

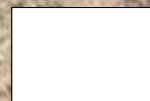
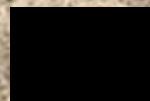
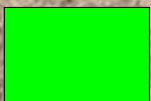


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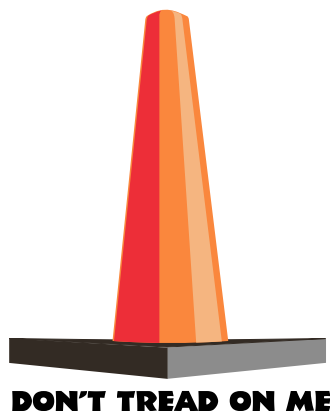
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cwbnewpal@comcast.net and I will it pass through our scrutineering process have a couple of drinks pass that through my bladder and put it in the CLUTCH CHATTER. (The article not the contents of my bladder) Publication date varies but this rag is certified bird cage liner or fish wrapper by a department of the US Gov.(The only one that actually works) Normally in a space such as this in a first rate publication one would find important info about where this is published, the staff, etcetera. Which is all very good if we had any of that but we don't so this is it.

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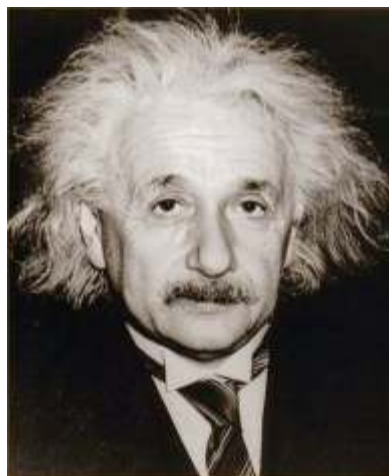
After subscribing to one of those online family tree sites I discovered something very interesting. Something that I want to share with all my readers. My Dad told me long ago when I asked where we came from, he responded Germany & England so naturally I assumed we were mutts. But the discovery I made recently changed all that. If I go back far enough I find a connection to German ancestry not a biggy but significant. Digging deeper I found a connection to the family of possibly the worlds greatest mind. A man that broke new scientific ground, his theories made headlines around the world and his mathematical abilities were beyond what any scientist of the day was capable of. His genius was astounding and he lead the scientific community for many, many years.

His theory on relativity is still an amazing piece of work and that is why apparently I am related to him. I speak of course about the great Albert Einstein. Which by the way another little known fact the beer stein, invented by the great man himself which he named the BEER EINSTEIN some where along the way the "EIN" was dropped...true story!

See the resemblance?



L. "Einstein" Byer



A. Einstein

R.E. Report Dave Dusterberg



Well the big news from the past month is that SCCA has secured a date with IMS to bring the Runoffs here in 2017. I would be wonderful to say we had some kind of role in helping make that happen but all the credit goes to the folks in Topeka. It all happened without our knowledge or input. We only know what has been announced by IMS and SCCA. At the time I am penning this article we haven't been contacted by Topeka so we have no idea what we as a Region will be asked to do, if anything.

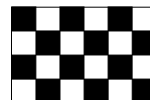
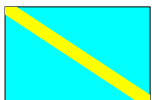
But, in preparation for the probability of being involved at some level there is going to be some leadership changes. My intention had been to make 2016 my last year as R.E. but because of the coming this year will be my last. The thought process is simple: With the coming Runoffs, changing leadership a year out would create confusion for both the Region and for SCCA. Chris Brake has been coming along well in learning the job and he wants the R.E. position. As matter of fact, he stepped in for me this year during my illness and things went along seamlessly. It would be unfair to him to have his first year as R.E. be the same year the Runoffs are here, so 2016 will allow him to get comfortable with the job. Chris will do a great job and I think he is exactly the right person to lead our Region and take it further. I ask that if Chris wins the R.E. position, everyone will support him. Stepping up to run as the Assistant R.E. is Bryan Deane. His expertise and contacts with the Speedway and Club Race will serve the Region well and again, right person for the job at the right time. I am asking to be considered for an At-Large Director position to help the transition. I want to thank everyone who had faith in me and supported me during my tenure as R.E. I had a great time in the Big Chair and I hope you approve of where the Region is and going.

