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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| August 3 | CNO- GT South's Barbecue |
| August 15 | Solo Points #5- 16th Street |
| August 21 | Indy Eastside Youth Charity Rally |
| August 21 | Subaru Challenge |
| August 28,29 | Test and Tune/Aussie- Grissom |
| September 7 | CNO- Dooley O'Tooles |
| September 19 | Points Event #6- 16th Street |
| September 25 | TBA Rally |
| September 26 | FWR "Hoosier Challenge" (non-points) FWR hosted challenge event- Grissom Aeroplex |
| October 5 | CNO- GT South's Barbecue |
| October 10 | Points Event #7- Terre Haute Airport |
| October 24 | Worker Invitational- 16th Street |
| October 31 | Regional GTA Rally |
| November 2 | CNO- Dooley O'Tooles |
| November 27 | Regional Course/Tour/GTA Rally |

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National SCCA: www.scca.org
GLdivision: www.greatlakes.scca.org
Solo Info Sites: www.autocross.com

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/indyscca>



It's that time of the year when whoever sits in this position asks members to give consideration to serving the Region as an elected or appointed officer. Well, I'm asking, would all of you please seriously consider serving the Region and your fellow members by being a Board member or Program Chair. There isn't a single spot on the Board or a single Chair position that is off limits, they are all open. If you want to run for a position, by all means, please do. Right now we have several Board positions open. Activities Chair is currently un-occupied, the current Membership Chair is leaving the position as well as the Clutch Chatter Editor. All I ask is for every member to seriously consider it and act if you feel compelled.

The Region is also in need of volunteers to head up the Election Committee. We need a group of 5 to run the election according to the By-laws and they cannot be sitting Board members. Anyone interested please contact me or attend the next BoD meeting on the November 14th at Dooley O'Toole's.

Looks as it we will have a Club Race program next year. The Race Committee is working on 2 events; A National / Restricted Regional at Gingerman in April and double Regional on ORP's oval in June.

Solo is wrapping up another successful season with only the last points event at Terre Haute and the Worker's Invitational at 16th St. left to run. If you haven't run a Solo yet this year, you have one more chance to run and qualify for the Worker's Invitational.

Speaking of 16th St. IUPUI and Wishard Hospital have leased the Bush Stadium lot for overflow parking during the week. Right before our last event there, we were surprised to find that 2 emergency call boxes had been installed with one in a really poor spot for us. This means at best there will be a single course we can use from now on and the worst being we may not be able to use Bush Stadium any longer. Keep your eyes peeled for new potential sites within Indy!

Rally has 2 events left this year also. The next up is the Indy Halloween Rally. This one is GTA only and a lot of fun. If you've not done a rally this year, at least do this one, there's bonus points for costumes! The November rally is the last competitive event of the year. Get one last event in before the snow flies!

Until next month.

Cheers,

Dave



This is a synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD September 9, 2010 at Dooley O'Tooles, 6:30 PM. There were 6 directors and 1 guests present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Old Business Dave brought the board up to date on the ongoing situation with Bryan Deane and the region's property that Bryan still has possession of.

Treasurers Report Treasurers report was not available at the time of the board meeting.

Clutch Chatter Need to get articles to Pauletta by 16th.

Membership Current membership is 415.

Activities Dave has assumed the responsibility for organizing the annual banquet.

Rally Wendy Harrison presented the report from Chuck. Wendy reported that there were 7 cars for the last rally and all were weekend memberships. The September 25 rally is on in Bloomington. Ted's Rally will be on October 30.

Race Dave and Andy travelled to Gingerman to introduce themselves. OVR has approached the region about using our name in a double national. The region has declined the request.

Solo Scott Thomas resigned as the solo chair for the remainder of the 2010 season. Scott informed the board that he has taken a job in Nashville, TN and will be moving soon.. He reported the September 19 solo was just about ready to go. Pauletta has taken over as the solo chair for the remainder of the 2010 solo season. Dave reported that the Aussie went well and we had 16 cars. Scott reported that we had 17 cars that participated in the Test 'N Tune. Everyone wished Scott the best of luck in his new job.

New Business Dave reported that Bob sold the old bus without a title for \$200.

Next BOD meeting scheduled for October 14 at O'Tooles. Meeting was adjourned.

