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# CLUTCH CHATTER

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Well, it's that time of year again where all the racers prepare for the hibernation of their vehicles. Parts are going to be ordered...tinkering will be done...the dreams are going to start. The sadness will return for a little while. Tears will be shed...hearts will be broken...but it will all be back again before you know it...LET THE COUNTDOWN BEGIN!!!!!!

IF YOU DON'T WANT IT TO END...KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE WINTER CARTING LEAGUE!!!!!!

## **RE- Chris Brake**

Nothing much from me this month, seasons are winding down, starting to look forward to next year. Winter karting league will be upon us soon, and our annual award banquet. Hope to see many of you there, it is a good chance to catch up with everyone.

On the subject of next year, if you are potentially interested in a board position, please let us know!!! We need names on ballots that will be sent out in a couple months. If you would like details about serving on the board, reach out and we'll get the info to you. It is a great way to have a voice in how the club serves the membership.

## **SOLO-STEFANIE BRAKE**

The final points event has been completed and trophy winners have been determined. Congratulations to the following Indy Region Solo Trophy Winners! All of these winners will be receiving a year end trophy at the Annual Awards Banquet!

Darren Daubenspeck – AS Champion

Kevin Kent – BS Champion

Alan Hamson – BS Second Place

Jay Nogan – CS Champion

Jeff McGrew – DS Champion

Skyler King – DS Second Place

Mike Obarske – DS Third Place

Chris Finnigan – ES Champion

Gabe Argenta – ES Second Place

Jacob Robins – ES Third Place

Michael Young – FS Champion

Chris Shieldsmith – GS Champion

Steven Brown – GS Second Place

Catherine Justiniana – GSL Champion

John Clyne – HS Champion

Jerry Strobe – SSR Champion

Robert Clark – STS Champion

Brendan Bogan – STS Second Place

Dallas Reed – STX Champion

Matthew Piscione – STX Second Place

Dan Froemming – STX Third Place

Ashton Johnson – STR Champion

Ted Drummond – STR Second Place

Kyle Cooney – STR Third Place

Ryan Natzke – STU Champion

Kevin Kirchoff – ASP Champion

Zachary Leach – DSP Champion

Jason Camps – ESP Champion

Paul Fox – CP Champion

Justin Lowhorn – SMS Champion

Dale Brier – SMS Second Place

Jonathan Heck – SMS Third Place

Tyler Rush – SMS Fourth Place

Daniel Stone – BM Champion

Bruce Faucett – CM Champion

Stephen Brinkerhoff – DM Champion

Wanda Brinkerhoff – DML Champion

Chris Kinnaman – EM Champion

Lee Miller – EM Second Place

Craig Hudson – FM Champion

Will Lahee – Pro Class Champion

Colin Faucett – Pro Class Second Place

Gage Justiniano – JB Champion

Gary Rogers – CAMC Champion

Ralph Ford – CAMC Second Place

Raleigh Boreen – CAMC Third Place

Seth Fultz – CAMC Fourth Place

Travis Hartwell – CAMT Champion

Lou Savino – CAMS Champion

Joe Hirsch – CAMS Second Place

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**Kevin Kent – Tovey Cup Champion**  
**Wes Malusek – Novice of the Year**

As a reminder, the Annual Awards banquet will be on January 27<sup>th</sup> 2018. We will again be having the FREE Solo Season drawing. You must be a member of Indy Region and you must be present at the banquet to win. For every Solo/DragCross event you competed in (including Test N Tunes) you get an entry. And for any event that you helped with, but didn't compete in you will also get an entry. You will need to email me the list of events that you helped at ([indysccasolo@yahoo.com](mailto:indysccasolo@yahoo.com)) for these to be added. I will also give you TWO entries for attending and competing in the Halloween Rally on Oct 28<sup>th</sup>. If you have never done a rally before, this is the one to do!

## **SECRETARY- Joel Harleman**

\*No Report\*



IMS President speaking during the Runoffs welcome party.

## PDX- CJ Harleman

\*No report\*



**WILL LAHEE(2ND), CLEMENS BURGER(3RD), DAN STONE(4TH) in BM for the 2017 Solo Nationals**

## MEMBERSHIP-Matt Adams

Happy Fall to everyone, It's been a very busy September for Membership. Please note the massive list of new members, 36 in all, for last month. This isn't all the names yet. There are a few that converted weekend memberships from Subaru Challenge that I'm waiting for confirmation on. With this excellent month the region stands at 587 members. Nearly back to where we started the year! Also, with the huge participation of new comers in all of our programs during October, this will be the largest mailing of Clutch chatter for the year, Which reflects well on how the club has been doing over the year.

