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# INDY REGION REPS HARD AT SCCA SOLO NATIONALS

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While the party has come and gone, it's still worth discussing the 2018 Tire Rack Solo Nationals, the biggest opportunity for the best of the best in solo competition to prove their mettle. While the event didn't avoid controversy this year, there was plenty to be excited about - and some exciting household names joined in the fun as well for record attendance!

The Indianapolis region was represented by 17 members in 13 different classes, more if you counted regular competitors who may have listed another region on their entry form.

Topping the indexed time sheets for Indy region was Will Lahee who's indexed time of 103.717s captured 15th out of 1,375 times recorded in his F Mod MR-18 Red Devil. Will had this to say about his Solo Nationals experience:

*2018 marked the 9th SCCA Solo Nationals that I've attended. I earned my 4th Solo Nationals Trophy this year (in a row) with a 3rd place finish in FM (out of 30 drivers). This year was highlighted by the constant threat of rain (FM was lucky to get all dry runs!), FM drivers all paddocking*



together, our FM parade to grid on day 2 of competition (video links below) and our attempt to build a FM car from the ground up in paddock (we failed when the engine would not run right).



There are several reasons I continue to go back to Nationals: competition, seeing old friends and meeting new ones, high quality courses, and just the atmosphere of the National Championships where 1300+ competitors are experiencing the largest participant motorsports event in the world. It's a really fun experience every year no matter what, and anyone who is into autocross should attend at least once. The people of Lincoln are really welcoming as well, and it is a really good host city for the National Championships.

FMod parade to grid: [\[Facebook\]](#) [\[Youtube\]](#)  
[Course videos](#)

Josh Kikta joined Will in the Red Devil to score 12th out of 30 F Modified competitors.



Various Modified classes were also peppered with Indy region members including Daniel Stone and Clemens Burger in B Modified. Daniel scored 6th out of 16 drivers while Clemens followed in 7th. Carol Burger was the lone B Modified Ladies competitor, but scored position 1306 in the overall index results. Both C and D Modified classes included Brent Cary as well as Stephen and Wanda Brinkerhoff. Brent captured 17th out of 30 in C Modified while Stephen completed the week in 10th out of 13 for D Modified with Wanda finishing second in D Mod Ladies.



Another Indy Region member that was fast enough to bring home some hardware was Kevin Kent, finishing 11th out of 41 in B Street in his Honda S2000. Kevin also shared some thoughts on this year's event:

*I was fortunate to spend a couple of mostly dry days in Lincoln this year for the 2018 Solo Nationals competing in BS in my S2000. This event is truly something every auto-cross competitor should experience at least once. Two huge courses and a test n' tune course all in one location is something you have to see and drive to really understand how incredible the event is. I was able to drive well*



enough to manage a trophy position in BS and was the only S2000 to trophy in a very diverse class won by a BMW 1M by a margin of .006 seconds over a BMW M2.

Also in B Street, Alan Hamson captured position 23 in his S2000, who also shared his thoughts with Clutch Chatter.

*I know not everyone that likes autocross does it for competitive reasons. For me, the competition is one of my favorite parts. So naturally, a few years ago, I went to my first solo nationals because I wanted to see just how good the competition could be. It did not disappoint! Although I went to seek out the competition, I also found that competition can be what keeps many people away from nationals. I would like to urge anyone, regardless of talent level, to attend. There is something for everyone, in and out of our beloved cars. Whether you go with the intention of just having fun, meeting new like-minded friends from across the country, seeing some of the baddest autocross machines around, improving your talent and knowledge, relaxing in the biergarten, participating in the big wheel pro solo, cheering on and giving support to your fellow Indy region members, talking to the pros at Koni or Bridgestone or Hoosier and getting tires mounted for free, or eating some of the best pork and rice you'll ever have from a food truck, you will find something to enjoy!*



