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# CLUTCH CHATTER

## February 2018

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### Article Title

A large pair of T-Rexes were spotted at the National Convention in Las Vegas!!! More info to follow!



### Race Car for Sale

Lee Miller would like to sell his Lotus 7

# RE

by Chris Brake



As I write this, I am in full focus on world of wheels mode, so I'm going to keep this short this month.

If you missed out on attending this year's banquet, then you really missed out. The food and venue were fantastic and one of the best turnouts we've had in years. Awards were given, we got to hear a synopsis from each program from the last year, and we found out who the board was comprised of for this year. I was

happy to see that we had 2 people run for the same office, and we had twice as many names in the running for at large board members than what we were able to appoint. That means there are more people interested in making the club serve the membership. Remember, board meetings are open for everyone to attend on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM at Donato's Pizza in Brownsburg.

Since last month, we also attended the SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas. While we did have a lot of fun, the 6 representatives from the region also learned a lot and brought back a lot of ideas and knowledge that will be able to make our current programs better, and be able to offer the membership more ways to have fun. We were also honored while at the

convention by being recognized as Region of the Year between large regions (401-800 members.) Decisions for this are based on many factors between growth, retention, programs offered, activities for members, etc. While I don't believe any of us do it for the recognition, it was a great feeling to be noticed for being a great region for the members, and everyone in the region should feel the same.

With that, I will leave you for this month, hope to see you at an event soon!!!



# Rally

By Wendy Harrison

\*No Article this month\*

# Special Words!!

By Bryan Dean

## IMS Safety Training Days - 2018

Once again, this year we are holding a joint training with the track rescue team at IMS. This year it's a 2-day training with both oval and road course exercises being planned. And, once again I am looking for cars to run the exercises with. Of particular need, are cars that are at least roll bar outfitted that can be flat towed and or wrecker lifted. The dates are March 10-11.

Garages will be provided. To sweeten the deal, will offer a free entry to one of the region's solo events, your choice of event. Please contact me if you are able to help.

Thank you,  
Bryan  
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# Activities

by Vinnie Taibi



Hey everyone!

It has been a long and crazy month. January saw our 3rd Winter Karting League Event, SCCA National Convention, and our Annual Awards Banquet. February will see World of Wheels and our 4th Winter Karting League Event. I will start with National Convention. I spent a lot of time networking and attending various sessions regarding marketing, social media, and region events. Some new marketing materials can be seen at our World of Wheels Display next week and keep on the lookout for some social media giveaways in the future. Be sure to follow us @IndySCCA on Facebook AND Instagram.

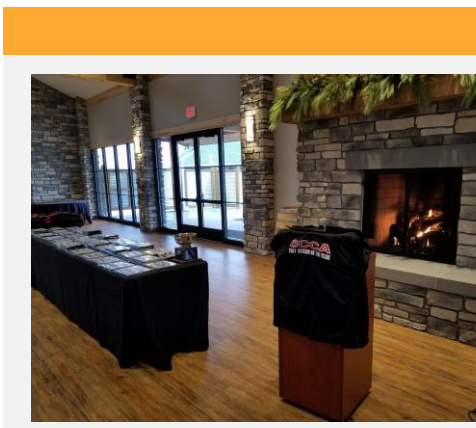
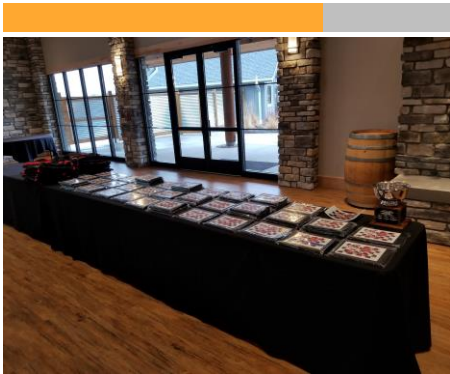
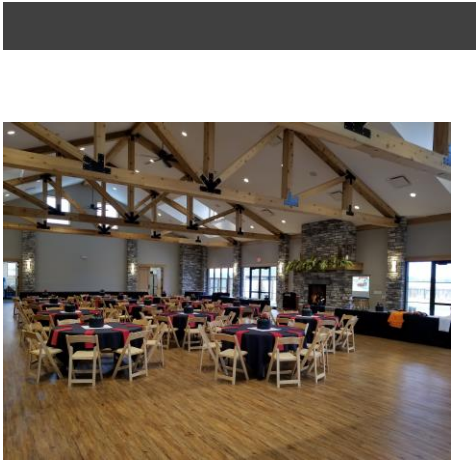
Our Annual Awards Banquet was held at Mallow Run Winery this year. We had slightly over 100 attendees, making it a huge success. We will be sending out a survey to try to make next year even better. Hope everyone enjoyed it!

