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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Jan 21	Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet — 6:00PM — RAY SKILLMAN'S CLASSIC CARS 1280 US 31 S. Greenwood, IN 46143
Jan 28	Frosty Fairy Tales Rally



Indy Region Connections

Indy Region Home Page:	www.indyscca.org
National SCCA:	www.scca.org
GLdivision:	www.greatlakes.scca.org
Solo Info Sites:	www.autocross.com

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Greetings Indy Region Members!

Well, it's that time of the year again. We've finished a year, successfully, again.

And we've come to that time again where we're going to be holding elections for our Region's offices.

Fred Steinhoff is our Election Chairman, if any of you wish to run for an office, contact Fred (fredfromindy@comcast.net).

Now, I'm sure some of you have heard me catterwalling about the Division Election, and I never told any of you HOW to vote, just get off your ass and vote. Well, approximately 15% of the Division did do that and we can now call Steve Harris, of WOR, Ohio, our new Divisional Director. YIPPEE, YEAH, whatever.

Well, that's about all I have to say. Remember, if you don't want me back, or anyone else, contact Fred Steinhoff and put forth someone's name for election (please ask them first, BEFORE nominating them).

Remember—only you can prevent raunchy elections.

Take care,

Andy



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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. Due to rising costs, the BOD asks that you only opt-in if you cannot access the online version.

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 the month. If they participate in another event during the following month, then they will stay on the list for another month.

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

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Opt-in to continue receiving Clutch Chatter via mail by completing and returning this form.

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Name: _____ SCCA Membership # _____

Address: _____
(address is provided for confirmation purposes only and will not result in an address change)

Your answer to the following question has no bearing on your choice:
Do you have an e-mail address or readily available internet access? Yes _____ No _____

This is a synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD November 10, 2011 at Dooley O'Tooles, 6:30 PM. There were 10 directors and 5 guests present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Old Business Bylaws update report: Dick Powell and Geoff Chambers presented the proposed changes to the Bylaws that will need to be voted on at annual elections. There was good discussion with some additional suggestions. Dick Powell will rewrite and distribute to directors by email for review.

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

Clutch Chatter Josh requested articles be submitted by the 15th of the month for inclusion in the next issue. Dick Powell noted we have not been getting BOD meeting notices in CC; requested Josh include in future.

Website John is doing great keeping the website up to date. He requested anyone having material for the website should submit same by email at earliest convenience to allow him to get it on site quickest.

Membership Wanda reported current membership is 390, still holding steady for this time of year.

Activities Dave is continuing the planning for the annual meeting January 21 at Ray Skillman Classic Car Museum, with catering by Famous Dave's BBQ. Speakers are lined up for a fun evening.

Nick Meyers or Mark Lamm will have their C-Mod car available for the World of Wheels car show. Dave is continuing to recruit cars for display that will tell viewers that they can have fun with their car at SCCA events. Dave requested approval of a budget of \$800 for the show; BOD approved.

Rally The November 26 Rally has been pre-checked and is ready to go.

Chuck and his committee have committed to a Double National Rally for June 23-24, 2012. We will continue to recruit helpers from our members.

Chuck has prepared a preliminary schedule for 2012,

will get together with Pauletta to coordinate with Solo.

Race We have been approached by WOR to co-host a Double Regional at Gingerman in May. After discussion, the directors could not see any advantage to us for this event: BOD voted against.

We have also been approached by Cincinnati Region to co-host a Double Regional at Mid-Ohio in October. Again, no advantage for us: BOD voted against.

Solo Pauletta will order 125 new cones. The oldest and most beat up cones will be used for RallyCross and stored separately.

Next Solo planning meeting will be Tuesday November 29 at O'Tooles. 2012 National Tour event will be at Grissom August 3; Indy Region has been selected to host the event.

RallyCross Program Travis Camp reported our first Rally-Cross Event will be a Test and Tune on December 3 at Friendswood Golf Course in Camby. The property owner has agreed to 4 more events for 2012.

New Business Dick Powell, as Registered Agent for the Indy region Corporation, presented a copy of the Indiana State Business Entity Report, along with the receipt for payment. This verifies the corporation is active status for the year 2012.