PHOTO: Alan Hamson

*My point is, I may go for the competition, but the truth is there are just as many people that go for hundreds of other reasons and somehow we all find exactly what we are looking for. If you think you have to be good enough to go, you are missing the point. The first year I participated, there was a guy in a Dodge Charger and it was his first ever autocross! No one laughed at his performance, but instead applauded and encouraged him while offering support. In fact, he may have been the only person in my class I beat that year. Nationals means something different to everyone and I would encourage you to join us next year and discover what it means to you.*



Joe Gerdom found a different appreciate for nationals this year. He finished in the top half of the E Street class in his Toyota MR2 Spyder, but experienced his fair share of challenges that he reflects on below.

*It was a bit of a disappointment and humbling experience. After finishing in the trophies last year, my first nats, I had a poor performance on day one this year. It was*





*a good reminder I need to do more than one event a year if I want to compete on this level.*

*On day two I discovered my car was broken, which led to the theme for my experience this year. The people are what make autocross such a great sport. New England region's Brandon Dean allowed me to sign up as his co-driver in order to finish the event. Later in the heat that day another competitor came up to me to thank me for my help with the registration process and getting a barcode issue sorted out. Turns out this man was at his first nationals at 74 and had driven his Miata all the way from Arizona, and my help had made his week. Humbling, but in a completely different way.*

**Other Street class competitors included Jerry Strobe and Dallas Reed who, completed the event with 26th in Super Street R and 15th in D Street Prepared, respectively.**

**Another fan-favorite class to watch, CAM Contemporary, was two Indy region competitors in Raleigh and Velma Boreen in their 2002 Camaro Z28. The duo capture 28th and 46th respectively, out of 51 CAM-C competitors. After nearly 30 years of attendance, Velma shares what stood out most this year:**

*Probably the two things that people will remember from the 2018 SCCA Solo Nationals are the facts that we had 1375 competitors – the biggest ever – and 6.5 inches of rain in 4 days. Our memories are a little different than just those two items.*

*We were asked to be on the set-up crew so we arrived on Monday afternoon, prior to the ProSolo Finale. We spent four days of gorgeous weather preparing the 125+ acres of concrete before people showed up on Friday for the ProSolo Finale and the CAM Invitational. The entire week was one big event after*



another. The ProSolo Finale was the largest ever – the CAM Invitational was the largest ever and of course, Solo Nationals set a record.

As soon as the competition began, we had rain off and on Sunday. Monday, the off day, was gorgeous. Tuesday, the skies opened and we had rain pretty much the rest of the week. As you would expect, our tear down day on Saturday was another gorgeous day. This year, Raleigh and I spent 29 nights in Lincoln, Nebraska, helping three major SCCA events take place at Lincoln Airpark. We have gotten to enjoy Lincoln and know most of the good spots to go for meals. This was our 27th year going to Nationals and we had a great time in spite of the weather. If you have never been to the Solo Nationals, it is definitely something to put on your bucket list. Good times – good friends – good to cheer on friends and other Indy Region members. Oh – did I mention it rained the worst during our heat on Tuesday!

Here's proof!



Street Touring classes featured a couple of Indy region members as well. Joshua Pertzsch captured 31st of 45 entrants in Street Touring Sport with his NA Miata. In Street Touring Ultra, Rob Clark captured a total time of 140.251 between his two days of competition to score 19th out of 39. Rob had this to say about his second Nationals appearance:

*My second year at Solo Nationals was incredible! My first experience was overwhelming because of the thousands of cars in attendance, which allowed me to focus more on performance this year. I still ended up driving an unfamiliar car this season, but every year I've been meeting more incredible racers and having an amazing time along the way!*

Regardless of where they ended up on the time charts, every Indy region competitor that shared their story had nothing but encouragement for the vast body of Indianapolis region members. There's only 11 more months till next year's Solo Nats, so start planning now! 🏁





*from the*

# REGIONAL EXECUTIVE

**CHRIS BRAKE**

This month I did something that I haven't done for quite some time. I drove at an event, and I enjoyed it. It has been a long time since I 100% enjoyed driving at an event. I was typically frustrated in the morning with one issue or another and by the time I drove my head wasn't with me in the car. This year we have had a lot of people step up and help events go smoother and that is what it is going to take for us to stay as awesome as we are. While on the subject of driving at the last event, I should also say thank you to Dusty Michael for courageously offering me a co-drive, was a good time driving with you, and in my defense, everyone warned you I would pull off a winning time on my last run.



