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The Dallara Indy car factory welcomed the Indy Region SCCA for its Annual Meeting / Awards banquet. 90 members and guests enjoyed Dallara's interactive museum and factory tours while Lino's Italian Café served truly authentic Italian Panini, pasta, and salad. The assembled crowd riffled through the food amazing Lino's chef with their healthy appetites. After dinner, everyone assembled upstairs in the conference room for the awards presentation and enjoy dessert consisting of cake and cupcakes. Awards were given and Champions were crowned in Solo, Rally, and for the first time in Indy SCCA history, Rallycross!

Capturing the night's biggest awards were:

Member of the Year:
Chris Brake

Worker of the Year:
Travis Camp

Competitor of the
Year: Ted Drummond

Boreen Sprit of Solo:
Stefanie Stribling

Tovey Cup: Will Lahee

In addition, class champions were honored for their efforts in their respective disciplines. Look for a complete list of champions in an upcoming issue!



Dallara Indy car Factory

Check It Out!

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Clutch Chatter editor needed!

Circumstances have forced the person who had volunteered to be editor to step down, so the Region is in desperate need of someone to step up volunteer to be editor of Clutch Chatter. Responsibilities include

assembling and publishing Clutch Chatter each month and handle mailing of printed copies to members who request it. If interested, contact Dave Dusterberg @ ddusterberg1@verizon.net

R.E. Report

I'M BACK!

Many of you know me but for those who do not, my name is Dave Dusterberg and I've been a member of the SCCA and the Indianapolis Region since 2007. I'm employed as a welder for a supplier to the Diesel engine industry. Past work experience includes being an automobile mechanic, management, and sales. My previous motorsports experience includes asphalt short track racing and a little bracket racing. I've held several positions with our Region including Solo Co-Chair, Race Chair (would-be), Assistant Regional Executive, and Regional Executive. I held a Regional Competition License from 2008 to 2011 with the highlight being driving in the 2008 Nelson Ledges Longest Day. I'm an avid Solo competitor currently running a Mustang GT in ESP.

At the Annual Meeting I said I was going to ask the Board of Directors to focus more on long term goals for the Region. To that end at our February meeting the BoD has started work on creating one and five year plans. The current Board has the ability to do this because the past several Boards and Program Chairs hard work to al-



low the Programs to be more self-sufficient and not have to run to the Board for every little thing. With that said, the Board is going to work on plotting a course for the Region into the fu-

ture. In recent history our Region has pretty much run on an "as it comes up" approach. Times are changing and I'm of the opinion that approach will not serve us well much longer. There are big changes happening in the SCCA that will affect Regions, as well as pressures from other organizations and just other choices to spend one's time. We have to have a well thought out consistent plan to guide us and allow us to continue to be strong and grow.

There are two tracks that the Board is going to take to develop the plans; external and internal. Internally, the goal is to streamline and standardize our processes. We want to make it so future Boards have a road map in place to guide them, to not have to reinvent the wheel every time the Board changes. Externally, the goal is to insure we give all our programs the best support to keep them successful and allow them to grow. The other thing

Dave Dusterberg

we are going to look at is to explore the possibility adding programs that we currently do not support. To that end, there will be two interest meetings toward the end of March to gauge interest in the programs we currently do not support or are dormant. The first meeting will be on March 26th and will be to gauge interest in PDX / Time Trial / Hill Climb. The second meeting will be two days later on the 28th for Club Race. These meetings will be held at Dooley O'Tooles with a start time of 6:30pm. If you are interested in either of these it is imperative that you attend these meetings. The entire Board will be at both to listen to your input. Numbers matter. Also understand at these meetings that the Board will be asking for people to step up and volunteer to develop and administrate any potential program. It's this simple: support + volunteerism = Board approves and supports a program. Little to no support + little to no volunteerism = no action by the Board.

Until next month,

Cheers,

Dave

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WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

Saturday afternoon, April 27th Indy SCCA will be hosting the Central Indiana Car Club Challenge. We will need 12-18 volunteers to help with check points. This has potential to have a very high turnout with nearly all newcomers to the sport. Please help the club put our best foot forward!

July 13th and 14th Indy SCCA will be hosting a double National Road Rally. We will need approximately 20 volunteers all day, each day to help with check points. Headquarters is in Bloomington. Our rally program has come a long way, please help us keep it this strong and even continue to grow!

