



# CLUTCH CHATTER

August 2017



## **EDITOR- Maggie Vang**

I'd like to thank Jae Choi and Ben Newburn this month for the great pictures and time that they've given us. Without our great local photographers, the pictures in Clutch Chatter and what we share on various social media outlets would not be possible. Please make sure to support our photographers any way you can for doing us a great service.



*Current Tovey Cup leader on his way to a BS class win at Hoosier challenge*

## **RE- Chris Brake**

I have been doing a lot of looking at how things are with the club, and while I am very proud of our region, I can see room for us to improve, and areas that are going to need help soon. While our programs are strong, I can see the need for some more people getting involved with overall club operations. I know I am always the one begging for more volunteers, but this club belongs to all of us, and we would benefit to have input from more of the membership and it would balance the load out. Board meetings are open to everyone, if you have ever thought about being involved at the board level, come on out to a meeting. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. Check the website for location as the last few months it has moved a few times as we are trying to find a new spot that fits everything we are looking for. While our board is strong, I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say we can't do it forever, and it helps keep the club strong when we have a base of people who are familiar with everything before taking over. If you have any questions about what's involved, please reach out to any of us and

we will get you the information you want. I know we all have lives outside of the club, but the only way to help change things for the better is to go to meetings and to help on the ground level making a difference.

*Keith Hagen working hard to find those last couple tenths on course in SMS.*

## **SOLO- Stefanie Brake**

I need volunteers to help with Subaru Challenge on Aug 27th in Lafayette. I need help with specialties like tech, timing, registration and such. If I have enough people, rotating them on corners would be nice, as most at the challenge are novice. Email me if you would like to help out. Thank you.



## **SECRETARY- Joel Harleman**

July 2017 Indy Region Board Meeting

**Approval of May Minutes** – minutes from June meeting were approved.

**Old Business** – None

**Website** – No notes from John.

**Clutch Chatter** – Maggie thanked everyone for getting reports to her. If you have an article you would like added the CC please send it to her. Maggie said she's really enjoying doing CC. Now that Maggie is feeling more comfortable with everything she will be taking over all aspects (sending out the printed copies of CC).

**Membership** – Matt announced that we have 561 current members. We have gained about 8 new members but didn't lose too many last month. Matt sent out 3 emails to routine weekend members. Seems to be seeing a good trend.

**Treasurer's Report** – Colin opened another CD. Credit card is all paid up. No outstanding receipts, some un-cashed checks though. Rally and Time Trial are both negative right now, Solo is positive. Programs still have events to hold, so no worries yet. Colin noticed that all programs submit budgets, but Admin doesn't have one. We haven't really tracked it well, or at all. He is going to start tracking to see where money is going and create a budget for these funds.

### **Activities**

-Annual Banquet – Colin met with Vinnie to go through his findings for venues and catering. They were able to narrow venues to two, as well as two caterers. The dates they are looking at are January 13<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. First option is Sycamore Room at Mallow Run. This location isn't inside the circle, but is the same distance away as Squealers was. It is close to Whiteland. Seats roughly 300 and has lots of parking. Very

willing to work with us. Second option is Willows on Westfield in Broadripple. There are 2 room options (large ballroom or small room), and both would suffice. Willows does have a caterer that we are required to use. At Mallow Run we can chose our caterer. The option would be Nameless Catering with a BBQ buffet. The BoD voted and decided to use Syamore Room at Mallow Run with Nameless Catering on January 27, 2018. The costs for attendees will be the same as years past at \$25/person. Unsure on what/if there will be a child discount. Decisions will be made soon on that.

**Social Media** – Chris said that Vinnie is doing a good job posting about upcoming events on the Facebook page. The Rally posts of Facebook have been getting good response/discussion.

**Runoffs** – Bryan reports that the first list of qualified drivers (822) is now out. Registration opens on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Dave is working on the block party for Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. Going to engage the local businesses. Velma is going to be meeting with the Speedway Chamber for the hospitality info. She is still looking for help with our hospitality booth during the Runoffs.