To everyone that has stepped up this year in all of our programs, THANK YOU! These events can't happen without everyone pitching in. If anyone is looking to get more involved, board elections are around the corner, either elected positions or at large positions are great ways to get involved, or becoming a chief for one of our programs. If you need or want more info, please reach out to any of our board members and we'd be happy to help.

Until next month, hope to see you at an event! 





## EDITORIAL *thoughts*

DUSTY MICHAEL

It probably goes without saying, but the late release of this newsletter comes with apologies. After another Indianapolis region BoD meeting, the aim is to have Clutch Chatter release very near to the seventh of every month.

This month marks the end of our Solo season with only a couple of events left in 2018. It's a time many of us start to experience withdrawal from performance driving, but the fires of motoring passion are only stoked by time in the coming two to three months!

One piece of kindling for me is exactly what Chris mentions earlier in this newsletter - yes, I got beat in my own car at the final points event! I have to admit that despite having less than a year of solo experience under my belt, I really wanted to be more competitive. It's easy to be ignorant to the quality of driving exhibited by our membership until you're trying to drive faster than drivers like Chris Brake and Mike Young among many others in various classes. It's this type of rivalry or 'trial by fire' that forces you to drive faster if you want to succeed. It's safe to say that I'm already chomping at the bit to get back on course to continue learning to drive better and get closer to the top of the time charts next year!

That said, if Chris ever asks for a co-drive, there are a few rules of thumb to keep in mind: 1.) Expect your ride to be more sideways than it has ever been before, 2.) don't be surprised to feel confident in the times until the final run of the day, and 3.) be ready to hear the likes of Aqua, the Backstreet Boys, and even Britney Spears blaring from your stereo system.

This month, the big topic was the 47th Tire Rack Solo Nationals. We had quite a few members competing in the event, and there were plenty of exciting stories to share and interesting photos to appreciate! A special thanks is owed to all those members that shared in their experiences this year.

We'll also learn more about those special events that will continue to keep us competing and providing opportunity for a little trash-talk here and there. Personally, I'm looking forward to thrashing some karts with everyone who's planning on attending the Winter Karting League.

The final page of this newsletter features the call to nominations for next year's Board of Directors for Indianapolis Region. Becoming a member or officer of the BoD is the best way to become more involved and have a greater influence on the club. If you have ideas to improve some of the things we do as a club, consider filling out the form to run for an officer position.

Please keep the thoughts and comments coming back to us through [IndyClutchChatter@gmail.com](mailto:IndyClutchChatter@gmail.com). It's a great opportunity to see more content that appeals to you throughout the newsletter as we continue to change and improve the newsletter.



# Autocrossers take to the track at the inaugural Tire Rack SCCA Time Trials Nationals

On the morning of Sept. 25, I closed the house door behind me and walked toward my car. On approach, I gave it one last look over. I had spent the previous day thoroughly going over the car, making sure it was ready. Brakes were bled, fluids checked, car nut and bolted and then packed with every tool and part I thought might be needed. As I fell into the driver's seat, I ran through my mental checklist one last time. Confident in the collective readiness of both the car and myself, I hit the start button and aimed my 2016 SCCA® Solo® Nationals prepped C Street Mazda MX-5 toward Bowling Green, Kentucky for something completely new. I was headed to the inaugural Tire Rack SCCA Time Trials Nationals.