Raleigh wants to have Indy Region supporting and promoting a street Survival School in the Indianapolis area for 2012, and future years. Everyone agrees this is a great idea.

Chuck Hanson made a motion to have the Indianapolis Region send the RE and ARE, or their designated representatives, to the National Convention each year. BOD discussed, will review for next meeting.

Charles Lemeran presented a proposal for tracking funds available for future Capital expenditures. Discussions centered around the proposal not changing anything we are currently doing, only adding some extra paperwork. The BOD did not find a reason to incur the additional paperwork. The BOD thanked Charles for his incentive in preparing the proposal.

Meeting was adjourned. Next BOD meeting scheduled for December 8 at Dooley O'Tooles. Meeting was adjourned.

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Involved Member Award

The purpose of the Involved Member Award is to recognize Indianapolis Region members who exhibit exceptional participation during the year. It is not a competition between members. In fact, the more award recipients the better. It is truly a celebration of dedication, support and commitment to Indy Region SCCA.

An Involved member award will be presented to each Indianapolis Region member, 16 years of age and older, who earns a minimum of 800 points in a calendar year by participating in at least two of the following four areas of participation: meetings and other club-sponsored special events, rally, race and solo.

An Involved member award will be presented to each Indianapolis Region junior member, under 16 years of age, who earns a minimum of 400 points in a calendar year by participating in at least two of the areas of participation. The Involved member award will be an embroidered lightweight jacket or fleece. A member will be awarded a jacket only once in every 5 calendar years (example: a winner presented a jacket in 2003 is eligible again in 2008). Repeat awards within the 5 calendar years will be recognized by embroidering of the award year on the jacket.

Points are awarded as follows:

Administrative:

Indy Region Board of Directors	100 per year
Newsletter Editor	100 per year
Webmaster	100 per year
Pointskeeper	100 per year
Program Chair	100 per year
Banquet or Trophy Chair	100 per year

Indy Region Race Events:

Event Chair	400 per event
Event Co/Assistant Chair	250 per event
Working Chief of Specialty	125 per day
Worker	100 per day
Driver/ Crew	50 per day

Indy Region Solo Events:

National/Divisional Event Chair	400 per event
National/Divisional Event Co/Chair	250 per event
Regional Event Chair	100 per event
Regional Event Specialty Chair	75 per event
Regional Driver / Worker	50 per day

Indy Region Rally Events:

National/Divisional Event Rallymaster	400 per event
Regional Rallymaster	200 per event
Rally Pre-Check / Safety Steward	100 per event
Working Chief of Specialty	75 per day
Driver / Navigator / Worker	50 per day

Other Events:

National/Divisional Rally or Solo Registrar	75 per event
GLDiv Roundtable Chair	100 per event
GLDiv Roundtable/SCCA Nat Conv	50 per day
Activities Participation / Awards Banquet	50 per day
Clutch Chatter / Website article/photos	50 per article
Monthly meeting attendance	30 per event

Points are only awarded for Indy Region related events, Great Lakes Roundtable, and SCCA National Convention. There will be no combination of points for a single event; points from only one category may be scored per day. For example, a member who is a worker and a driver on the same day at the same event may only score points for one category or the other. Each member is solely responsible for tracking and reporting their points; no one else will do this for you. To be eligible for an award, the Indy Region member must fill out the attached form or a reasonable facsimile and mail or e-mail it to the Membership Chairman. The form can also be downloaded in Excel format from our website, making tabulation of points easier. All forms must be received no later than December 31st of the year in order to be eligible for an Involved Member Award for that year. Confirming receipt of submitted points is the sole responsibility of the entrant. A person's eligibility will be verified by the Membership Chairman. The IMA will be presented to the winning members at the Annual Awards Banquet for that year.