Our 3rd Karting League Event saw a very slick track. Fastimes recently resurfaced the track and cold temperatures made grip very hard to come by. Wes Malusek wrecked the curve and ran away with the win. He had the fastest lap time that Fastimes had seen since the resurfacing. Dallas Reed, myself, Matt Geist, and Lauren Streeter rounded out the trophy positions. Wes has a healthy lead for the year end trophies, as we hope that grip returns for the February event on the 18th. If you are interested in competing, please email me at

[IndySCCAActivities@gmail.com](mailto:IndySCCAActivities@gmail.com) to RSVP.

Finally, Indianapolis World of Wheels rolls into town February 9th-11th. We will have a club display and look to defend our Top Club Display honors from last year. We are looking for 10 volunteers on Friday and 15 volunteers on Saturday and Sunday to help run the booth. Please get in contact with me if you are interested in helping!

\*2017-18 Karting League #3 Event Results posted at end of this month's edition\*



# Solo

by Stefanie Brake



If you would like to design a course for this year, please contact me at [indysccasolo@yahoo.com](mailto:indysccasolo@yahoo.com) with the event you would like to design. You must be approved by me and I may require you to have someone shadow you.

***\*Schedule located at the bottom of this issue\****

Preparations for the Solo Season are in full swing. Below is the schedule for this year. Note that there were a few changes from what was posted in December (nothing huge).

On March 17th we will be having our annual Training Meeting and Cook-Off. This year the meeting is taking place at Catherine and Pedro Justiniano's home in Brownsburg (4446 High Street). The training meeting is a great time to socialize but also get practice with registration, timing, and tech before the season starts. We will also be doing Solo Safety Steward training and Junior Driver Steward training. The meeting will start at 11am. Check back for schedule details for the day. The Cook-off this year is Crockpot Dishes. You can make an entrée, side dish, dessert...whatever you want, only if it is done in a crockpot. The club will provide drinks, chips, and fruit/veggie plate.



# Secretary

By Joel Harleman

## January 2018 Indy SCCA BOD and Awards Banquet Notes Awards Banquet

**Opening** – All three programs were cash positive this year. We have 579 Members versus 534 last year with a 74% retention. The region also was presented with the award for Large Region of the Year.

**Treasurer** – All programs had a surplus including admin.

**Rally** – Rally had a good year. Our rally director is also on the National Road Rally Board. The SCCA has road rally because it is the most accessible form of competition with normal road cars able to be used. The 2017 National rally had 14 competitors and the Divisional rally also had 14 but there were different competitors from the national rally. The season will start June 23rd. There are also plans for a social rally to end at an Indianapolis Indians baseball game.

**Solo** – Thanks to all the Chiefs! Without them the events could not go on. We had 479 individual competitors and 1207 total entries. 50% of the competitors only did one event. We are working on ways to getting them back to more events. The schedule is out and has 8 points events, 3 drag cross, and 2 solo trials. We will also be hosting the PAPA event for Wounded Warriors, 1 Lap of America, Midwest Muscle Car Challenge, Subaru Challenge, and the CAM Challenge and will need volunteers to help with all these events. For 2018 solo is adding awards for Lady of the Year and Heritage Competitor of the Year. We would like to see more course designers and you would need to be shadowed and approved.

**Time Trials** – We hosted two successful events! Thanks to all the Chiefs that make these events possible. In 2015 we hosted our first

event at the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park and it was a learning event. In 2016 we were able to back to Putnam Park and has Track Night in America plus our two events. For 2017 we hosted two events again but didn't have Track Night in America and we finally got in the black. 30% of the 2017 entries were Indy Region members. The Time Trials program director is changing for 2018. Corrine Harleman has passed the program on to Michael Young. SCCA has rebranded these events as Track Events for non-competitive and Track Trials for competitive events. NCM will be hosting the first SCCA Time Trials National Championships. We will again host two track events at Putnam Park on April 7th and August 25th. The last session of the day will be a time trials session for competition and for people wanting to get a license to be able to compete in the National Championship event.

**Activities** – Karting League is half way through its second season. There are still spots open if you'd like to compete.