Time Trials Nationals is a brand-spanking-new event which aims to combine the feel and flow of a Track Night in America Driven by Tire Rack with the competition and party atmosphere of Solo Nationals. This meant that it should feel new, yet oddly familiar to anyone who has attended Solo Nationals. Longtime Solo Nationals participant David Knudson agreed, saying, "While the type of competition was completely different, the atmosphere around Time Trials Nationals kind of reminded me of a mini Solo Nationals. I saw competitors coming together to help one another out, we played four square and hung out with our fellow competitors well into the evenings, all things you would see in Lincoln."





And as it turned out, David and I weren't the only people there with Solo Nationals experience. As I pulled onto the site Friday morning, it became evident that there were quite a few of us looking to take in this new experience. As I looked around NCM Motorsports Park's paddock, I saw quite a few familiar cars and faces. From the dark blue FRS of this year's Solo Spec Coupe National Champion, Adam Benaway, to the unmistakable orange Super Street McLaren MP4-12C of Andy Hollis, the entry list was littered with fellow autocross veterans. And as the results came rolling in, those Solo drivers showed well, earning top honors in over half the Time Trials Nationals classes.

Benaway, driving the same SSC car he piloted to a National Championship in Solo, took home the win in the Sport 6 class, proving he is just as capable on a track as he is at autocross. When I asked him to compare his experiences, competition wise, he said, "I love the challenge that autocross brings, testing the driver's ability with minimal outside factors. It's just you, a car, and the course. And while Time Trials differentiates itself with higher speeds, the bigger difference is learning how to manage gaps, and work with traffic to achieve that ultimate lap. That is almost an art in and of itself."

Another Solo Nationals veteran in attendance was Hollis. And while he does have a ton of experience with autocross, he has recently branched out, spending quite a bit of time at various tracks doing lapping days and other timed events, as well as helping as a coach for the Track Night in America program. I asked him how he felt this event stacked up to those other experiences, and he replied, "When I heard about the SCCA Time Trials Nationals, it sounded like a perfect melding of all the events I have recently been involved with... and it was. Such a great event, cool vibe, and wonderful people." Hollis not only took the top spot in the Sport 1 class, but also earned a trophy for Fastest Street Legal car at the event.



You can include me as one of the many people that are stoked both by how the event went and what the event is. When Time Trials Nationals was presented at the SCCA National Convention this past January, I was extremely excited by the news. I love autocross, and I will continue to compete there for as long as I am able. However, I have also really enjoyed any opportunity I have had to get on various race tracks. And I, much like Hollis, had a feeling that this event was going to be a great blend of all the things I love about both Solo Nationals and track days, in one super rad package. And it totally was. It is yet another awesome way to have #funwithcars. (from [scca.com](http://scca.com))

A full list of class winners with car make & model, and margin of victory is below:

Sport 1: Andy Hollis, McLaren MP4-12C, 11.1

Sport 2: Doug Francis, Chevrolet Corvette FRC, 11.9

Sport 3: Warren Barnes, Ford Mustang, 15.9

Sport 4: David Melton, 0.2

Sport 5: John Hunter, Mazda MX-5, 6.3

Sport 6: Adam Benaway, Scion FR-S, 3.9

Tuner 1: Chris Ingle, Dodge Viper GTS-R, 34.9

Tuner 2: Ian Stewart, Chevrolet Corvette, 14.3

Tuner 3: Dennis Barrett, Nissan 350Z, 20.7

Tuner 4: Tom O'Gorman, Honda Civic Si, 13.7

Tuner 5: Justin Tilus, Honda Civic Si, 12.7

Max 1: Barry Luterek, Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport, 10.4