If you can volunteer to help at either of these, or would like more information, please contact Chuck Hanson at dtcgh@att.net

Saturday, May 4th IndySCCA will be hosting an autocross at Grissom Aeroplex for 1 lap of America. We will need 30-35 volunteers to setup, help get cars checked in, run timing and scoring, and of course, shag cones. Workers will have to be there BY 9am. This was a huge success two years ago, let's pull it off again!! For information or to volunteer, please contact Chris Brake. chrisbrake@rocketmail.com



Solo Report

Stefanie Stribling

The weather is still cold outside, but preparation for the 2013 Solo season is in full swing. The schedule has been posted and online registration should be up soon.

We are again hosting some special events in addition to our Points Events. One Lap of America will be on May 4, 2013. We are looking for volunteers to help out, please contact Chris Brake for details (chrisbrake@rocketmail.com). Subaru has contacted us to host their yearly event in Lafayette, IN. Official details for this event have not yet been finalized. And Monster Mopar has also asked to us to help with their show at Lucas Oil Raceway Park again this year. More details on this to come soon.

The Indy Region is also happy to announce that we will be hosting a National Match Tour event! The event will take place on May 31 through June 2 at the Grissom Aeroplex. We are proud that Nationals has chosen our region to again host one of their National events.

Checkpoint 13-3

Chuck Hanson

Five teams made the trek to Bloomington for Frosty Fairy Tales. Andy performed an experiment using the GPS function on his smartphone to measure the mileages. He also set up the GTA with a “fill in the blanks” format using well known fairy tales. The competitor’s task was to find the missing words on signs that they encountered along the route. Join us in February for another similar event. The combination of these two events is essentially the July 13 National.

Coming up in March is the traditional Ides of March rally. This year it will constitute a pre-check of the first and last quarters of the July 14 National. Format will be A/B instructions with the GTA competitors doing only the A parts. Very interesting scenery and the Red Buds / Dogwoods should just be starting to bloom. I expect it to be gorgeous.

A few words about the Car Club Challenge: John Calhoun, who was a very successful National competitor in the 70’s and 80’s, came to us a couple of months ago with a proposal to present a Challenge rally for car clubs in Central Indiana. He had identified fifteen clubs. The event will be a “Team” Challenge where clubs enter “Teams” consisting of three rally cars. The cars compete individually in the event, but the “Team” score will be the sum of the “best two” cars. Low “Team” score wins the trophy for their Club. At least one Car Club member must be in each car, and if the Car Club represents a marque, then they have to compete in a car from that marque. We are pleased to say that we have nine Clubs that have stated that they want to participate, and some of them have asked if they are limited to a single “Team.” Answer: NO. Dave Dusterberg reported that there was considerable positive buzz about the event at the World of Wheels show last weekend, and John now thinks that we will have over 40 cars competing. Almost all of these will be new to SCCA and some may also be potential recruits for the Solo and RallyX programs. See Chris Brake’s request for help elsewhere and give serious consideration to assisting the Rally Committee in this project that has the potential to help the entire Region grow.

Activities Report

Chris Brake

We once again had a booth and small display at the World of Wheels this year. It is tough to put a value on the exposure we were able to get by doing this, but in this member's opinion, it was well worth everything that went into making it happen.

Our area consisted of a 10x10 booth and 3 member rides to show the diversity of the club and to generate interest. The 3 cars we had there were Jack Banker's Stalker, Kevin Miller's Acura Integra, and Danny Phillip's Subaru Impreza RS representing the Rallycross side of the club. Not only did it make a great looking display, but all 3 placed in their categories. Kevin and Danny placed 5th and 6th in their class, and Jack took home best in class with his Stalker. Congrats to all 3!!!

We had a good amount of interest from the general public, with Solo and Rallycross being the main points of interest, but also had a fair amount of people interested in Rally. The new Drag/cross program also had a lot of people interested in checking things out.

We not only were able to talk to the general public, but also were able to talk to other car clubs and promoters about potentials of cross promotion and having us run events for them. These are excellent potential for the club to get out in the community and build interest in the sport and increase our membership numbers.

Thank you again to everyone who helped, volunteered and were involved with the World of Wheels display!



