
E Street Prepared		Chuck McMillion	1:41.358	Velma Boreen CSP	01:41.8
Keith Margraf	1:45.747	Justin McCatchy	1:44.721		
John Fehring	1:46.017	Nick Myers	1:45.711		
Brian Karns	1:47.328	Matthew Jordan	1:51.620		
James Fehring	1:52.941	Marshall Radwin	1:52.251		
		Rick Huibregtse	1:56.624		
		Todd Wynn	2:00.728		

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



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Indy Regional Solo Series Points Event 8 "Season Lands at Grissom"



Indianapolis Region Solo Series
Sunday, October 26th, 2008 Rain or Shine
Location: **Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN**

Karts Allowed at this Event.

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Solo Is: Cooperation

By Warren LeVeque

About ten years ago, when I wanted to secure track days for our Marque club, I sought out other clubs to unite with to afford the expenses and manpower. This worked exceedingly well and all had a great time. The addition of other clubs was a great learning experience.

In recent years, clubs have been able to go it alone for road racing, track and autocross events. The huge surge in expenses, fees, insurance, and towing have brought this independence to a close. The report is that road racing venues have suffered drops in attendance of about 30% for the last two years. Do you see a trend here?

Recently my club requested assistance from other clubs in putting on an extravaganza event and for various good reasons didn't get the help. I hope that they are never in the begging for help position. We persevered and had a great event, due to much volunteering---it might have even been a better event for it.

But it has certainly got me to thinking about the situation. It's a "no man is an island" sort of thing. I saw relatively poor attendance at the recent Divisional Solo Championships. I've seen as few as 30 entrants for some other airport events. I've seen rival clubs scheduling on top of each other---the Divisionals for example.

The thinking that "I'll just go next time" is not valid anymore. A few non paying events and there won't be any

next time. We have to support each other.

Events just cannot be secret and exclusive. Sometimes it is hugely difficult to verify the existence of a particular event or the entry process. In these trying financial times, it doesn't take much to deter ones attendance. Club newsletters and flyers are becoming very rare. It shouldn't be so difficult to verify a club's existence or pass news forward. I fondly keep copies of old newsletters as part of my fun history.

Road racing clubs should consider combining efforts, the pride of hosting "OUR" venue is not relevant anymore. I have seen good news of autocross clubs having "challenge" events with other clubs; this is good news.

There is currently an effort by SCCA to eliminate all 25 years old or older cars. This seems to be their method to insure a move toward "youth" participation, to the exclusion of older Marque cars. Don't just think in terms of Jags, Alfas, MGs and Corvairs as older Marque cars; just how soon will a Datsun, Honda Civic, or even a Camaro or Firebird be an older excluded car? I love watching the older Corvettes and Pony cars run, especially in their original (older) livery. Are we going to eliminate the cars that our clubs were based on?

Cooperation is continued existence and FUN!

14 Indy Region Members at Solo Nationals

By Will Lahee

The 36th Annual SCCA Solo Nationals were held September 16th-19th at Heartland Park in Topeka, Kansas, and Indianapolis region was represented well with 14 entrants in the event. Over a thousand of the best soloists nationwide descended upon Topeka to claim 70 individual National Championships in both open and Ladies Solo classes.

Indianapolis Region competitors included: Dan Stone in CS, Mark Lamm in CM, Randall Turner in CM, Brent Cary in CM, Stephen Geiger in CM, Clemens Burger in BM, Raleigh Boreen in CSP, Velma Boreen in XPL (more on that later), Stephen Brinkerhoff in DM, Michael LeVeque in DM, Travis Robuck in STU, Chuck McMillion in STU, Brian Davis in STS, and Will Lahee in STS. Thank you all for representing the Indianapolis Region so well in Topeka.

For those that have never been to the SCCA Solo Nationals, try to imagine the largest autocross you have ever been to, then turn the volume up about 10 notches. The event is huge. Four days of competition on two courses and thousands of individual runs is no small task to complete. To cap it all off, two awards banquets with many trophies handed out to the best of the best in our club is a fantastic event to witness.

Also at these award ceremonies some special awards are given out. The Solo Cup Award is one of them. The Solo Cup is presented to the SCCA member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Solo Events Program. The winner is selected by the Solo Events Board from nominations submitted by the membership at large. This year's winners we hold very dear in the Indianapolis region, as a very surprised Raleigh and Velma Boreen received the award to at least a 5 minute standing ovation of the membership at the Wednesday evening awards banquet. Congratulations to Raleigh and Velma; if you see them sometime, make sure you let them know how much they deserve that award!