2011	Involved Member Points			
	Indianapolis Region SCCA			
NAME	Member No.			
Date	Event	How Participated	Points	
		Total		0

**INDY SCCA
ANNUAL MEETING
&
AWARDS BANQUET**

**WHEN: JANUARY 21ST
WHERE: RAY SKILLMAN'S CLASSIC CARS
1280 US 31 S. Greenwood, IN 46143**

TIME: 6:00 PM

HOW MUCH: \$25 PER PERSON

CATERING BY FAMOUS DAVE'S BBQ

NEW THIS YEAR: YOUNG GUN ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

SCHEDULED TO APPEAR: INDYLIGHTS DRIVERS DAN CLARK &

CONOR DALY AS WELL GRAND AM DRIVER ROBERT STOUT

RSVP BY JANUARY 14 TO DAVE DUSTERBERG @

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Six cars turned out for the final rally of the season, including one that came all the way from Lacrosse, WI (to get a jump on the 2012 National season). As usual, Ted and Wendy were slugging it out for the Regional Championship. Bruce introduced an instruction format that was new to the Region; i.e. Logic Diagrams. I was very impressed by how well everybody did sorting them out. They do take a little getting used to.

Each of the first four rallies is actually half of one of the National rallies. January is the second half of The International Road (see ad elsewhere in this issue, or on line). I think that the March rally will be the second half of The National Road, but that hasn't been confirmed. We are hoping that most, if not all of the volunteers for the National weekend will take advantage of one or more of the pre-check events to get a feel for what the National competitors will be doing, not to mention giving Ted some competition for the Competitor of the Year Award.

We have a Rally Committee meeting at 2 PM on Dec. 10 to discuss progress on the June Nationals. This meeting will be at the firehouse on Shelby Street and anybody who would like to volunteer to assist with the preparations is welcome to attend (yes, we are still accepting volunteers).

Below is the tentative rally schedule based on the Solo schedule that was developed at the Nov. 29 meeting at Dooley O'Tooles. Considering the amount of time that it takes to write each rally, this is a very aggressive schedule for the Region. The entire Rally Committee hopes that you will come and enjoy one or more of our offerings.

2012 Rally Dates – Tentative

#	Event Name	Categories	Date	Rallymaster(s)
I.	Frosty Fairy Tales	RC/RT/RG	1/28	Andy Kowalczyk
II.	?	RC/RT/RG	3/31	?
III.	?	RC/RT/RG	5/5	?
IV.	?	RC/RT/RG	6/2	?
-	The National Road The International Road	NC/NT/NG	6/23- 24	Davis/Harrison/Beidelman Andy Kowalczyk
V.	?	RC/RT/RG	7/21	?
VI.	?	RC/RT/RG	8/11	?
VII.	?	RC/RT/RG	9/29	?
VIII.	Halloween Rally	RC/RT/RG	10/27	Ted Drummond
IX.	?	RC/RT/RG	11/?	?

The Haunting of Blue River

By: Chuck Hanson

Event Type (Circle One):

Course

Tour

GTA

Event Name: In Search of the Raintree

SCCA Sanction #: 2011-RC/RT/RG-13-09

Chairman: Charles Hanson

Region: Indianapolis (13)

Event Date: November 26, 2011

No. of Controls: 6

Event Mileage: 54.854

Elapsed Time: 181.23 minutes



Worker Points may only be assigned to Chairman, Rallymaster(s), or Pre-Checker(s)

Worker Points (#1) *R. Bruce Gezon Rallymaster*

Worker Points (#2) *Charles Hanson pre-checker*

Class E

Position	Driver	Member # or Hometown	Status	Navigator	Member # or Hometown	Status	Score
1	Mike Thompson	G1831	Member	Fred Rosevear	32234	Member	124
2	Bob DeMeritt	402692	Member	Marianne DeMeritt	402693	Member	427

Class S

Position	Driver	Member # or Hometown	Status	Navigator	Member # or Hometown	Status	Score
1	Heather Miller		Member	Charles Lemeron	393664	Member	493

Class E

Position	Driver	Member # or Hometown	Status	Navigator	Member # or Hometown	Status	Score
1	Stacy Kowalczyk	8707401	Weekend	Andrew Kowalczyk	424068	Member	3
2	Wendy Harrison	396406	Member	Austin Beidleman	8707402	Weekend	3
3	Ted Drummond	267155	Member	Craig Beidleman	411012	Member	4

*GTA listed order determined by coin toss.