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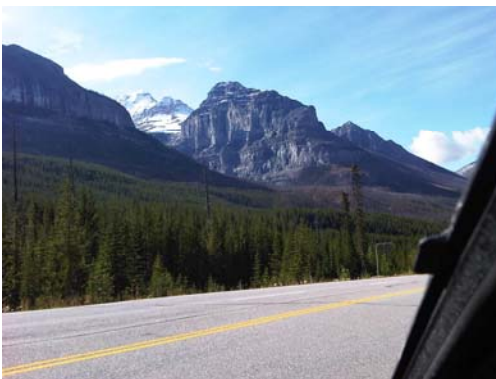
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Dateline: Indianapolis

Judy, the Contour (Connie), and myself have arrived safely home in Indianapolis after an expedition that covered 13,216 miles over 36 days. On the morning of Sept. 25 I went to take the Contour to the Sept. rally and it refused to start. Judy said that Connie was afraid that I was planning on taking her on another expedition and was telling me NO! However, with a little persuasion from the booster cables we did get to the event and had a pleasant day. Fortunately she never got it in her head to say that during the trip.

Did I mention last month that the Alcan5000 is more of an adventure than a TSD rally? Well, it is, and an incredible adventure at that. The rally started in Kirkland, Washington which is just north of Seattle. The first two days were occupied getting from there to Dawson Creek, British Columbia which is on the far northeast corner of BC at the top of the Rocky Mountain range. It is also the location of Mile 0 of the famous Alcan Highway that was built during WWII as a supply route for the military. The Alcan Highway remains the only direct overland route to Alaska, and although it is now paved it is still an arduous 1422 miles to its official end at Delta Junction, AK which is still 260 miles from Fairbanks, AK and 400 miles from Anchorage, AK.

Each day we had 10 to 30 miles of TSD rally and 8 to 10 timed controls. Following that we would have some 300 to 500 miles of transit through the most awesome geography that you can imagine, and maybe finishing the day with another 10 to 30 miles and 8 to 10 timed controls. As you can tell, most of it was devoted to sight-seeing.



And such sightseeing! Mountain ranges with peaks near 20,000 feet high separated by broad valleys with what is called Boreal forest. The Alcan Highway attempted to traverse the flattest route between Dawson Creek and Delta Junction which didn't keep it from having to go over a couple of mountain ranges with passes near 7,000 feet. We on the rally, however, got to explore more of the alternate routes that took us over more mountain passes such as the South Canol Highway (an actual numbered Yukon highway) that was also built during the war to service an early oil pipeline and which felt like it hadn't been serviced since 1943. When we were fueling at Ross River, Yukon (which is in what we refer to as an Indian Reservation) at the north end of the South Canol we were asked by locals what we were doing and where we were going. When we said we were going down the South Canol their eyebrows were raised, and they said "In cars?" like we must be nuts. Have to say that we would not have made it without our RE's fabrication skills on the light bar and skid plate. Thanks Dave! I no longer consider either to be "over engineered."



Then there is the tundra! It isn't flat, although it is obviously flatter than the mountains. Really quite choppy with low hills and lots of lake / ponds. Home to Cariboo, Moose, Bears, Wolves, Swans, Ducks, etc. Not a lot of people, so not a place where it would have been very pleasant had Connie decided to get in a snit about the way I was treating her. And always on the horizon: the next mountain range with its glaciers.



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May, July, September,
November



Solo Report

By: Pauletta Dusterberg

I would like to thank Scott Thomas for all his hard work on the 2010 Solo Season. For those who do not know, Scott has taken a job in Nashville, TN effective immediately. He has moved to TN, but we hope he will return for a few events yet this year. Hope to see him at the Awards Banquet.

I have agreed to finish out the 2010 Solo Season as the Solo Chair. I can't say how much I appreciate the great group of folks we have in place to run each event. Thanks to them, there isn't much for the solo chair to do at the event itself. Most of the work has to be done prior to the event.

Big Thanks to:

Bob Miller-Timing and Scoring chief, Bus chief
Geoff Chambers-Course Chief
Kyle Roland, Tech Chief
Darren Daubenspeck, Radio Man
Dave Dusterberg, Waiver Chief, assistant Radio Man
Pauletta Dusterberg, Registration Chief

Hope I didn't miss anyone. We have a great group of members who step up and do whatever is needed at the events. What a great Region to be a part of.

