

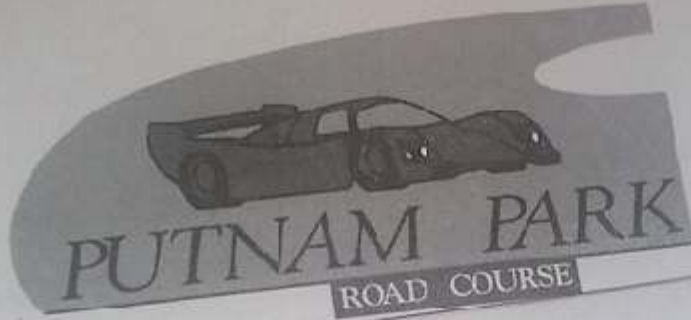


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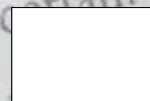
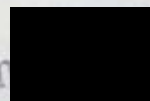
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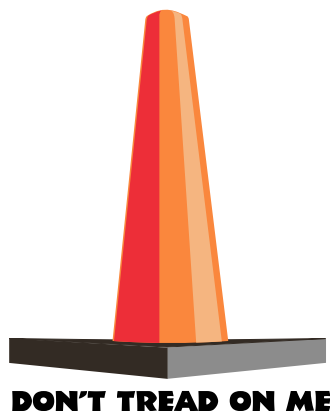
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IN MEMORIAM

I received a call from Jay Quinn the other day to let me know that a long time member of Indy Region has passed. John Scherer had been a member for many years but recently let his membership lapse due to his health. He had been an avid solo competitor in the past along with his now deceased life partner Denise Barth. At one time John and Denise were solo co-chairs and brought a new perspective to the position. The first trailer for equipment and Solo With the Animals, an event held at the Indianapolis Zoo were among them. He and I traveled together to the Runoffs at Mid-Ohio and Topeka many times. And it was his creative thinking which led to the creation of my Spifire project. Although his activity in the region had stopped in recent years he will be missed and remembered. A graveside service was held for John at Crown Hill cemetery Dec. 1st, 2015 several Indy Region members were present. Attending were Jay Quinn, Jeanne Spellman, Bill and Julie Partridge, and myself. Race on John!

Editor's Corner

This month the really big news is the announcement that Indy Region has a new playground! Our intrepid CJ got the deal done and we have four playdates next year. I for one am elated! If we all play nice at Putnam Park and work together could a race program be far behind?...who knows! This gives the opportunity to grow even bigger and better. The PDX/TT program will allow us to open up and offer track time for ourselves and another way to bring in new people that want to try their cars on a race track under safe and controlled conditions.

As I understand it the Track Nite events will be afternoon/early evening times. Which means the mornings can be used for track time for Indy region members and others that qualify. So racer wannabes here is your chance! CJ has the details and more information about this can be found on our website and the national website.

The other biggy is the Runoffs are coming to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway see Brian Deane's report about it in this issue. Wow I think this could possibly be the biggest entry count for the Runoffs since the Runoffs began! Who would not want to run at the Brickyard? I think some cars are going to come out of the barn, get dusted off and made ready for this event. If it were in any way possible for me to do this I would be all over it.

So the year 2016 is going to be very big for Indy Region. Our membership jumped considerably recently and the PDX/TT, Track Nite programs are going to make us grow even larger! We are at a point, I believe, to become a larger, more successful, more effective with a stronger voice within the SCCA, region.

This just in...while talking with Bill Partridge and Jay Quinn this morning Bill hinted at getting the Nissan back out. When asked by Jay if he was going to race again Bill answered "I haven't completely ruled it out". So there you have it, a veteran SCCA racer would love to turn laps at IMS. My thinking is there are a lot of other drivers out there thinking the same.

That's all I have for this issue I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, which poses the question; why can't we get some races on TV instead of all that football? Merry Christmas to you all and a Happy New Year! See you at the banquet.

R.E. Report Dave Dusterberg



December 2015 RE Report

Well, this is my last RE report. Come January 9th the Region will have a new Regional Executive. I have been honored that all of you entrusted me with the position. I hope that you, the members of the Indianapolis Region SCCA think I have done a good job guiding the Club. It was a lot of fun, I learned a lot, and got to experience things and meet people I never thought I'd ever get the chance to meet, yet alone work with. I want to thank all of the Board members and Chairs who served with me. I think we did well in bringing the Region along, and it was a joy to work with all of you.

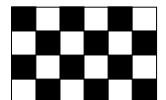
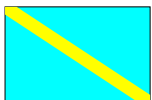
To Chris and everyone else who will serve the Region going forward, do well and have fun doing it. If you need anything, I'll still be right there.

Cheers,
Dave

Thanks to our outgoing RE.



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The Run-offs are coming!...The Run-offs are coming!

By Bryan Deane

The horse has left the barn and the official announcement has been made. In 2017 the SCCA National Championship Run-offs will be held at the Holy Grail of race facilities, The Indianapolis Motor Speedway! That's right you heard me correctly IMS is hosting the Run-offs in 2017.