If you didn't make the last weekend of the Solo season, you missed a GREAT time! It really was a celebration. The first Solo Trial was a blast, and of course the Swap & Drive is a riot as it always is.

Until next time,
Cheers,
Dave



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STREET SURVIVAL Brian Dean

On Sunday September 27th we conducted our very first Tire rack Street Survival Program at Lincoln Tech. This is a program I have long wanted to see happen here in the region. In fact back when I was RE I had asked Dave to get this up and running. For a myriad of reasons, including my departure from the Board due to work commitments this never happened.

Fast forward to last year around this time when Dave and I got together to discuss my re-engagement with the club. From my perspective it came as no surprise when during the conversation the topic of TRSS came up. My response was "I got this," we NEED to make this happen. Henceforth we now have a Tire Rack Street Survival Program in the region....Yea!!!!

There are a lot of details that needed to be pulled together and without the immense help from Raleigh and Velma Boreen, Chris Brake, Stefanie Stribling, Dan Vang this would not have happened so successfully. In addition to these folks stepping up the Program would not have happened without the support from Lincoln Tech which donated the facility (inside and out) for this to happen, Pike Township Fire Dept. for assisting in creating our skid pad exercise by flooding the area. Papa John's on W 71st Street for feeding us and coming thru with a huge order not only on time but actually a little early when we discovered we were ahead of schedule.

Of course thank you to all of the volunteers and instructors from not only the SCCA but the BMW Car Club as well as Indiana Farmers Insurance for making this first rodeo a big success.

We had budgeted for 30 students, wound up accepting 35 and actually had 29 complete the course. There were several late cancellations and a few No Shows on the day of the class. We did experience a hiccup with the start of registration/check-in, but the group quickly adapted and overcame the problem and we actually managed to start just about on time.

The morning session went smoothly with the group divided in 2. One group was outside doing exercises with individual instructors in their cars while the other group was inside learning the same stuff in a lecture format. Half way thru the morning the groups switched and this was repeated during the afternoon as well. Before the lunch break we gathered everyone outside for a demonstration on airbags by blowing one off to show how powerful they really are. Needless to say the students were impressed. They also had an opportunity to experience the blind spots a semi driver or someone with a trailer towing might experience. An eye opened for many I can assure you.

After lunch with the courses for the outside exercises changed and adjusted, including the skid pad being flooded and made slippery to simulate slick conditions, the fun began. As the afternoon wore on the smiles and giggles from the students grew tremendously as did the learning curve of these students. Every student for both the morning and the afternoon session was able to complete each outside exercise at least 4 times, some even more.

After all of the exercises had been completed we gathered everyone inside for 1 final session. This was to graduate our students. It was a tremendous honor and pleasure to individually recognize each student for the successful completion of the course. It was a huge joy for me to see the smiles on their faces as they each stepped forward to receive their Certificate of Completion.

I am so proud of our Club and the TEAM we have guiding the Region. This program is a glaring example of why I love the Indianapolis Region and am proud to call it home! From an idea that germinated in my head over 5 years ago to fruition yesterday (9/27/15)...all I can say is WOW, we did it!!!!

In looking forward, this is just the first run of the program for us. Unlike many other areas that have been 1 and done. We have an obligation to not only ourselves but our community to continue to put this program on. With that said, I am considering expanding this to doing 1 each Spring and another each Fall to coincide with Homecoming and Prom seasons. This only makes sense. Look for more in the not too distant future on our next Street Survival, I may be tapping you on the shoulder to say, Hey can you give me a hand with this.

In closing I want to again give recognition and thanks to the Raleigh, Velma, Chris, Stefanie, Dan and yes, even Dave for all you guys did to help make this program run as smoothly yesterday as it did. Without you guys it might have happened, just not as successfully. THANK YOU!!!!!!