Recently at one of our church's musical programs a younger group performed with an electronic neck of a bass viola, an electronic drum pad, and a keyboard. To me an essence of the music was missing. I missed the sight of the huge bass, the real drum set, and the real piano. I suspect that the performers, "IF" they had ever experienced the real items would have missed the acoustic vibrations and the mechanical feedback. At the very least, the drummer would have missed the bounce back of the sticks and the vibration through the floor and his seat. I recall once when I performed on an electronic piano and the only feedback was from a speaker about 50 feet away. It probably sounded better than it felt, at least I hope.

I understand the need for "modern" instruments. I was the one who transported the huge bass and drum set, and played on the crappy unknown pianos about a half century ago. I have a modern electronic key board and a modern sheet music note pad sitting in my music room, but I often ignore them and use the eighty year old full upright piano and the brown stained old sheet music, just for the missing "essence".

I recently built a ground up replica tube frame/ glass E Mod autocross car. It cured all of the problems inherent in the replicated car. It was a perfect, but totally benign, no personality, excellent pure race car.

Something inside of me still desires the imperfections of the replicated car, warts and all. If it oversteers, that's just part of its essence and charm; I'll just adapt to it. It's recognizable by its vintage era looks and imperfect handling.

Race cars based on production cars should be instantly recognizable. When you see a NASCAR race for example, you only know if it's a Chevy Ford or Toyota by the C, F, or T painted on it. They're all perfect and boring cars underneath. Will the day come when an orchestra's electronic instruments all look alike and only be recognized by the F for Flute, or S for Saxophone painted on them? Of course, they'll all be perfect due to digital sampling. Will the day come in the future when no original is left to sample from?

When announcing at Solo event sometimes someone has to help me recognize the difference between a Mitsubishi

and a Subaru---by where the scoop is placed.

The original Trans Am was interesting for its variety. I used to really look them over to see how they were prepared; now I don't bother, they're all identical and perfect underneath. Formula One was talking about a one engine and chassis concept. We would be talking about a painted on F for Ferrari or an M for McLaren if they had done that.



Everything might as well be a spec series; like which spec Miata will win---red, blue or black.

I really like it when older vintage cars come to our events; like early Shelby Mustangs, and early Corvettes, in their original livery. Yeah, I know that that they been updated to stay competitive, but the essence is still

there. I'll know also that the drivers are experiencing the delicious feedback of unassisted brakes, steering and throttles. There are no servo motors taking the place of cams, gears, levers, rods, or cables. The builders of modified cars surely must enjoy the feedbacks and the sweat to earn them. Of course modern cars will likely win most of the trophies; being perfect and all. I enjoy and appreciate them too.



While I was thinking about this, living-in-the-past, old-codger message, I was over at my 40 year old son Michael's shop. Michael and I both have outrageously modified, just barely non tube frame/glass/carbon fiber/coilovers, CP Corvairs. Michael is all excited about his current Corvair racer project with an all steel body, production car suspension, and vintage appearance. Of course, it is state of the art where it counts, but it will have "essence".



I was forced to drive my oldest vintage car last summer which is the most imperfect of all and can't be improved much and stay vintage. I unbelievably won that day, and had great fun. Maybe you can have essence and a trophy also once in a while.

This is three years later from the above article; Michael has finished the exact rebuild of the YS160 Yenko Stinger, correct in every detail to the car that I road raced in the 70s as he and I can remember it. He even has the original IDs, log books and records. It was raced at this Spring's Walter Mitty at Road Atlanta by the original driver. Michael has completed his schools and raced YS160. Now that is essence!

The earliest motor races began in 1895, notably the Paris-Bordeaux run of over 700 miles and the 50 mile race Frank Duryea won that navigated the city streets of Chicago from Jackson Park on the south lakefront to the north suburb of Evanston. These were point-to-point courses that ran over public roads - today we would call them Rallies!

The earliest race circuits were temporary or permanent re-appropriations of country roads - the Targa Florio (1906), Le Mans (1923), and Spa (1920). Purpose built tracks soon followed. The most memorable were designed to resemble the roadways of the surrounding region: Nürburgring (1927), Road America (1955), and Riverside (1957).

Reflecting the ideals of the late 19th century American urban planners, even the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (golf course and all) is basically a half mile by one mile park with an oval roadway that resembles one of the large urban parks in Chicago's "Emerald Necklace" of Daniel Burnham and Frederick Law Olmstead.