Max 2: Alex Artayet, Subaru WRX STi, 4.8

Max 3: Michael Neat, Scion FR-S, 7.1

Unlimited 1: Heikki Rinta-Koski, Lotus Seven, 1:47.7

Unlimited 2: JG Pasterjak, Chevrolet Corvette Z06, 8.8





## *inside* SOLO

STEFANIE BRAKE

This past month we had our final two Points Events. On Sept 16th we hosted Points Event 6 at Grissom Aeroplex. We had 80 competitors for this event. Weather was good and things ran smoothly. Unfortunately, we didn't end up having the Solo Trial (high speed solo) on Sept 15th. With only a few days of registration left, we only had 10 registered. I made the hard call to cancel this event due to lack of interest. If you would like to see this event in the future, please come to the planning meetings and be willing to volunteer to help host the event. Our final Points Event of the season was Sept 30th at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Unlike our last Fairgrounds event the weather was perfect and we had 101 competitors in attendance!! If you were not an Indy Region member by the end of the day, Sept 30th, you are not qualified for Year End Awards.

In next month's Clutch Chatter issue I will post the Indy Region members that will be receiving trophies at the banquet, Jan 26th at The Sycamore. Along with Year End Trophies, we will also be doing the FREE SOLO SEASON drawing. For every event that you competed in you will get an entry. If you volunteered at any events, please email me a list of those dates to add to your entries. You have to be present at the banquet to win, and you must be an Indy Region member before the banquet.






Our final events of the season will take place on Oct 13-14 at Grissom Aeroplex. We will host a DragCross on Saturday and our annual Swap and Drive Fun Event on Sunday.

I am hoping to have a Solo Planning meeting for the 2019 season towards the end of October or early November. We will discuss any rule changes for the 2019 Season, work on selecting Chief position holders, and talk about what we would like to do with the program in 2019. If you have ideas, or want to see something happen show up to the meeting. Be prepared to help volunteer for things. We need everyone's help to make this program a success. I try to make it look easy, but the more help I can get, the better the program will be. This is your region and your program! Please keep an eye on Clutch Chatter, the website, and Facebook for more details on the meeting.

**\* Additional Announcement \***

I am looking for a Solo Chair trainee(s). I would recommend having Co-Chairs as there is a lot to do before/at/after events. I am looking at 2019 to be my final



year as Solo Chair (at least for now). I would like to spend a year working with the next chair(s) to make sure the transition goes as smoothly as possible. Remember we start scheduling for next year in Oct/Nov, so I would like to have someone lined up then so they can begin learning how we set up a season. If you are interested in potentially chairing or have more questions on what is involved please email me ([indysccasolo@yahoo.com](mailto:indysccasolo@yahoo.com)) or call me 765-366-3870. I have had an AWESOME time Chairing for Indy Region and am not running away. You will all still have to see me at events! 





# ACTIVITIES *agenda*

VINNIE TAIBI

Hey everyone, sorry for the lack of Clutch Chatter articles. It's been a busy summer with a new job, moving, and a puppy that likes to eat laptop power supplies. I do however have a couple important announcements.

Our annual banquet will be held on January 26th at the Sycamore at Mallow Run (same location as last year). I will have pricing and RSVP information in next months Clutch Chatter. Also, I would like to announce the 3rd annual Indy SCCA Winter Karting League! The events will be held once a month from November through March at Fastimes Indoor Karting. The dates are included (on the following page) and will start promptly at noon. Pre-registration is required to guarantee a spot. RSVP to [IndySCCAActivities@gmail.com](mailto:IndySCCAActivities@gmail.com) to get involved. Registration will be open to those who want to run the entire season first (\$150) and then everyone else 2 weeks prior to the first event (\$30/events).



We are also looking to do a Le Mans race at Fastimes near the end of February or early March if there is enough interest. Please let me know if you're interested in any events, have ideas for new events, or have any questions for me. See you at the track!