Steve Brinkerhoff and Michael LeVeque started the competition for the Indy region by competing on day 1 and 2 in Steve's Purple Ultralite. Michael got to drive the car he helped build in his first Nationals. Proving how hard this sport is, he unfortunately hit cones on all his day 1 runs while finishing 15th. Steve fared a little better, proving that the co-driver doesn't always come out on top finishing 11th.

Also competing on day 1 and 2 were Indy rookies Travis Robuck and Chuck McMillion. Chuck also had problems with cones on day 1, finishing 31st. Travis fared a bit better in Chuck's black Subaru Impreza STI by finishing 19th.

Velma Boreen competed in XPL in a CSP car. She switched to a day 1 and 2 class since she thought that work needed her back in Indy. Turns out she could have stayed in CSP, as her workplace said to stay out in Topeka on vacation! Velma finished up 3rd in XPL in an under-prepared car for the class, still posting respectable times.

Days 3 and 4 saw the remainder of the Indy Region compete. CM was the biggest class represented with 4 competitors in 2 cars. Brent Carey and Stephen Geiger piloted Brent's Red Reynard to a 9th and 13th place finish, respectively in a very close CM class. Mark Lamm and Randall Turner drove Mark's orange and white Dulon to 3rd and 8th, respectively. Mark claimed the 3rd place trophy in CM,

behind by only .294 to the winner. Mark was in contention the whole event for a National Championship. Maybe next year, Mark.

CSP saw one Indy competitor in Raleigh Boreen, who co-drove his red Mazda Miata with a friend from Hawaii in Michael Parker. Yes, this further proves that the Boreens have friends absolutely everywhere! Michael finished in 23rd, while Raleigh came in 15th in a tough CSP field.

Dan Stone competed in CS with his silver Pontiac Solstice. Cone trouble on day 1 forced Dan to take his first run, which he ran very safe. He just couldn't make up much ground on the second day, finishing 24th. His co-driver, Tim McIntosh from the Detroit Region finished up in 11th. The good news for Dan was that he had already taken home the 2008 CS championship for ProSolo, so not all was lost. Good job, Dan.

Clemens Burger battled 13 time National Champion Tommy Saunders from Texas for the BM crown. Clemens eventually finished 2nd to Tommy in his blue and white LeGrand Mk18. It should be noted that the LeGrand was damaged 2 weeks before Nationals in an incident that injured Clemens' normal co-driver, Joan Karnas. Clemens says she is doing fine, and should be back in the car soon. We wish her all the best.

Brian Davis and Will Lahee competed in a tough STS field in Brian's white Honda Civic Si. Will had cone problems on day 2, which dropped him to a 26th finish in class. Proving once again that this is hard stuff, especially for the rookies (three of the four Indy rookies hit cones on all of their runs in at least one of their competition days). Brian stayed clean for the majority of his runs to end up tied for the 9th trophy spot. That's right, TIED to the thousandth of a second after 2 days with Milwaukee's Craig Mankiewicz. The tiebreaker (each competitor's second runs on both days) gave the 9th place trophy to Brian and dropped Craig to the 10th and final trophy spot in the class.

Congratulations to the Indy Region trophy winners and all who attended the 2008 SCCA Solo Nationals. We are proud of you as you represented our region very well. Now for next year...let's try to bring home more trophies and have more of our members make the trip, wherever the 2009 event may be!

Nationals Results:

BM – Clemens Burger 2nd (Trophy Winner)
CM – Mark Lamm 3rd (Trophy Winner) .294 out of first
STS – Brian Davis 9th (Trophy Winner)
CS – Dan Stone 24th (cone trouble day 1); Pro Solo Champion in CS for the year!
XPL – Velma Boreen 3rd
CM – Randall Turner 8th
CM – Brent Cary 9th
DM – Stephen Brinkerhoff 11th
CM – Stephen Geiger 13th
CSP – Raleigh Boreen 15th
DM – Michael LeVeque 15th (cones all 1st day)
STU – Travis Robuck 19th
STS – Will Lahee 26th (cones all 2nd day)
STU – Chuck McMillion 31st (cones all 2nd day)

The Rally Report: Checkpoint 9

By Chuck Hanson

Where has the year gone? The September event is already history. The October event will be named "The Indy District Drive" and will be held on Sunday, Oct. 19. Details at the end of the article.

I do not have a lot of details about the September event because I got sick on Saturday night and missed the event. My apologies to Sam and Beth for leaving them holding the rope at the last minute. They measured up to the task, however, and got through it OK. I guess that the urge to find all of the answers overcame the sense of time since I saw a lot of special penalties for exceeding the time limit. Well, that is why there is a time limit!