In the same way the road course at IRP captures the spirit of the Indiana farm road. I count 9 straights or chutes that are parallel or at right angles to each other -- the Midwest-

ern grid we are all familiar with.

Any of Ted Drummond's rallies shows us the roads that inspired the designers of IRP. Surrounded by the verdant corn fields of Johnson and Shelby counties, we blast down LASER beam straight country lanes. What seems, at first blush, a boring grid, is interrupted by creeks and surveyors realignments which create the bends and s-curves that make staying on time a fun challenge.

The great glaciers bludgeoned most of Indiana - leaving vast prairies that gave way to rich corn fields and a one-mile grid road system. On the edges, though, the glaciers carved out intricate hollows, ridges, and clefts of exposed limestone. In January, you will get a great opportunity to experience the ice age roots of motorsport. Our winter rally will showcase the twisty roads of the forests and cataracts of Owen and Putnam counties. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has smoothed out most of the roads without straightening any. And the gravel roads encountered are top-notch. Come join us.

Thanks to Pete Hylton for fact checking.

FROSTY FAIRYTALES ROAD RALLY

Saturday, January 28, 2012

**A Sports Car Tour through the Escarpments, Cataracts
and Hollows of Owen and Putnam Counties**

90+ miles - some good gravel

Registration begins at 11:00 am
I-74 Cloverdale exit South on US 231
Competitor's Briefing 11:40 am
Rally Begins at Noon

Teams of Driver & Navigator in any Winter Ready car or light truck
SCCA classes: equipped, limited, stock
Tour, Course, GTA - timed and untimed versions

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Nashville Road Tour, Nashville Super Speedway, Nashville/TN, October 29/30

The Solo National Championship in September used to be the end of the national Solo season, but that changed with the late-season Tri-State Challenge NT that was introduced a couple of years ago. Earlier this year, it looked like the last National Tour of the year would take place again in Blytheville, until it was announced that another tour was added to the calendar at a new site, at the Nashville Super Speedway.

Just under 200 drivers made the trip to Nashville from all over the Eastern half of the country, including a few die-hards from the Indianapolis Region. What they found was a rather unusual and unique event. Unique also in the sense that this might have been not only the first, but also the last National Tour at the Nashville Super Speedway. The facility is up for sale, and its future is uncertain.

So, what was unique about the event? No, this one was not a parking lot event, and not an airport event, either. Competition took place on the infield asphalt road course and on part of the banked concrete oval. The course was so long that even the fastest of the fastest cars barely got below the 70-second mark, and that a pace lap was scheduled at the beginning of each heat for that extra look, since even the best walkers could not get many course-walks in with everything spread quite a bit. The course included an unevenly spaced slalom on the banked straight of the oval. Talk about a challenge! A nice touch was that the competitors were allowed to pad-dock in the garages.

The weather was mixed and fall-like. The weekend started out with rain on Friday, which made the surface wet or damp for the practice runs. Thick fog engulfed the site on Saturday morning, which significantly delayed the start. But once the fog lifted, the weekend turned sunny with highs around 60° F. In addition to the fog delay, spilled coolant during the last heat led to more downtime, based on which the officials decided to

cancel the last runs so that the Sunday course could be set up before they ran completely out of daylight. However, no Indy Region members lost any runs due to the shortened heat.

Indy Region drivers could be found competing in two classes, CSP and CM. Just like many others during this event, **Raleigh Boreen** hit quite a few cones and struggled to get any clean runs in. With only one clean run, his first one on Sunday, he ended up in fourth place in CSP. **Velma Boreen** also competed in the open class and finished two positions behind Raleigh in sixth place.

Mark Lamm and **Nick Myers** both ran Nick's Van Diemen in CM, but they also took Mark's Dulon to Nashville. The Dulon was driven by Don Elzinga, the reigning CM National Champion, and by **Ben Pullen**. Yes, the Ben Pullen who recently moved from Indianapolis out to the West Coast. He decided to fly back East for the weekend to run the NT in Mark's car. Mark had the fastest time of the class on Saturday, but hit a cone on that run. This put Don in the lead. Don returned the favor on Sunday and hit a cone on his fastest run, which gave Mark the win, his second NT class victory in a row. Nick stayed clean on his fastest runs and squeezed in between Mark and Don to take the second trophy spot, only 0.017 seconds behind Mark. Don followed in third, another 0.057 seconds behind. Ben took fourth place.