2013 Solo Schedule

April 14	Fun Event	Grissom Aeroplex	*RECORD DAY
April 20-21	Test 'n Tune	Grissom Aeroplex	
May 5	Points Event #1	Grissom Aeroplex	
May 19	Points Event #2	Speedrome	Plus Car Show
June 1-2	Nat. Match Tour	Grissom Aeroplex	
June 16	Points Event #3	Connersville,	"Border Wars"
June 29	Fun Event	Lucas Oil	Not finalized
	Evening Event		
July 20	Test 'n Tune	Grissom Aeroplex	
July 21	Points Event #4	Grissom Aeroplex	
August 18	Points Event #5	Grissom Aeroplex	"Hoosier Challenge"
	South Bend Hosting		
September 15	Points Event #6	Speedrome	Plus Car Show
September 29	Points Event #7	Terre Haute	Charity Event
October 13	Fun Event	Grissom Aeroplex	*RECORD DAY

Remember all dates and locations are subject to change. Please check the website for any changes.

***RECORD DAY:** These events will be run on Grissom's test and tune course. The purpose is to establish and later break class time records. These events will operate as a normal Indy SCCA Solo event except that awards will only be presented to new record holders. The region will keep a database of record holders for each class. Each record holder will receive an official document signifying the record signed by the Solo Chair and Regional Executive. In 2014 this will become a single two day event that will allow competitors to run for records in multiple classes.

2013 Rallycross Schedule

March 2	Event 1	Friendswood Golf Course	Camby, IN
April 6	Event 2	Friendswood Golf Course	Camby, IN
May 11	Event 3	Friendswood Golf Course	Camby, IN
June 8	Event 4	Friendswood Golf Course	Camby, IN
Sept. 21	Event 5	Friendswood Golf Course	Camby, IN
Oct. 19	Event 6	Friendswood Golf Course,	Camby, IN

Road Rally Schedule

Date and Info Link	Rally Master	Rally Type
January 26th Rally 1 Frosty Fairy Tales II	Andy Kowalczyk	RC/RG/RT
February 24 Rally 2 An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge	Andy Kowalczyk/Chuck Hanson	RC/RG/RT
March 16 Rally 3 Ides of March	Chuck Hanson	RC/RG/RT
April 27 Rally 4 Central Indiana Car Club Challenge	John Calhoun	RT
June 15 Rally 5 Border Wars Social Rally		RG
July 13 Rally 6	Andy Kowalczyk/Chuck Hanson	NC/NT/NG
July 14 Rally 7	Andy Kowalczyk/Chuck Hanson	NC/NT/NG
August ? Rally 8	Wendy Harrison/Craig Beidelman	RC/RG/RT
September 28 Rally 9	Chuck Hanson	RC/RG/RT
October 26 Rally 10 Annual Halloween Rally	Ted Drummond	RG
November 30 Rally 11	Craig Beidelman	RC/RT/RG

Membership Application

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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 _____ E-mail _____

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

IF APPLYING FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (**husband/wife & children**), list names and ages of children **under age 21**:

Spouse Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

Children Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

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Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

SCCA's Weekend Membership Program: A \$15 discount can be used towards your first year's dues by using your weekend membership number. The maximum amount that may be applied is \$30 and expires in 60 days (date on receipt).

Weekend Membership # _____ Second Weekend Membership # _____

SCCA's Membership Referral Program is an incentive for SCCA members to refer new members. By providing the name of the SCCA member who sparked your interest, you are granted a \$15 discount and your SCCA friend will receive a credit on their membership renewal.

Referred by SCCA member: _____ # _____

First / Last Name & Member Number REQUIRED

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.

Club Racing Pro Racing Pro Rally Road Rally Solo

Annual National dues Annual Region dues Total

____ 01 Regular Member \$65.00 + Regular Member \$20.00 **\$85.00**

____ 10 Family Membership \$85.00 + Family Membership \$25.00 **\$110.00**

*Spouse must be regular member's legal spouse.

Credits Weekend \$ _____ Referral \$ _____

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

VISA Mastercard No. _____ Expiration Date _____

I hereby apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, Inc. and its Indianapolis / 013 Region and agree to abide by the bylaws.

Applicants Signature _____ **Date** _____

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Your Board of Directors wants your input on expanding what your Region offers. To that end, the Board of Directors has called 2 membership meetings to gauge interest in creating new PDX / Time Trial / Hill Climb and Club Race programs. If you're interested in seeing either of these programs in our Region your attendance at these meetings is critical as numbers will speak volumes to the Board! The BoD is going to ask for members to step up and volunteer to take on the development of these programs.

Support + Volunteerism = new programs

No support + No volunteerism = No action by the BoD

Meetings will be held at Dooley O'Tooles on Carmel Dr. at 6:30pm

March 26th: PDX / Time Trial / Hill Climb

March 28th: Club Race

BE THERE!



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Look for the April issue of Clutch Chatter coming soon! For the most up to date info, always visit our website at:

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