I've received one application for Involved member award and look forward to handing out more. Please go on [indyscca.org](http://indyscca.org) under forms to submit. Tally up the points per the requirements for all the activities you participated in or helped with that supported the Indy region for the year. Then send me a copy to [madams.scca@gmail.com](mailto:madams.scca@gmail.com) There's still a few more events to pitch in for if you come up a bit shy. For those getting this who filled out a weekend membership multiple times this year, would you please consider making it a full membership for 2018 over the winter? Some of those forms can still be used to get discounts that will more than pay for themselves just in the first few spring events. If this is appealing but have misplaced the pink copies, send me an email to get

the numbers, dates, etc. We'll get you hooked up.



#### SUBARU CHALLENGE

Mike Bymaster Indianapolis IN  
Stephen Lathrop Zionsville IN  
Chris Kinnaman Camby IN  
Andrew Borme Indianapolis IN  
Daniel Hammond Indianapolis IN  
Katie Lord Zionsville IN  
Bob Warner Westfield IN  
Terry Kowalewski Whiteland IN  
Brennan Blackwell Carmel IN  
Linda Stobbs Carmel IN  
Charles Jeffras Fishers IN  
Jacob Hampton Columbus IN  
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Donald Grable West Lafayette IN  
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John Hayes Markleville IN  
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Kevin Ruble Indianapolis IN  
John Hancock Fishers IN  
Karen Jones Greenfield IN  
Kevin Wedmore Carmel IN  
Jacob Hoggard Carmel IN  
Chase Wilderman Poseyville IN  
Jess Chen Indianapolis IN  
Aaron Gribben Wabash IN  
Darren Nickelson Fairland IN  
Tyler Stover Indianapolis IN  
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Daniel Nowlan Rockdale NSW AUSTRALIA

# ACTIVITIES- Vinnie Taibi

\*no report\*



Michael Leveque during the SCCA runoffs at IMS



Clemens at Runoffs

## RALLY- Wendy Harrison



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## SPECIAL WORDS FROM VELMA



The much-anticipated event for the Sport Car Club of America at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway finally happened the end of September. The 54<sup>th</sup> running of the 2017 Runoffs at IMS was a huge success in the eyes of SCCA, IMS, the competitors and the workers. The National staff rolled in the weekend of September 17<sup>th</sup> to begin the process of getting everything set up before competitors started arriving on Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. This is the culmination of more than two years of planning, many trips to Indianapolis and countless meetings to make this event successful. AND IT WAS A SUCCESS!

The week started out with four “test” days at the track. These test days were for the competitors who chose to spend a little extra money and get a look at the track before qualifying began. Thursday through Sunday were set aside for the test days and the field was full for all four days! Of course, the





weather was more like July weather but at least it was clear and sunny – no rain! **Bryan Dean** had the responsibility of making sure that the corners were manned at all times while cars were on course. As usual, he did a great job! Raleigh and I volunteered to work a couple of the test days – Raleigh worked a corner station and I worked grid with **CJ**. Neither of us had ever worked anything other than timing and scoring so this was new for us. Working grid offered me a great opportunity to talk with drivers and spend time with some drivers I knew from other SCCA venues. Working corners gave Raleigh the opportunity to buy a white pair of painter’s pants so if he decides to pursue that as a new career, he already has the uniform!

Monday, the first day of qualifying, found Raleigh working Pit Tech. We worked this specialty last year at Mid-Ohio and really enjoyed being that close to the action. In fact, Raleigh worked Pit Tech all seven days. Just ask him how many steps he got on his Fitbit! While Raleigh was working on Monday, **CJ** and I were busy getting the Welcome Party finalized. I want to thank **John Wilmoth** and **Darren Daubenspeck** for coming to help with some of the heavy lifting in the afternoon. We had beer vouchers from Dare Devil Brewing, pop and water and munchies from Tacos and Tequila. All very good food! I’m not sure of the final head count but there were lots of people in that parking lot on Main Street! In fact, **Mike Cobb**, our new president at SCCA, was handing out beer vouchers so he had the opportunity to meet lots of SCCA people. In addition to Mike, **Doug Boles**, president of IMS, was also at the Welcome Party to greet people.