The August 21 event was successful with seven entries, five of which were new to the program. This was a Charity Rally with the profits of \$135 benefiting the "Connected by 25 Youth Leadership Board." Thanks to Wendy Harrison, Susan Vogt, and the Riley Area Development Corp. for making this event a success.

Ron Conrad and Andy Kowalczyk worked with the recently formed Sports Car Club at Indiana University on board as a co-sponsor of a "back to school" themed event. The event started in Bloomington and explored some really fun roads in that area. Although we only got two entries from the University, Ron is optimistic about the future. It was, after all, very near the beginning of the school term and there was limited advance publicity. This will be helped in the future as Ron is now in charge of club publicity. For the record, Andy found some really outstanding roads for this event. Some of them were almost as twisty as a Solo course. Andy has promised to start work on an event for 2011. Great!!

Our next event on the local schedule, and the first event of the 2011 National season will be Ted Drummond's annual Halloween cemetery crawl. If you haven't experienced one of these, you really ought to put it on your personal schedule. (Steve Linn, we are particularly looking for you since you started this concept so many years ago).

The final event of the season will be the last weekend in November and is planned as another in my series of "Universal" rallies; i.e. competitors choice to run as a Course, Tour, or GTA event for national points.

Rally is one of the oldest forms of competitive activity in SCCA. It is the only one that is a team activity. Come out and give it a try. You may be surprised about how much fun it is.

2010 Potential Rally Dates

| Date | Name | Type | Rallymaster |
|---------|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Oct. 31 | Halloween Rally | Regional GTA | Ted Drummond |
| Nov. 27 | Nov. Can Be Nasty or Nice | Regional Course / Tour / GTA | Chuck Hanson |

With the 2010 'non-season' behind us, the Race Committee has decided to take a different approach for 2011. We've been asked to host a National early in the spring and we're working with Gingerman Raceway to make that happen in April. We're also intending to return to ORP for an event in June, this time on the oval. We're planning on it being a 1 day double Regional with only a few class restrictions. Steve Linn has stepped up to be the Event Chair for the ORP event and he's getting some positive early feedback from competitors. This could turn out to be a very fun event.

As things get firmed up, I'll report more.

Dave

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Back To School Rally Results

Class E

| Position | Driver | Status | Navigator | Status | Make | Score |
|----------|----------------|--------|-----------------|--------|---------|-------|
| 1 | Ted Drummond | Member | Craig Beidelman | Member | Hyundai | 1 |
| 2 | Wendy Harrison | Member | Susan Vogt | Member | VW | 4 |

Class N

| Position | Driver | Status | Navigator | Status | Make | Score |
|----------|----------------|---------|------------------|---------|-------|-------|
| | Zachary | | | | | |
| 1 | Kowalczyk | Weekend | Julie McLenachen | Weekend | Mazda | 3 |
| 2 | Adam Ause | Weekend | Paul Ause | Weekend | Chevy | 5 |
| 3 | Matt Krzywicki | Weekend | Steve Liehr | Weekend | BMW | 7 |



2010 Runoffs Results for Indy Region Racers

| Driver | Class | Qual | Finish | Note |
|----------------|-------|------|--------|-----------------------|
| Ralph Porter | SSB | 12 | 4 | BMW Z4 replacing Mini |
| Jacek Mucha | CSR | 2 | 4 | |
| John Larue | FC | 4 | 5 | |
| Bobby Caldwell | FC | 6 | 6 | |
| Jacek Mucha | FA | 6 | 6 | |
| Bill Partridge | GTL | 17 | 13 | |



Indy Eastside Youth Charity Rally Results

Class E

| Position | Driver | Status | Navigator | Status | Make | Score |
|----------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|---------|----------|-------|
| 1 | Ted Drummond | Member | Cara Rondot | Weekend | Hyundai | 2 |
| 2 | Craig Beidelman | Member | Karen Beidelman | Weekend | Chrysler | 4 |

Class N

| Position | Driver | Status | Navigator | Status | Make | Score |
|----------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| 1 | Aaron Reel | Weekend | Nikki Moore | Weekend | GMC | 1 |
| 2 | Kristy Cook | Weekend | Celine Harrisons | Weekend | Dodge | 3 |
| 3 | Nora Campbell | Weekend | Gary Reiter | Weekend | Hyundai | 14 |
| 4 | Danni Harrison | Weekend | Keishon Jackson | Weekend | Honda | 24 |
| 5 | Tessie Lloyd-Jones | Weekend | Becky Lloyd-Jones | Weekend | Honda | 36 |



Labor Day Weekend – now that’s a Duesy!!