The complete results for this event can be found at:

<http://scca.cdn.racersites.com/prod/assets/results/Nshville%20Road%20Tour%20Results2.pdf>



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Information for Area 4 Members

December 6, 2011

Hello my fellow members. I have just returned from my first meeting of the SCCA Board of Directors, December 1 – 3, 2011 at SCCA headquarters in Topeka, Kansas. This was the last meeting of the current (2011) BOD. As such, it was an opportunity to have an orientation for me and fellow incoming new BOD member Brian McCarthy, observe the finish of the current board's business and be welcomed in for the first official business of the 2012 board (about an hour to elect officers).

Before I give you a recap, I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to represent you. I will do my best to listen, assist and answer your questions. This is a member driven club; your ideas are always solicited to make improvements. Email works best; call if you need to.

Marcus Merideth

I want to thank Marcus for his service to the club these past 3 years and for the honorable way he conducted the election. Marcus is a gentlemen and a sportsman. He has been very supportive in the transition, even collaborating with me on some key votes as the 2011 BOD finished its business. Thank you, Marcus.

The 500 LB Gorilla in the Room – Club Racing Part One

The BOD is very concerned about the decline in membership and more importantly, participation. Changes to our National Racing Program, our classes and the Runoffs are all on the table. This is so important that I was met at breakfast Thursday morning by Bill Kephart, Chairman of the BOD Planning Committee. Bill explained a new pilot program that is being considered for the less populated Divisions. I cannot detail the program now as it is still being fleshed out, but I met with Bill again early Saturday morning to go over the details of the program a second time. It is innovative and exciting and surely has merit. You will see the PR release soon.

Club Racing Part Two – Class Management

I am firmly committed to reducing the number of National Classes and so is the BOD. At the same time, some new car configurations are having considerable success in other clubs and we must stay nimble to serve developing markets (by the time you read this, there will be a press release out about STL). Working with the CRB, a realignment of some classes will begin the reduction process. Before you light up my phone to see if your car will continue, let me assure you, it will. The skill will be to move cars while keeping your investment competitive. We are getting ready to add B-Spec cars – an exciting new specification that fits into SSC, soon to be renamed T4. Rest assured there are some very savvy people working very hard to improve our product. It will be a very important and productive year.

Club Racing Part Three – The Runoffs

A new format and qualifying system is on the horizon. There is also a forward looking plan concerning venues and locations. Again, we must wait for the official announcements before I'm allowed to detail these for you. Suffice to say, I do like the direction and the thought going into this plan as well.

Club Racing Part Four – Alternative Driving School

In October, the BOD approved a method to allow racers with experience an easier path to achieving their SCCA Competition License. After thinking about this, Club Racing has asked for more formal sanction procedures to better control the program. I support this. As the Chairman of the GCR Advisory Committee, I wrote a letter to the CRB and BOD questioning certain aspects of the Alternative Driving School. Apparently, the letter was read. We cannot allow this method to undercut our traditional schools. We were also concerned about allowing novices into the program and mixing novice drivers with National drivers on a Friday before a National. The need for sanction now assures some uniformity and control to the program.

SOLO

There will be a small increase in Solo fees in 2012 from \$5.50 to \$6.00 per car. It goes up slightly because insurance recovery for costs was one of the "holes" in the 2011 budget and this is an attempt to fill that hole and build a slight buffer for future possible increases (Club Racing insurance cost was also similarly adjusted). The SEB did not have any action items required for the BOD meeting other than confirmation of appointments for 2012. Most of you are aware that Pace Trailers went out of business leaving the status of the trailers used in the National Solo program in question. The SCCA was able to purchase these trailers so they are now ours. You will also see some good news soon regarding the Tire Rack National Solo Championships at Lincoln Airpark. Closer to home, thanks to Velma Boreen for providing me with a list of important events that are scheduled in the Division in the coming season. I will be attending and hope to see you at a few of these.

Rally

The RallyCross National Championship received some good news. The site at Tulsa Raceway Park (TRP) has been secured again. So, the 2012 RX National Championship will be back at TRP in October.