**Solo** – Stefanie reported that Points event 2 at the Fairgrounds went fairly well. There were 86 competitors at this event. There were some issues with timing, but managed to get things managed. Stefanie will be holding an advanced timing course for a few select individuals. She would like to slowly get more people more comfortable with the system to assure multiple people can solve different issues that may arise. The two day Divisional event had a great turn out with 128 on Saturday and 149 on Sunday. This was used as our Charity event. The Peru PD K9 Unit was chosen as they have to support their canines on donations alone. One of the officers (Sgt. Raber) came out both days with her dog Fargo. They did bite demonstrations both days and also a drug sniffing demonstration on Sunday. We were able to donate almost \$1500 (\$5/competitor each day, plus some extra chipped in by competitors). All events in June/July profited. Upcoming events are the CAM Challenge, Hoosier Challenge (hosted by SBR), Test N Tune and Subaru Challenge.

**Rally** – Wendy said they have about 14-15 cars registered for the National Rally (July 15) and have some new names for the Divisional Rally (July 16). She could use 1 or 2 more for checkpoints. Meeting at Holiday Inn in Greenwood at 930am. Ted is gearing up for the annual Halloween Rally. He is hoping to have 40 cars. He is wanting to rent

*Will Lahee taking 1st in Pax and FTD during the Hoosier Challenge*



out the township building and do some family friendly food for after the rally. This event is scheduled for Oct 28<sup>th</sup>.

**PDX** – CJ reported that we have one on Aug 26<sup>th</sup> at Putnam. Still waiting on registrations, but most don't sign up until the last week. CJ did announce that she will not be chairing the program next year. She will be looking for another Chair and is willing to help with Stewarding. Michael Young has expressed interest in Chairing the

*Tony Zapata taking the fun line in the wet 1st heat at the Speedrome*



program, with some coaching help from CJ and the Board.

**New Business** – National Convention – Stefanie brought up that it's time to start thinking about the convention in January. She has compiled a proposed budget (very similar to last year). She will be emailing this out to the board to

review before next meeting. She asked the board to also think about how many we would like to send (3-5) and who we think we would like to send to represent Indy Region. She asked the board to come to next month's meeting ready to discuss and vote. Next meeting is August 8<sup>th</sup> at Donatos pizza in Brownsburg.

## **PDX- CJ Harleman**

**\*No Article\***

## **MEMBERSHIP-Matt Adams**

Hope everyone's summer is going well and full of fantastic car sports. The region currently stands at 541 members with 8 new members. I also know that we added at least two more as weekend member conversions from solo, which haven't gone through, yet. Hoping to get them official for next month. The mid summer slump appears to be serious fall off in first year retention from last summer. Looking at the statistics, the region is still on par with beginning of year numbers, which was in the mid-500's as well.

### **July New Members**

Norberto Monarrez - Westfield IN  
Anita Hulme- Te Puke New Zealand  
Skyler King - Summitville IN  
Gurneesh Jatana - Columbus IN

Bruce Bohlander- Brownsburg IN  
Christopher Crowe - Danville IN  
Gabriella Juncos - Avon IN  
Zachary Leach - Whiteland IN

## ACTIVITIES- Vinnie Taibi

\*No Article\*

## RALLY- Wendy Harrison

2017 Road Rally Calendar:

April 2- Rally School

May 7 – Regional Rally

June 11 – Regional Rally

July 15/16 – Hoosier Crossroads

August 20 – Divisional Rally

September 24 – Divisional Rally

October 28 – Halloween Rally

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The weekend of July 15-16 was perfect rally weather and we were excited to welcome 18 teams to Indy Region for two exceptional rallies. Chuck Hanson and Sam Crites put together the National Rally, Hoosier Crossroads, for Saturday. 11 teams participated in the rally which ran from Greenwood to Nashville, IN and then back again. Consensus was that it was one of the best hosted by our region in recent years. 6 teams ran the rally in the Tour category and 5 teams ran the rally as Course.

On Sunday, 14 teams including 7 novice teams ran the Divisional Rally, Haven't We Been Here Before. Contestants quickly realized the reason for the rally name as they wound their way through the Greenwood area and visited some checkpoints more than once (intentionally). Bruce and Nick Armstrong combined scenic roads with some sneaky traps that challenged experienced as well as novice drivers.