**Membership** – We have 579 members with 5 new in January. The Involved Member awards were up for this year and we'd like to continue to see more people getting these awards.

**Club Race** – Indy Region hosted the SCCA Runoffs at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and it was a very successful event! 967 competitors which was a new record by over 300. The final observers report showed the event to be a great success from a competitors and operational standpoint.

**Worker of the Year Award** – Corrine Harleman

**John McGee Memorial Award** – Ted Drummond

### Election Results:

Regional Executive (R.E.) – Chris Brake  
Assistant R.E. – Bruce Faucett

Secretary – Joel Harleman  
Treasurer – Colin Faucett  
Membership Chairperson – Matt Adams  
Activities Chairperson & Social Media – Vinnie Taibi

### **Appointed Program Chairpersons**

Solo – Stephanie Brake  
Rally – Wendy Harrison  
Track Events – Michael Young

### **Directors at Large**

Carol Burger  
Daniel Froemming  
Catherine Justiniano  
James DaPuzzo

Volunteered but not selected

David Dusterburg  
Daniel Vang  
Lee Miller  
Kyle Cooney

### January BOD Meeting

Attended by the entire 2018 Board  
December BOD Meeting Notes – Approved

**Treasurer** – National Convention should have numbers soon for actual vs budget. By next meeting should have the numbers for the banquet and World of Wheels.

**Rally** – Proposed a budget and it was approved.

**Solo** – Schedule is posted, and contracts are being finalized.

**Track Events** – The last session of each event will be a Time Trial. Putnam has agreed to let us use their timing loop. Going forward we would like to have awards for the Time Trials and possibly a Track Events iRacing season.

**Activities** – Karting league is half way done. World of Wheels is coming up. Would like to try and do a Dyno Day for members.

**Membership** – 579 Members with 30 renewals due by the end of the month. Involved Member awards went well.

**New Business** – Banquet went well. Will look to use the same location next year. Budget will be proposed at the next meeting for shirts for the board member.



# Membership

By Matt Adams



I'm excited to cover a couple of annual items this year. I appreciate the votes for continuing as membership chair for another year! First off, the region is at 555 members with 5 new additions for January. As Chris mentioned at the Banquet 2017 the region made a gain of 197 members and a loss of 171 for a positive gain year over year. The national office keeps recently expired members on the list for a couple months which is where the 575-member overall tally comes from. I send out emails to these people to see if there's an error or an issue to smooth over. Generally, I see a good response from most of them.

I want to congratulate the 2017 Involved member award recipients for all the hard work they put in this year. I also know that there are more than the 7 recognized that would be eligible and so There's a few things I'll be doing to stream line the process and update the links on Indyscca.org this year based on the feedback from last year. The process will work the same as last year, mostly cosmetic changes to the page to show with pictures what the jacket could look like and what the pattern is. I am looking forward to handing out more jackets again! Especially after exceeding the goal I set last year of "a couple"!

The basic process is to track any participation or volunteer work that assists the Indy region (so a national event that we staff, like cam challenge or a divisional rally) in running events gets tallied up and

each member that clears the threshold receives either an updated embroidery or a new jacket with embroidery every fifth year. Please let me know if you have any questions about getting started for the coming season. There's opportunities to serve the club coming up in a couple weeks at World of Wheels, just off the top of my head, that will count so it's not too early to start keeping track.

## January new members

|                 |                 |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| Devon Nave      | Indianapolis IN |
| Douglas Smiley  | Anderson IN     |
| Anthony Edwards | Greenwood IN    |
| Ryan Andrews    | Indianapolis IN |
| Emily Andrews   | Indianapolis IN |



### Board of Directors Left to Right

Collin Faucett (Treasurer), Vinnie Taibi (Activities), Bruce Faucett (Assistant RE), Joel Harleman (Secretary), Matt Adams (Membership), and Chris Brake (RE).



### Board Members Left to Right

Catherine Justiniano, Carol Burger, Wendy Harrison (Rally), James DaPuzzo, and Daniel Froemming

# PDX

By Michael Young



The new Time Trials Track Events program is starting up our first event on April 7th at Putnam Park. Here is the event link with all the info:  
<https://www.motorsportreg.com/events/scca-pdx-springtime-in-park-putnam-road-course-indianapolis-307316>

Registration for the event is open February 9<sup>th</sup>. Sign up quick so you don't miss out!!! National Time Trial championships at NCM in September. Please contact me for more information.