The annual Auburn Cord Duesenberg festival is held in Auburn, IN over the Labor Day Weekend. This year the promoters of the festival thought it might be fun to have drag races for the Duesenbergs. Our region was asked to use our Solo timing system to time the second lane, with Fort Wayne Region timing the first lane, and the ¼ mile measured on the runway at Kendallville Airport. I wondered how many people would take these 80 year old cars, for which there are typically no spare parts, and actually race them. Imagine my surprise when nearly 70 cars lined up for a parade from Auburn to Kendallville, and most of them wanting to race their cars.

We got there early to set up, then had to wait for the course to be measured and marked, and then another delay while the promoters set up a photo op with all the Duesenbergs together on the runway. After they got the pictures and started getting the cars back to their display area, they started running the drags before we were able to get the timing system in place. We were actually going on the “track” between cars to try lining up the reflectors, and consequently only got a few times before the drags were over. The faster cars were making the ¼ mile in about 18 seconds, which may not seem like much until you consider these 2 ½ ton cars were doing that 80 years ago (think about the Model A Ford of the same era). That is a lot of power for 1929!



Dwight Schaubach takes his 1929 Model J Convertible Coupe down the runway.

This was a fun trip, and a great opportunity to see and hear some beautiful old cars having fun in a different environment. If you have never been to the ACD Museum in Auburn, or been there over Labor Day Weekend for the festival, start planning for a trip next year .

Indy Halloween Rally – Saturday October 30th



Registration Begins: 5:00pm

Drivers Meeting: 5:45pm

First Car Off: 6:00pm + car number

Meet: South East corner of the Edinburgh Outlet Mall at exit 76B off of I-65. That is the Taylorsville exit, south of Indianapolis. We will be in the parking lot on the side between the mall and I-65. You will be able to see us from the interstate just before you exit.

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

It is a self-plot rally. You will be handed a map of the entire area with all of the possible locations marked on it. You have 3 hours to make it to the finish. Get to as many locations and get as many correct answers as you can in that time. There are cemeteries, haunted places and more.

It is an evening into night rally on Saturday October 30, 2010.

Bring a strong flashlight. Team in costume is the first tie-breaker Minimum 2 people per car, a driver and a navigator.

Come early and shop at the mall!

We will finish at the Max & Erma's right next to the mall.

Contact Ted Drummond at thedrumm@comcast.net or Chuck Hanson at dtcgh@verizon.net for more details.



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Indy Region Solo Points Event 7



Indianapolis Region Solo Series

Sunday, October 10, 2010

Rain or Shine

Location: Terre Haute Airport – Terre Haute, IN

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 (can also be found on web site).

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

7:30 - 9:10: Course open for walking

7:30 - 8:50: Registration

7:40 - 9:15: Tech open

9:00 - 9:15: Rookie meeting

9:25 - 9:40: Drivers meeting

10:00 First car off

Cost:

Register on www.myautoevents.com by October 9th @ 12pm:

\$20.00 SCCA Members, \$35.00 for Weekend memberships

For Registration day of event:

\$25.00 for SCCA Members and \$40.00 for Weekend Members.

All payments are made the day of event.

Solo Chairman:

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

www.indyscca.org/SoloPage.html



Indy Region Solo Workers' Invitational



Indianapolis Region Solo Series

Sunday, October 24, 2010

Rain or Shine

Location: 16th Street Stadium – Indianapolis, IN

Sorry, No Karts Allowed at this Event.

Note: A Minor Waiver must be signed by BOTH parents or legal guardians. A parent or legal guardian must accompany all Minors during the entire event. Contact the Solo Chairman for copies of Minor Waivers before the event (can also be found on web site).

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

7:30 - 9:10: Course open for walking

7:30 - 8:50: Registration

7:40 - 9:15: Tech open

9:00 - 9:15: Rookie meeting

9:25 - 9:40: Drivers meeting

10:00 First car off

Cost:

Register on www.myautoevents.com by October 23rd @ 12pm:

\$20.00 SCCA Members, \$35.00 for Weekend memberships

For Registration day of event:

\$25.00 for SCCA Members and \$40.00 for Weekend Members.

All payments are made the day of event.

Solo Chairman:

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