Thank you to all of the workers: Chuck Hanson, Sam Crites, Craig Beidelman, Karen Beidelman, Jeff Alexander, Ted Drummond, Darren Daubenspeck, Judy Hanson, Beth Crites, Bruce Armstrong, Nick Armstrong, Sharon Bringen, Ann Crittenden, Dick Powell, and especially to Rob Moran who drove down from Michigan to give us Tour expertise and a good pre-check of the entire National rally in a car that had an intermittent running problem (we only had to push it once☺ - but we'll save that story for a newsletter when there's not much other rally news.) Full results for both rallies are below.

### **Overall Results**

#### Hoosier Crossroads Tour

Equipped     Crittenden/Starr

Equipped	Emmons/Van Vleet
Equipped	Gezon/Morseburg
Equipped	Fishbeck/Dawson
Stock	Toney/Toney
Equipped	Ferris/Heine

#### Hoosier Crossroads Course

Equipped	Larouere/Beattie
Stock	Wakeman/Nogrady
Equipped	Thompson/Rosevear
Equipped	DeMeritt/DeMeritt
Stock	Armstrong/Armstrong

#### Haven't We Been Here Before

Equipped	Larouere/Beattie
Equipped	Crittenden/Starr
Equipped	DeMeritt/DeMeritt
Stock	Wakeman/Nogrady
Equipped	Thompson/Rosevear
Equipped	Gezon/Morseburg
Stock	Toney/Toney
Novice	Spicer/Spicer
Novice	Beach/Beach
Novice	Tedder/Walker
Novice	Bates/Bates
Novice	Bohn/Hutson
Novice	McKinley/Kroner
Novice	Sun/Wells

August, September, and October: Next up, is the Presidential Rally on August 20. It can be run as a Tour, Course, or GTA and is a good beginner rally. Starting point is the 5/3 Bank on E 96<sup>th</sup> St. The September 24 rally is planned to take place between Indy and Chicago and you won't want to miss Ted Drummond's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Halloween Rally on October 28.

See you down the road.

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*We Get them in all shapes and sizes now. Bob Miller in his 71' Chevy Pickup and Pat O'neal in his 92' Suzuki Capachino.*





## Words From Velma!

### BILL AND TED'S EXCELLENT ADVENTURE

No, we didn't have a Bill or a Ted with us but we did have an excellent adventure! This was an opportunity to help out the SouthEast Division with an event that the Solo Development Coordinator, Scott Dobler, wanted to try. Scott was at our first dragcross this year to find out how a dragcross is run. He decided that he wanted to try it for one of his Divisional events and that is how the adventure began!

Friday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, Chris and Stef Brake, Raleigh and I left Indianapolis after lunch for a quick trip to Bristol, Tennessee. Yes, the very same place that is billed as the Last Great Colosseum! Nothing else to do on a Friday afternoon. Google indicated the trip as 413.2 miles and 6 hours and 56 minutes. WE CAN DO THIS! We had a very nice trip there – good weather, not too much traffic, beautiful scenery! We arrived in Bristol, had dinner and checked into our hotel for a quick night's sleep. The next morning, we were up and out of the hotel before 6:30 and headed over to the track. We met Scott there around 7 and started setting up the Christmas Tree Lights and all of the timing



*Wanda Brinkerhoff at Hoosier Challenge*

equipment. One quick trip to Walmart for a quick, on the spot fix, and we were ready to go. The concept of the dragcross was explained to the 40 competitors, with many questions from them, and then they were broken into 2 groups. Everything went very smoothly and the competitors had a lot of fun. Scott decided early on to call the event a CashCross and the top four would receive cash. All the competitors said they would

like to do another event like this next year and hopefully there would be more people that sign up. We were finished and packed up, ready to go, by 4:30. Still almost 7 hours to get home..... besides, we had an event at Grissom to get back for!

We pulled into the driveway at 12:40 am, crawled into bed for a few hours of shuteye. We were at Grissom by 8 for the Hoosier Challenge, hosted this year by South Bend Region. This event was also part of the Great Lakes Division Solo Series. Obviously the success of the Hoosier Challenge idea and the fact that it was a Series event for the Division were two factors that helped with the attendance. We had over 210 competitors there on Sunday! That was a great showing for the Hoosier Challenge and for the Series. After all was said and done, Indy Region was the winner of the Hoosier Challenge.