Time Trial

The Time Trial Administrative Council (TTAC) is looking for more leaders and participants. This body was set up to develop rules for Time Trial events independent of the CRB and SEB. It has been floundering a bit and could use more attention. If you have an interest, let me know and we can connect you into the National and Divisional scene.

BOD Committees

I was honored to be asked to join the *BOD Planning Committee*. This is where we can have the most influence in the strategic direction of the club. I have also been appointed to the *BOD Compensation Committee* which oversees staff salaries. For 2012, the *BOD Race Track Committee* has been disbanded. This will not affect our plans for Bluegrass (below).

Bluegrass Motorsports Park

We have been very active gathering information and talking with potential stakeholders about BMP. I spoke with the owner, Brad Poppell two weeks ago. Brad indicated that nothing can be done until the lawsuit against Nation's Bank is resolved. That will not start until late March and it is hard to know how long it will drag out. Brad is very supportive of SCCA's potential involvement in ownership, but we will need to wait a bit. In the meantime, while at the BOD meeting, I reviewed the financials from High Plains Raceway (+\$\$\$,\$\$\$) with Bill Kephart who helped put the deal together for the SCCA. Bill offered to assist us in any manner required.

General Info and Membership

We are seeing many new members sign up, but even more members are dropping out. The result is a decline in membership. Ironically, our retention numbers are about the same as other marquee car clubs, but it is still unacceptable. The retention numbers are worse among new (< 2 year) members. These are people who joined SCCA and, for one reason or another, did not find what they were looking for. The other groups leaving the SCCA are dissatisfied with our people and/or our products. The National Convention will have a number of sessions dedicated to addressing and stemming this tide. I will also have more to say on this topic in future newsletters.

Some Good News

There is a rainbow within the cloud. Despite a general decline in membership, the club is financially healthy and well managed. Our cash assets have grown remarkably despite the economy through smart planning and expense management. The staff is first class; we are fortunate to employ so many fine talented people. A survey done for SCCA showed the staff is motivated and they rate the club as an excellent place to work.

I began this letter saying we are member driven. We are, so please don't be shy. Participate and Communicate. Please let me know how I can help you.

Yours for a better SCCA,

Steve

Steve Harris

Director, Area 4, Great Lakes Division, SCCA

Region Officer Descriptions

We are rapidly approaching the time to elect our officers for the year 2012. 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, and will have a specific request for nominations 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 Fred Steinhoff and let him know.

It's getting near that time of year when Regions are considering new officer candidates for 2012. To help us recruit new leaders, we present the following Job Descriptions for Region Officers. This list is by no means comprehensive, and is only offered as a guide for us 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.

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.

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.

Committee Chairpersons

A committee runs each program established by the Region. Each committee shall have a chairperson who is responsible for managing their respective program in a manner they see fit and in accordance with the Region Bylaws.

- As required, shall attend meetings of the Membership and

Board of Directors and shall report on activities of the committee at such meetings.

- Shall communicate with the Board of Directors and Regional Executive on a regular basis.
- Shall prepare and monitor a committee budget for the committee’s annual activities.
- Submit items of importance to Region’s publication and website.

Elections for the 2012 Indianapolis Region Board of Directors will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2012 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.

2012 Indy Region Board of Directors Elections Nomination Ballot	
Regional Executive _____	
Assistant RE _____	
Treasurer _____	
Secretary _____	
Membership Chairperson _____	
Activities Chairperson _____	
**NOTE—A change to the bylaws will be on this year’s ballot. Proposed changes are on the following page.	
Mail to:	
Fred Steinhoff	
5761 N Alton Ave	
Indianapolis, IN 46228-1625	
(317)293-8260	
fredfromindy@comcast.net	

Indianapolis Region SCCA Notice of 2011 Annual Meeting

The 2011 Annual Meeting of the Members of the Indianapolis Region SCCA will be held on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at 6:00PM in conjunction with our annual Awards Banquet, being held at Ray Skillman Classic Car Museum, 1280 S. US 31 Greenwood, IN 46143. (See full add on page 6).

At this meeting, the members will be voting for the officers for 2012 and a change to the bylaws, according to the official ballot to be produced by the nominating chairman. The ballot will have space for write-in candidates for the offices.