# UPCOMING INDY SCCA EVENTS

WHAT	WHEN	WHERE
Indy SCCA BoD Meeting	Tuesday Oct 9 6:00 PM	Dawson's On Main 1464 N Main St, Speedway, IN 46224
Indy SOLO - Drag Cross	Saturday Oct 13	Grisson Aeroplex Bunker Hill, IN 46914
Indy SOLO - Fun Run	Sunday Oct 14	Grisson Aeroplex Bunker Hill, IN 46914
Indy RALLY - Halloween Rally Event	Saturday Oct 27	56th ST & Pendleton Pike Indianapolis, IN
Winter Karting League Round 1	Saturday Nov 11 12-2 PM	Fast Times Indoor Karting Indianapolis
Indy SCCA BoD Meeting	Tuesday Nov 13 6:00 PM	TBA
Indy RALLY - Toys for Tots Rally	Dec 1	TBA
Indy SCCA BoD Meeting	Tuesday Dec 11 6:00 PM	TBA
Winter Karting League Round 2	Saturday Dec 16 12-2 PM	Fast Times Indoor Karting Indianapolis



# SECRETARY'S *board meeting notes*

JOEL HARLEMAN

## September 2018 Indy SCCA BOD Meeting Minutes

Attendee's – Joel Harleman, Chris and Stefanie Brake, Dick Powell, Bruce and Colin Faucett, Vincent Taibi, Lee and Reba Miller, Catherine Justiniano, Matt Adams, Jim DaPuzzo, Michael Young, Corrine Harleman, Daniel and Maggie Vang, Dustin Michael, Clemens and Carol Burger, and Wendy Harrison.

Approval of August Minutes – Motioned by Jim, seconded by Stefanie and approved.

Old Business – iRacing League rules proposal was discussed, modifications were motioned by Bruce, second by Joel and approved, and will be published soon. Dawson's on Main will be the monthly meeting place moving forward.

New Business – National convention attendees were discussed and will be Chris, Stefanie, Michael, Joel, Wendy via the Rally Board, and Jim as our ascending member. Corrine was discussed and not approved. Corrine presented a new divisional program for Time Trials and have a divisional championship. Next year there will be a Time Trials National Tour and Indy has been invited as a participating region. All regions that participate in helping with the National Tour events will share in the profits of the events and the help is in





staffing the events. Dates for the National Tour will be coming out at a later date.

Website Report – No Report.

Clutch Chatter – Dustin Michael will be taking over as Clutch Chatter editor and publisher. Any member wanting to have an article published can get them to Maggie or Dustin to be published. The new format looks amazing and feedback is welcomed. Clutch Chatter online version is being optimized for mobile devices since that is what a lot of people use to read it. Goal is to make it something that people look forward to every month and a more diverse amount of content.



Membership – We have 538 members and gained 4 members. For the year we have gained 127 members and lost 156 but 40 of those were losses from the free Green Power event from last year. A lot of regions are losing members and we are maintaining and grow-



ing slowly. Keep getting Matt the weekend membership forms so we can keep in contact with them.

Treasurer – Bills are all up to date. All programs are doing well. CD's have all matured, have not been renewed, and money will be transferred back to the checking account. Try to use the region credit card for event expenses when possible.

Activities – Winter Karting League has tentative dates at Fasttimes and will try to avoid holidays. November 10th as a possible first date.

Social Media – Make sure we are getting content to Vinnie such as pictures and volunteers at our events so those can be posted to our social media.



Solo – CAM Challenge was a good event. The Test N Tune was staffed by Carol and Clemens Burger and a big thank you to them. Discussion of restricting the Test N Tune events to SCCA Members due to the low staffing on course and need for experience so that everyone can get good runs with the course set correctly. Solo National Championships has 1377 competitors with several of our members competing and getting trophies. Upcoming events are Grissom on the 16th and Fairgrounds on the 30th. There are only six competitors registered for the Solo Trials event and if those numbers don't increase before the event it will be canceled. Final events of the season will be October 13th and 14th with a Drag Cross on Saturday and the unofficial "Swap and Drive" solo on Sunday.

Rally – August rally was canceled. Halloween Rally is still being organized. Toy's for Tot's rally may change to dinner after the rally and a Fuel game later in the week for another club event.