The 2009 season is starting to shape up. Last month I mentioned that Dan Cook has agreed to develop an event for March or April. Ted Drummond and Cara Rondot have committed to doing a Halloween event, obviously in October. Sam passed on a message from Randy Hall that Columbus has an event under development that could make it onto next years calendar. I would like to get at least two more independently produced events to go with the three that I have promised to write. That would give us a total of eight events, which would make for a pretty good local series. (The points rules state that competitors have to work one event in a manner that prevents their participation as a competitor. Rallymaster, pre-checker, and control worker all meet this criteria. However, rallymaster is the only one that gets you points toward the Local Championship.)

The General Instructions for the October rally will be posted on the web site by October 9. Feel free to study these and e-mail questions to me by October 17. 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. (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.

- Oct. 19 – The Indy District Drive – Wendy Harrison & Susan Vogt (GTA only)
- Nov. 1 - Mystery Halloween Rally - Ted Drummond and Cara Rondot
- 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 Campaign County Sports Car Club in Champaign, IL that is putting on a pretty nice series of events. I ventured back over for the Sept. 27 event and ran with their member, Jon Flora. They have another very interesting event coming up on Oct. 11. I have asked John Wilmoth to place the flyer for the event on the web site. It will be a roughly 200 mile tour of the Wabash River valley with stops at lots of historic places and lunch in Lafayette, IN. Start is at the MacDonald's at the Oakwood exit from I-74 (Exit 205) which is about 15 miles into Illinois.

Finally, a special thank you to those who called to inquire about my progress on the National Rally circuit. I am in first place in the Expert Class – Course Series. I will be in New Jersey on Oct. 12, attempting to put a lock on at least a share of the title. That would take a lot of the pressure off going into the USRRC in Portland, OR the end of the month. I am modestly optimistic about my chances, but the fact is that I have choked both of the last two years.

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Road To Providence Rally Results September 21, 2008

Type	Class	In Class	Driver	Navigator	Car Type	Points
GTA	Exp	1	Randy Hall Columbus, IN	Jay Nogan Nineveh, IN	Dodge	5
GTA	Nov	1	Wendy Harrison Indianapolis, IN	Susan Vogt Indianapolis, IN	VW	18
GTA	Nov	2	Mike Poynter Indianapolis, IN	Matt Maliejczyk Greenwood, IN	Ford	21
GTA	Exp	2	Cara Rondot Indianapolis, IN	Ted Drummond Indianapolis, IN	VW	39

THE INDY DISTRICT DRIVE

Sixth Rally for 2008! Sunday, October 19

Rallymasters Wendy and Susan invite you to Have Fun in Indy. A GTA rally for All to enjoy!

Starting at: Parking lot next to Multi-Zone, 418 N. Alabama

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

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Mystery Halloween Rally

Seventh Rally for 2008! Saturday, November 1

Rallymasters Ted Drummond and Cara Rondot have prepared a Halloween Rally to scare the FUN into you!!

Starting at: New Palestine, check website for exact location. End Location to be divulged at Drivers Meeting.

Registration starts 6:00 PM Drivers Meeting 6:45 PM First Car out at 7:00 + car number

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.

Runoffs Qualification and Indy Region Entries

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.

This year, we have 12 drivers who qualified for the runoffs in their class in Great Lakes Division, 9 of whom have sent entries. Most of our Racers have competed at the runoffs before, some winning Championships, and some getting Podium Positions. We also have two Formula Ford Drivers who will be going to the runoffs for the first time, and in a very competitive class. I will be there crewing for another CenDiv Production Racer, but should find time to talk to our Racers during the week, and will be rooting for a bunch of wins!!

Indy Region Racers National Point Standings as of 9/21

Driver	Place	Races	Pts	Class
Jason Knuteson	1	4	48	F500
James Weida	6	5	17	F500
Bill Partridge	1	4	42	GTL
Bill Baten	2	5	51	T2
Ralph Porter	2	6	50	SSB
Michael Baden	2	5	37	FF
Brad Hayes	3	6	30	FF
Gerry Mason	3	4	37	GT2
Paul Holeman	6	4	15	FM
Qualified, not entered				
John Larue	1	4	35	FC
Jacek Mucha	1	5	24	FA
David Schacht	10	4	13	SRF
John Salisbury	2	4	40	HP

2008 Great Lakes Div Race Schedule with other events

DATE	DRIVERS SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	GREAT LAKES NATIONALS	CENDIV OR MIDIV NATIONALS	OTHER EVENTS
Oct 6 - 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 9/21