The Welcome Party gave those visiting IMS for the first time the chance to see what other restaurants and shops were on Main Street. According to the Chamber of Commerce, the restaurants on Main Street were busy all week.

Racing finally began on Friday! I’m quite sure that all of the races got their total of 19 laps in and none of the races were called after 40 minutes of competition. That is something that doesn’t always happen but it worked at IMS because of the Fire and Rescue teams that IMS provided. If a car/driver needed rescuing, those teams were out and working on getting the track back to full green very quickly. At any other track, there are several races that would have been called on time rather than getting all of the prescribed laps in. Kudos to the IMS Fire and Rescue!

Indy Region had 26 competitors participate in the Runoffs – and 1 used-to-be-Indy-Region competitor. That is a great showing for our Region. We do have one National Champion with **Dave Daughtery** in B-Spec and several other competitors who finished well. The fact that these drivers were able to compete at IMS is definitely on a bucket list for them and we should be proud of all of them.

Here are the Indy Region drivers and how they finished in their respective classes:

<b>B-Spec</b>	Dave Daughtery – Fortville – 2013 Mini Cooper	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
	George Badger – Pendleton – 2011 Mini Cooper	9 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>F500</b>	Jeremy Morales – Indianapolis – Scorpion S1 Suzuki	19 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Don Napier – Greenwood – Scorpion S1 Rotax	20 <sup>th</sup> Place
	James Weida – W. Lafayette – Scorpion S1 Rotax	38 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>F Continental FZ</b>	John LaRue – Muncie – Citation Snipe	14 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>FE</b>	Daniel Smith – Pendleton – Mazda FE	12 <sup>th</sup> Place
Mazda FE	Clemens Burger – Noblesville –	30 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>FF</b>	Zach Holden – Abbottstown, PA –	
Mygale FF Honda	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	
	Bob Perona – Indianapolis – Piper	
DF3DHonda	5 <sup>th</sup> Place	
Van Diemen	Brandon Lavender – Marysville, OH –	
	10 <sup>th</sup> Place	
	(Brandon is our used-to-be-Indy-Region competitor – we’ll still claim him!)	
<b>FV</b>	Mark Landa – Zionsville – Protoform P2	10 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Adam Jennerjahn – Hartford City – Vortech FV	32 <sup>nd</sup> Place
	Chris Jennerjahn – Hartford City – Vortech FV	34 <sup>th</sup> Place
	(Chris started 3 <sup>rd</sup> on the grid but a first lap incident moved him back)	
<b>EP</b>	Aaron Johnson – Bangalore, India – Honda S2000	24 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Stevens Jeffers – Fishers – ’82 Mazda RX 7	27 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Scott Jeffers – Terre haute – “82 Mazda RX 7	40 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>FP</b>	Bob Perona – Indianapolis – ’91 Miata	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
<b>SM</b>	Ricardo Juncos – Avon – Miata	36 <sup>th</sup> Place
	(71 cars in this field!)	
<b>SRF</b>	Craig Blackwell – Carmel – SRF	10 <sup>th</sup> Place



	Benjamin Brinn – Lafayette – SRF	14 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Dave DeBolt – Cumberland – SRF	38 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>SRF3</b>	Dave Schocht – Noblesville – SRF3	49 <sup>th</sup> Place
	Craig Blackwell – Carmel – SRF3 (72 cars in this field!)	55 <sup>th</sup> Place
<b>STL</b>	Steve Linn – Indianapolis – Nissan Sentra SE-R	42 <sup>nd</sup> Place
<b>STU</b>	Andrew Doyle – Fishers – Dodge SRT 4	21 <sup>st</sup> Place
<b>T4</b>	Ralph Porter – Kokomo – '04 BMW Z4	20 <sup>th</sup> Place

All in all, the 2017 SCCA Runoffs were a success. It was a great opportunity for SCCA to showcase road racing at its best. Thank you to all of the Indy Region members who helped make this a success – whether you were racing, working a specialty or helping out a fellow Indy Region member who was racing – we showed SCCA and the rest of the country our Hoosier hospitality and made the event something to remember. Who knows – maybe the Runoffs will be back someday????



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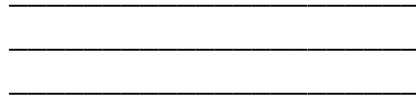
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