Unless you've been in a coma, hiding under a rock, out of the country or erstwhile disconnected from all media this is not new news for you. What may be news to you is that we, The Indianapolis Region will be involved with the event in some yet to be determined fashion. I have offered to head up the region's support of the event and will be joined by Rich Langford, CJ Harleman, Jan Castelluccio and Daniel Vang in this effort. I have reached out to Topeka to determine how they would like us to assist them with the event from a Region standpoint.

These Run-offs promise to be one for the ages for several reasons. First being that the competitors will not have an opportunity to run on the track prior to the event itself. Second, this is a "Bucket List" track for many competitors, workers and support personnel. Third, historically the National Run-offs produce some of the closest and best racing anywhere in the Country. Fourth is the fact someone young gun in that field will eventually make their way back to the Speedway later in their career in one form or another with either IndyCar or that other form of motorsport that arrives here every July.

At this point we are still in the very early stages of figuring out the level of support we will be providing. We will need a big response from the region membership to make this is a Classic event worthy of tales for years to come. For those who have little or no experience with the National Run-Offs, this is a major undertaking that requires tremendous support from

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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.

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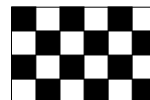
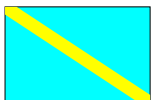
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Checkpoint Chuck Hanson



CHECKPOINT 12-15: _____ by Chuck Hanson

I am pleased to report that Indianapolis Region will continue to have a rally program in 2016. Wendy Harrison and Craig Beidelman have agreed to take on the Chairmanship of the program. In addition, we have six declared Rally Masters for the season. The new team is working with the Solo team to set up a Region schedule that will minimize conflicts.

I am going to be one of the 2016 Rally Masters and expect to be at most of the events, so I will be looking forward to seeing you regularly.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

2016 Rally Dates for Indianapolis Region

#	Event Name	Categories	Date	Rallymaster(s)

I want to say thank you to Chuck for all of his efforts as Rally Chair. The Rally program would be what it is without his hard work and time. Being a program Chair takes a lot of time and energy and it does take its toll.



BoD Meeting Minutes



Minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD for November 12, 2015 at Squealer's BBQ, 6:30 PM. There were 17 people present at the meeting. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Old Business

National Convention Budget – CJ proposed a budget to send 3 people to the National Convention on Jan 21-23 in Las Vegas. She also proposed a budget for adding a fourth person and taking advantage of the free offers from Nationals. All it would save would be the cost of the convention ticket. Bruce motioned that the budget be approved for sending three to the convention, Rich H seconded the motion, and none opposed. The BoD decided on sending the same trio as last year (CJ for Time Trials, Stef for Solo, and Chris as RE).

Treasurers Report

Solo ended the year ahead which covered the loss we had in Time Trials. Overall, the club had a good year.

Clutch Chatter

Everything is going well. Make sure if you want an article, ad, classified in the Clutch Chatter you send it to Lou Byer.

Membership

One year ago we were at 450 members, today we are at 638. Everyone is doing a great job promoting the club.

Website

Jon is very happy with how people are getting things to him. The site looks good. As always get updates to him early so he has time to post them. Make sure to check your links on the site. With the updates to the national site, some of the links are dead.

Activities

Banquet – Deposit has been paid for the banquet at Squealer's BBQ in Mooresville for Jan 9th. WOW – Finishing up applications for the cars being entered. Working on getting all of the plans for the display ready. Daniel looked into doing K1 Speed for a club night out, but it actually ends up more expensive than Fast Times. We will be looking at doing a carting day sometime this winter, potentially two. There was talk about having a Region garage sale in the spring. Bruce volunteered his garage as the location for the sale.

Rally

Wendy Harrison and Craig Beidelman have stepped up to be co-chairs for the Rally program in 2016. There will be 6 rallymasters as well. Rally is looking at hosting the US Road Rally Challenge Lite in October of 2016. They plan on having the Halloween Rally on the Friday and the Challenge Sat-Sun.

Solo

Overall, a great season. Solo trial went well for our first one and we are planning on having one again next year. We are looking at having a planning meeting in the near future to talk about next season.

Time Trial

We have dates confirmed for the program next year. We are waiting on the contracts. We have also gotten approval to have "social activities" during the TNiA.

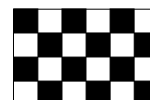
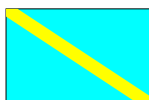
New Business

Election – Nicole Khan is working on getting the ballots together. Chris and Stef are getting the mailing list for her. Runoffs Committee – Dave suggested that we get together a committee to handle things with the runoffs. Even though it isn't happening until 2017, it is good to get a head start on things now. Bryan D, CJ H, Jan C, Daniel V, and Richard L all volunteered to be on the committee.