Not Runoffs Qualified				
Driver	Place	Races	Pts	Class
Chris Jennerjahn	2	3	19	FV
Brian Jennerjahn	5	2	12	FV
Zach Leeke	13	1	4	FV
Mike Landon	14	2	0	FV
David Bleke	3	2	2	FA
David Bleke	5	2	16	GT2
Bobby Caldwell	5	1	9	FC
Tim Flock	7	1	9	FC
Johnny Reisert	9	1	7	FC
Dennis Brown	8	2	12	SM
Jerry Weida II	9	1	7	F500
Craig Jones	9	1	6	FF
Ben Brinn	19	3	2	SRF
Stu Coomer	21	3	1	SRF

Indy Region Racers Regional Point Standings as of 9/21

Driver	Points
Smith, Charles	42
Dill, Riley	40
Best, Stephen	33
Hayes, Brad	33
White, Russell	25
Ashton, Vincent	24
Flock, Tim	24
Meskauskas, Rock	24
Neylon, Michael	24
Schacht, David	24
Selby, Tim	24
Doyle, Andy	16
Durkee, Matthew	16
Landon, Mike	16
Brinn, Ben	14
Brown, Dennis	12
Doyle, Morey	9
Lameron, Charles	9
Reisert, Johnny	9
Tipton, Patrick	9
Hylton, Peter	7
Linn, Steve	7
Norris, Jeff	6

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

Membership Report By Brian Gard

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

Shahab Sakha	Fishers
Mark Kiccgo	Indianapolis
Steven Miller	Indianapolis

We look forward to seeing you at an Indy Region event in the near future. With the addition of these new enthusiasts, the Indy Region is currently 470 members strong.

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

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

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

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

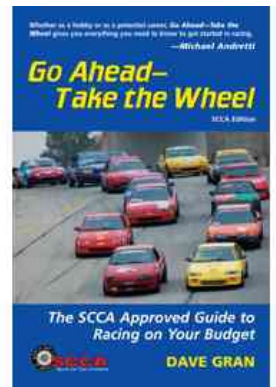
In order to receive credit for referring a new member, the recruit must provide your name and membership number when they sign up. This may be done via SCCA.com (preferred), phone, fax or mail.

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

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

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

So next time someone does approach you asking how they can begin racing, just point them to the SCCA Collection website (www.SCCACollection.com) 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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Non-members. Clutch Chatter is a valuable tool for recruiting new members into the region, and drawing participants to our events. Our plan is to add non-member competitors to the mailing list for two months. If they participate in another event during the two months, then they stay on the list for two more months.

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

Opt-In/ Opt-Out Form

Return completed form to:
Dick Powell
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Indianapolis IN 46229

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

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

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

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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

*Spouse must be regular member's legal spouse.

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

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

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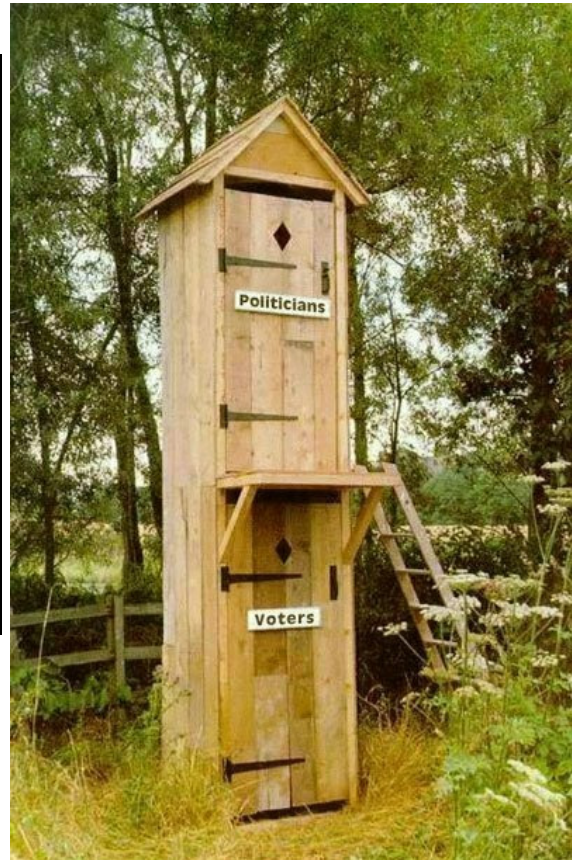
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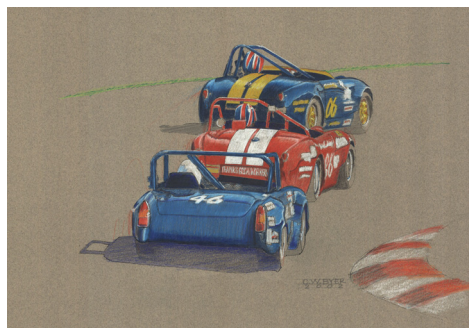
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