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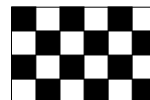
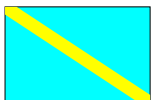
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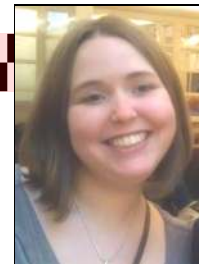
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BoD Meeting Minutes



Minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD for October 8, 2015 at Squealer's BBQ, 6:30 PM.

There were 11 people present at the meeting.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Old Business

None

Treasurers Report

Approved. Nationals is still behind on audits, so report is not a clear reflection on the state of the club. The storage usint that the club uses is not giving a discount for paying annually instead of month to month, so Rich is going to just switch to monthly payments.

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

Jason was not in attendance, so the exact number of members was unknown. We are still doing much better than in years past.

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.

Activities

Banquet – We are “written in pencil” for January 9th at Squealer's in Mooreseville. The cost will be \$25/person like last year and planning on 5p-9p for a time.

WOW – Chris brought a proposed budget for the World of Wheels. The budget will cover the 8 cars in the display, the vendor booth, electric, flyer printing, new floor covering, and a few new items for the display. Bruce suggested that we approve the budget for slightly more as a cushion so Chris wouldn't have to come back to the BoD to ask for additional money in an emergency. The budget was approved for the overage, but it was stressed to stay within the initial proposed budget or lower if possible. We have 5 cars confirmed for the display, and 3 soft committals.

Rally

The Halloween Rally is on October 24th. This is always the largest rally of year in for participation. The November rally will be a GTA with an undefined course in Hamilton County. You will need to plot your own course and answer questions. It is planned for the weekend before Thanksgiving.

Solo

The final DragCross had a lower turn out than before. Weather was a big cause for this as it was wet and cold all day. The final Solo points event had just under 80 participants. Many class year end trophies came down to the final runs to determine who would be getting a trophy. The final weekend of the solo season will be Oct 17-18. We will be doing our first Solo Trial event on Saturday and the final fun event on Sunday. We are offering a discount for the fun event to PAPA, a Purdue Automotive club, members. Each PAPA member will get a \$15 discount, they will also get a free First Gear Membership if they aren't already a member. We are also planning on giving Lincoln Tech students discounts for our events (especially those at Lincoln Tech) next year to try and get more of them to attend our events.

Time Trial

CJ is working on finding a location for the PDX next year. She is also hoping to potentially have a Track Night In America as well at the same location to help promote the PDX.

New Business

National Convention – Who are we sending, if anyone? CJ wants to go to continue her networking within the PDX program. Chris and Stef may be going on Nationals bill as speakers, but we are unsure of this at the moment. The cost this year for the convention is \$325/person plus hotel and airfare. CJ is going to come up with a budget and bring it to the Board next month. Hopefully we will also know whether Chris and Stef are going as speakers or attendees by then as well, so the Board can vote on the final budget.

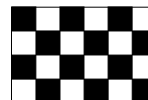
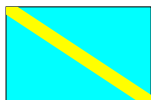
Tire Rack Street Survival

The street survival had 35 accepted registrations, and 29 students showed up on the day of the school total. Bryan was very happy with how the school went, and couldn't have asked for a better team. He is planning to have two schools next year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Lincoln Tech was the perfect location for this as well and we hope to use it again next year. Bryan gave Stef some dates to give to Lincoln Tech and see which ones work for them.

Next BOD meeting scheduled for November 12th at Squealer's BBQ.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Stefanie Stribling, Secretary



Solo Report Stephanie Stribling



October 3-4th was the final DragCross of the season on Saturday and the final Points Event for Solo on Sunday at Grissom Aeroplex. The weather on Saturday caused the numbers to be lower than in the past with only 20 competitors. Those that did brave the weather had a great time and we look forward to more DragCross events next year. The final points event on Sunday was a nail biter for a lot of classes. Many of them came down to the last runs, not only for event trophies but also for year-end trophies.