There will be no December BOD meeting. Next BOD meeting scheduled for January 9th at the Annual Banquet at Squealer's BBQ in Mooresville.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Stefanie Stribling, Secretary



Solo Report Stephanie Stribling



On November 17th I held a Solo Planning Meeting at the Dusterberg's house. We went over rules and potential changes to rules and also what we planned on doing next year schedule wise. Most changes to rules were minor wording. The biggest changes were X-Class now being called Pro Class, and for yearend trophy the end result will be rewarding the person that meets all requirements of the rules more. The way it is worded now is if you don't meet all requirements but still have enough points you are still "first" but just don't receive a trophy. Now the wording will make it so even if you have enough points but did not meet all requirements, your points will be removed from the running and all positions below will be moved up. This rewards those that are members and make the proper number of events to qualify better. We are planning on having 7 points events next year, two Test N Tunes, 3 Drag Cross events, 1 Solo Trial, and a few fun events. I am hoping to have the scheduled finalized in January.

Don't forget that I introduced a new reward for the end of the year. At the banquet there will be a drawing. To get "tickets" to the drawing all you need to do is attend Solo/DragCross events (points, fun, Test N Tunes) and be an Indy Region Member. For each event you attend you get a ticket into the drawing. You can also receive tickets for events that you worked and did not compete in. If you helped out at an event and didn't compete please email me those dates and the event and I will add them to your entry tally. You will receive your tickets when you show up to the banquet. The winner of the drawing will receive....A FULL YEAR OF SOLO FREE!!! Yes, you read that correctly, FREE, A WHOLE YEAR!!! So attend the events and get as many entries as possible and show up to the banquet for your chance to win!!! (Reward is non-transferrable)

Watch the website and Facebook page for all updates and off-season get togethers.



Solo Schedule

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



What did you do on Black Friday? I went shopping for the best deal EVER for Indianapolis Region SCCA. I hope you don't mind a bit of an early Christmas present,

Mark your calendars Racers! You'll need the following days off from work or whatever to go to Putnam Park and flog your car with the SCCA:

May 12, 2016 (Race Car Test n Tune plus Track Night in America)

June 13, 2016 (Race Car Test n Tune plus Track Night in America)

July 19, 2016 (1/2 day PDX plus Track Night in America)

August 27, 2016 (1 day PDX plus Starting Line Track School)

Watch for updates as we get add-ons in place for these dates at the track such as cruise-ins, car shows, kidz corals, etc. 2016 is going to be EPIC!

Corrine "CJ" Harleman

APPROVED TTAC REORGANIZATION

Director of Experiential Programs

The Director of Experiential Programs oversees both the Experiential Program and the Time Trial program, supports their goals and initiatives, and serves as their advocate to the Board of Directors. Responsibilities of this position include the oversight of all Time Trial and Experiential program proceedings and the intervention into any item believed to produce a negative consequence within another program.

Time Trial programs are defined as any PDX, Club Trials, Track Trials, or Hill Climb event operating under Time Trials rules and which is *sanctioned via submission by a region* of the SCCA.

Experiential Programs are defined as any event which is *sanctioned via submission by the experiential group*.

National TT Committee (NTTC)

The NTTC shall consist of a total of 3-4 SCCA members selected by the Director of Experiential Programs who operate with a strategic view of the time trial program. Responsibilities include the promotion, marketing and growth for the TT programs and the implementation of proposed rule changes for all levels of time trial events. All proposed rule language is to be developed and approved by the DTTC before submission to the Director of Experiential Programs. Prior to a rule being implemented and published, approvals must be obtained from the Board of Directors.

Additionally, NTTC members are tasked to explore the development of a National Time Trial Competition Program. The exploration process should address the formation of a national rules package (kept separate from divisional TT rules), the web presence, and the marketing required for implementation. If and when a national program is accepted, this committee would oversee the implementation of the program.

Divisional TT Committee (DTTC)

The DTTC consists of the Divisional Time Trial Managers. Each Division participating in Time Trials will have a DTTC representative selected by the Division who is responsible for the operation of all Time Trial events sanctioned by any region within their division. Responsibilities include oversight of all regional and divisional Time Trial events, sanction approval, driver and worker licensing, and communications with the NTTC as necessary. The DTTC initiates language and forwards all requests for desired rule or policy developments to the National Time Trial Committee and coordinates TT operations. The DTTC is authorized to form additional subcommittees that operate for a finite period of time and that address a specific concern. The responsibility of the DTTC is to develop the language for all rule changes and policy developments and to insure consensus of the finalized product from a majority of the divisional managers before forwarding to the National Time Trial Committee for implementation.

Experiential Programs Committee (EPC)

Members of this committee are responsible for the overall operation of all Experiential Programs operating at the National, Regional and Divisional level. Responsibility includes collecting and distributing resources needed for but not limited to event operations, marketing, web presence, best practices and safety procedures. Proposed rule changes are to be developed from requests made by the Regional Experiential Managers. After acceptance by all Regional Experiential Managers and cleared by Director of Experiential Programs, finalized rule changes need approval from the Board of Directors before publication.

Regional Experiential Managers

Oversee all regional and divisional Experiential events operating within their area and for the distribution of resources generated by the Experiential Programs Committee. Initiate and forward any requests for desired rule or policy developments and needed resources to the Experiential Programs Committee.



You are invited to the 2015 Indy SCCA annual awards banquet! Year-end trophies, prizes, friends, food, what more could you want?

**January 9th at Squealers in Mooresville. Starts at 5pm.
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