Thanks

Mike



## **\*\*Solo Schedule\*\***

By Stefanie Brake

|                |  |                             |
|----------------|--|-----------------------------|
| March 17       | Operations Training Day  | Justiniano Home, Brownsburg |
| April 7-8      | PAPA Wound Warrior<br>Charity Autocross<br>(Hosted by IndySCCA)                    | Grissom Aeroplex            |
| April 14       | DragCross #1   | Grissom Aeroplex            |
| April 15       | Fun Event #1   | Grissom Aeroplex            |
| May 5          | Novice Driving School**  | Grissom Aeroplex            |
| May 6          | Points Event #1  | Grissom Aeroplex            |
| May 18-20      | Test N Tune**  | Grissom Aeroplex            |
| June 10        | Points Event #2  | Indiana State Fairgrounds   |
| June 29        | DragCross #2   | Grissom Aeroplex            |
| June 30-July 1 | Points Event #3 and #4<br>GLDSS Events<br>Charity Event Benefiting Peru PD K9 Unit | Grissom Aeroplex            |
| July 15        | Points Event #5  | Indianapolis Speedrome      |
| August 5       | Hoosier Challenge (Points #6)<br>Hosted by Indiana Northwest Region                | Grissom Aeroplex            |
| August 10-12   | CAM Challenge East<br>SCCA National Event  | Grissom Aeroplex            |
| August 17-19   | Test N Tune**<br>Nationals Preparation   | Grissom Aeroplex            |
| September 15   | Solo Trial   | Grissom Aeroplex            |
| September 16   | Points Event #7  | Grissom Aeroplex            |
| September 30   | Points Event #8  | Indiana State Fairgrounds   |
| October 13     | DragCross #3   | Grissom Aeroplex            |
| October 14     | Final Fun Event<br>Car Swapping Fun  | Grissom Aeroplex            |

\*\*\*Schedule is subject to change. Please check the website for all updates and details.

\*\*Test N Tune events and Driver's School are Pre-Registration ONLY and have limited spaces available.



## **\*\*2017-18 Karting League #3 Event Results**

| Position | Driver          | Heat 1 | Heat 2 | Best Time | Points  |
|----------|-----------------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|
| 1        | Wes Malusek     | 24.141 | 23.896 | 23.896    | 100.000 |
| 2        | Dallas Reed     | 25.467 | 24.258 | 24.258    | 95.455  |
| 3        | Vinnie Taibi    | 24.558 | 24.355 | 24.355    | 94.238  |
| 4        | Matt Geist      | 24.932 | 24.561 | 24.561    | 91.651  |
| 5        | Lauren Streeter | 25.138 | 24.581 | 24.581    | 91.400  |
| 6        | Gabe Argenta    | 25.170 | 24.675 | 24.675    | 90.220  |
| 7        | Jonathon Heck   | 25.033 | 24.704 | 24.704    | 89.856  |
| 8        | Travis Hartwell | 25.418 | 24.735 | 24.735    | 89.467  |
| 9        | Chuck Matthews  | 25.262 | 24.746 | 24.746    | 89.329  |
| 10       | Nick Myers      | 25.238 | 24.835 | 24.835    | 88.211  |

| Position | Driver          | Event 1 | Event 2 | Event 3 | Event 4 | Event 5 | Total   |
|----------|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1        | Wes Malusek     | 95.655  | 100.000 | 100.000 |         |         | 295.655 |
| 2        | Matt Geist      | 99.883  | 97.601  | 91.651  |         |         | 289.136 |
| 3        | Vinnie Taibi    | 97.017  | 97.848  | 94.238  |         |         | 289.102 |
| 4        | Dallas Reed     | 94.501  | 94.969  | 95.455  |         |         | 284.925 |
| 5        | Jonathon Heck   | 96.537  | 96.434  | 89.856  |         |         | 282.827 |
| 6        | Clemens Burger  | 92.944  | 99.066  | 84.784  |         |         | 276.795 |
| 7        | Travis Hartwell | 92.581  | 92.246  | 89.467  |         |         | 274.294 |
| 8        | Will Lahee      | 90.324  | 96.693  | 87.132  |         |         | 274.149 |
| 9        | Kevin Berba     | 93.658  | 93.685  | 86.102  |         |         | 273.445 |
| 10       | Alan Hamson     | 92.607  | 91.157  | 86.090  |         |         | 269.853 |

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Thank you!



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**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.

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