October 17th was Indy Region's first ever Solo Trial. We had 26 competitors attend. It was a great learning experience for us. After the first session in the morning, things were tweaked a little and everyone got another session in the afternoon. Everyone had a great time and we are planning on hosting another Solo Trial sometime next year. October 18th was the final event of the season and it was the annual SWAP and DRIVE. The turn-out for the event was amazing with right at 70 people!!! I was a little worried on how things would work with the structure that we use for the swap and drive but everything ran smoothly and fun was had by all. It was a great end to the season!

If you are interested in holding a Chief position next year (or you are a current Chief and want to continue/end your current position) please get a hold of me as soon as possible (indysccasolo@yahoo.com). I will be working on planning next year's season in the upcoming months. There will be a planning meeting in November so keep an eye on the website and Facebook for updates on 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-transferable)

Watch the website and Facebook page for all updates and next season get together.

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



Indy Region Time Trials Update – November, 2015

As 2015 draws to an end, there is much activity surrounding the development of the 2016 season. At the national level, there has been reorganization of the Time Trials division which solidly places all TT activities under the direction of

Experiential Programs. Although this change does not alter how we run our events on a regional level, it does change some of my reporting to Topeka. Don't worry – it's a good change! Take a look at the information below which was taken directly from the November 2015 Fastrack newsletter. It will give you a good understanding of the restructuring of the programs organizational structure.

On a local front, I have had excellent conversations with Putnam and we are on pace to host events there in 2016 and beyond. Dates and contracts are pending at the time of this writing so I can't go into specifics this month. However, a 2016 budget has been approved by the board and dates will be finalized before the end of November.

Hang on to your helmets! 2016 is shaping up to be an excellent year!

As always, Go Fast-Don't Screw Up!
Corrine Harleman

SCCA BOD Meeting Minutes October 9-10, 2015 (in relevant part as published in the November 2015 Fastrack newsletter)

Motion: Patullo/Zekert - Approve TTAC roll bar changes as shown below. PASSED Unanimous.
Under TIME TRIAL RULES, Track Trials & Hill Climb, Driver Information, Page 3 Roll Bar Specifications change:

All roll bars must be braced in a manner to prevent movement in a fore-and-aft direction with the brace attached within the top one-third of the roll hoop. It is strongly recommended that two such braces be used, parallel to the sides of the car, and placed at the outer extremities of the roll bar hoop. Such braces should extend to the rear whenever possible.

It is required that roll bars include a transverse diagonal brace from the bottom of the hoop on one side to the top of the hoop on the other side. Diagonal lateral bracing of equal dimension tubing must be installed to prevent lateral distortion of the hoop. In most cases, a lateral brace from the bottom corner of the hoop on the side to the top corner of the hoop on the other side is sufficient. Although installing the diagonal lateral brace in the main hoop is the strongest (and hence most preferable) alternative, there may be instances where such an installation is not practical. In such situations, the installation of the diagonal brace running from the bottom of the fore/aft brace on one side to the top corner of the hoop on the other side is acceptable.

TIME TRIALS ADMINISTRATION COUNCIL MINUTES | October 14, 2015

Expected Participants:

Chuck Deprow, Craig Farr, Dave Deborde, Jim Cyle, Kent Carter, Lee Hill, Matthew Yip, Roy Mallory

Reports:

Board of Directors Report

- None

Ongoing Business:

- Time Trials Rule Book - 2015 revisions
- Rollbar language acceptable as written
- Medical Requirements
- Concerns raised at National
- Contacting Insurance for clarification and direction
- TTR - no changes required
- TT License form - revisions required
- SA2015 Helmets
- SA2005 helmets "expire" at the end of Jan 2017
- Open TTAC positions
- Replacement Chairman - appointment requested
- Membership changes
- Jerry Cabe - resigning effective Summer 2015
- Tony Machi - added effective September 2015

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.

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