Proposed Changes to Indy Region Bylaws

Proposed changes to Indy Region Bylaws for 2011, to be voted on the annual ballot. Prepared by Dick Powell and Geoff Chambers

Article III, Section I – Annual Meeting – The annual meeting of the members of this corporation shall be held within the first three weeks of January of each new year.....

Change to – The annual meeting of the members of this corporation shall be held within the month of January of each new year.....

Article IV, Section I – Nomination – An Election Committee of at least five will be selected by the Board of Directors two months before the annual meeting. The members of this committee will not be current members of the Board of Directors. It will be the duty of this committee to mail all members in good standing a nominating ballot at least four (4) weeks before the date of the election.

Change to: An Election Chairperson will be selected by the Board of Directors two months before the annual meeting. The Chairperson shall select at least two assistants. The Chairperson and assistants will not be current members of the Board of Directors. It will be the duty of this Chairperson to present a nominating ballot to the editor and webmaster at least four (4) weeks before the date of the election.

Section VI – Notice of Meetings – A verbal or written notice stating the place, day and time of meetings of the Board of Directors shall be delivered to each member of the board at least three (3) days prior to the day of the meeting by the secretary.

Add sentence: A listing in an official publication shall constitute notice of meeting.

Need to address the issue of Website and Newsletter being official publications.

Article XI: Regional Publication - The Region shall fund a regularly published newsletter to be distributed to the membership and to others as determined by the Board of Directors. This will be the official club publication and shall contain notices of events and minutes of meetings and results of events.

Proposed wording: The Region shall fund a regularly published newsletter to be distributed to the membership and to others as determined by the Board of Directors. The Region shall also maintain a website on the internet. These will be the official club publications and shall contain notices of events and minutes of meetings and results of events.

Article III, Section III – Notice of Meeting – At least seven (7) days in advance of meeting, notice stating the place, day, and time of the meeting shall be published in an official club publication which shall be mailed to each member of the Corporation at the address appearing in Corporation records or notice shall be mailed to such members by the secretary.

Change to: At least seven (7) days in advance of meeting, notice stating the place, day, and time of the meeting shall be published in an official club publication or notice shall be mailed to such members by the secretary.

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

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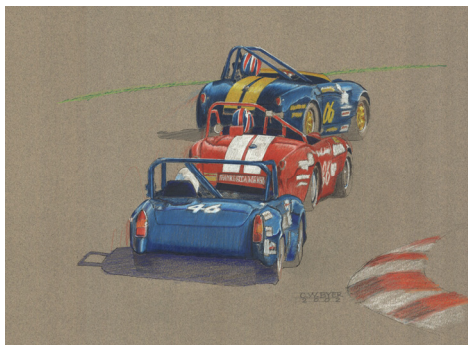
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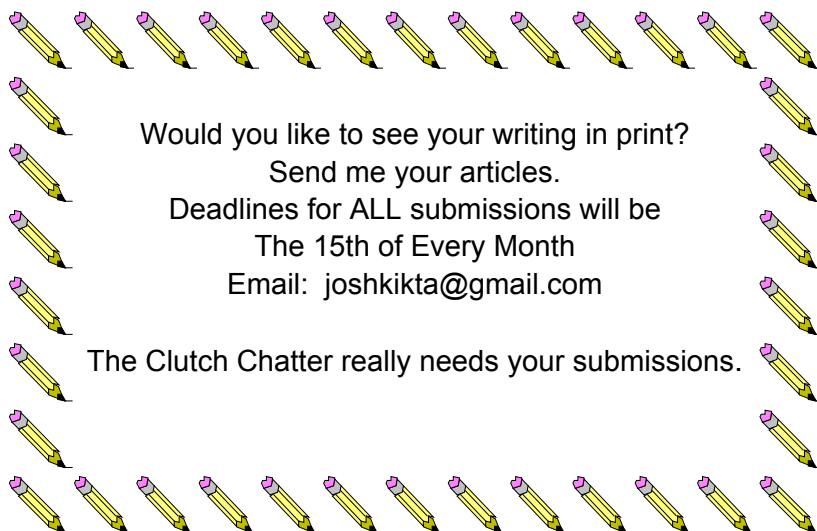
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