Oh, did I mention that after the event was over, Chris changed the fuel pump on a Corvette? What a guy! He just has too much fun!

Congrats to Indy Region for the showing on the Hoosier Challenge and thanks to everyone for supporting that event and also the Great Lakes Solo Series events! Now I'm going to catch up on my sleep.....

Velma Boreen

## **SCCA RUNOFF INFO:**

Don't forget that Runoffs are coming up at the end of September. If you have any questions, or would like to help out in some way, please contact Bryan Deane, Velma Boreen, Dave Dusterburg, or any other board member. (We need all the help we can get!!!!!!)

### Runoffs Welcome Party layout

- A. 130 x 350ft: Bike barricaded off pedestrian area where party will be hosted.
  - B. 30x30 tent + 100 chairs
    - i. space for entertainment (most likely a DJ, but potentially a live band)
  - C. Parking (gravel area: 125 x 380ft and 100 x 360 ft )
    - Access from 16<sup>th</sup> St and Main St.
  - D. Port-a-Potties (6) and wash station (1)
- Street will not be blocked to public traffic because:
    - Indy Car Experience has a large party planned at their space on 9/24-25 during the day (400-600 guests).
    - Closing the street is cost prohibitive and unnecessary for our purposes.



**EXTRA EXTRA!!!! IMPORTANT**  
**INFO BELOW!!!!**

**Autocrossers !!**

**Want to up your game??**

**Want to run against new people?**

**Want to have a great time??**

**Want to be crowned Divisional Champion??**

**The 2017 Great Lakes Division Solo Series could be for you!!**

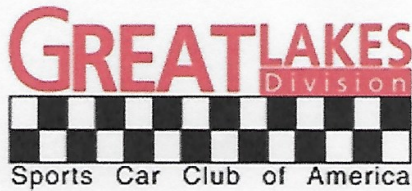
**The Great Lakes Division Solo Series has existed for over 30 years (going back to the original Central Division Solo Series), and has helped produce many National Champions. Run against the best competitors from other regions, at some of the best sites in the division.**

**This year there are 6 days of competition, over 4 weekends, with three weekends right here in our backyard (Grissom Air Base, Ft. Wayne Coliseum, and Kentucky Fairgrounds and Expo Center, Louisville, KY). The other event is at one of the premier sites in GLD; Wirtsmith Air Base, Oscoda, MI.**

**Each day counts as an event. You need to run three days of competition to qualify for yearend awards, and you count your 4 best finishes.**

**Details on each event can be found at the hosting region's website, or contact Ray Jason, at [rkj42@yahoo.com](mailto:rkj42@yahoo.com)**

**Come join the fun and competition!!**



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**2017 Great Lakes Division SOLO Series Schedule**

**May 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>**      **Saginaw Valley Region 2 Day/ 2 Events**  
Wurtsmith Air Base    Oscoda, MI

**July 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup>**      **Indianapolis Region 2 Day/ 2 Events**  
Grissom Aeroplex    Peru, IN

**July 9<sup>th</sup>**      **Fort Wayne Region 1 Day Event**  
Allen County War Memorial Coliseum    Fort Wayne, IN

**October 8<sup>th</sup>**      **Kentucky Region 1 Day Event**  
Kentucky Fairgrounds & Expo Center    Louisville, KY

*Total of 3 Events to Qualify for Trophy BEST 4 TOTAL for END OF YEAR POINTS*

*Hope to see you out on the pavement for some more great times*

**ALSO...!!!!**

**THE NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE  
SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:30 AT DONATO'S  
PIZZA IN BROWNSBURG!!!!**

## **OPT IN/OUT**

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**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 opt-in by filling out and mailing in the form below.

**Non-members:** Our plan is add non-member competitors to the mailing list for one month. If they compete in another event, they will be added for another month.

## **OPT – IN FORM**

### **Indy Region SCCA Members Only:**

Opt – In to receive CC by mail by returning this form.

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

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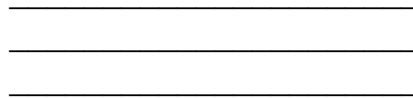
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