Track Events – Second track event went well. We had a lot of rain in the morning but the event still went well. We should have made budget and a profit possibly for the year. Budget for next year is being worked on. Would like to move the April event into May on the same weekend as the Indy Grand Prix. Budgets will be worked up for both 2 and 3 event seasons. 58 entries for the second event as opposed to only 30 for the first event. May offer a season pass to run all of the events at an early bird discount.

New Business – Start getting your Involved Member Award point sheets to Matt so we can get those together. Motion to adjourn by Joel was approved.



# BULLETIN BOARD

(Announcements & Local Happenings)



**2018-19 INDY SCCA  
WINTER KARTING LEAGUE**  
@ FASTIMES INDOOR KARTING

Nov 11th  
Dec 16th 12pm-2pm  
Jan 13th \$30 for 2 track  
Feb 3rd sessions  
Mar 24th

**FASTIMES INDOOR KARTING INDY**

**\*\*Must be SCCA Member to compete**  
**\*\*\*Membership Sign-ups available on-site**



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\$15 FOR 2  
\$20 FOR 3  
\$5/IMAGE FOR 5+

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of the Force

IMPERIAL FLEET COMMANDER  
BATTLE STATION DEATH STAR



# RALLY *reconnaissance*

WENDY HARRISON

The Indy Region Halloween rally is one of our favorite events of the year. This year's event will start and end in the 56th and Pendleton Pike area. We will not be entering graveyards this year, but there will be haunted bridges, haunted houses, and Halloween houses that will need to be found, pie plates to be gathered, and some extra scary roads to be navigated. This is a family friendly event, so come out and have a hauntingly good time with us.

Saturday, October 27

Registration 4:45-5:30pm

Mandatory Driver's meeting 5:40pm

Start the haunt 6pm plus car number

Be at undisclosed endpoint 9pm plus car number

Be sure to bring a good flashlight.



# CLASSIFIEDS

## LOOKING FOR NEW HOME - 2004 T4 BMW Z4

Fresh Motor (only run at Indianapolis Motor Speedway Runoffs)

New Alternator

New Battery

9) 17X7 spare wheels

5) 245-40X17 A7 stickers mounted

4) 245-40X17 A7 scuffs mounted (qual at Indy)

2) 245-40X17 R7 unmounted

4) 245-45X16 rains mounted (only used as roll a rounds)

4) 245-45X16 A6 stickers (some mounted, some not)

14) 16X7 OEM wheels

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# MEMBERSHIP *report*

MATT ADAMS

September was another encouraging month of maintaining the 537 members by adding 13 to replace 13 that fell away in August and the sad passing of Andrew Welden as he was the notable loss. The end of year draw-down is upon us with a high number of renewal reminders going out September members. Though I'm hopeful that the high number of 1st time/weekend members at the Fairgrounds on Sept 30th and at the Putnam Track day event will lead to several of them joining us for the 2019 season.

I'm looking forward to working on the involved membership award tallies so please send in your participation logs by the end of the year at the latest. If you know you've met the minimum requirement, please send it in soon. Once confirmed; for those with existing jackets need to have them handed in by January 7th at the latest to have time to turn them around by the Banquet on 1/27/19.



## September New Members

Jay Wolf	Sharpsville	IN
Sue Wolf	Vincennes	IN
Ronald Levien	Brownsburg	IN
Ben Grande	Indianapolis	IN
Rob Crawford	Brownsburg	IN
Joseph Crawford	Brownsburg	IN
Hannah Orme	Greenwood	IN
Logan Clark	Bloomington	IN
David Whittle	Rossville	IN
Gwen Faucett	Brownsburg	IN
Taylor Harte	Indianapoli	IN
Aaron Hoover	Brownsburg	IN
Robert Kennedy	Mccordsville	IN

## Indy Region October Anniversaries

Bryan Deane	Speedway IN	10 yrs
David Sockrider	Indianapolis IN	10 yrs





# 2018 United States RoadRally Challenge Recap



TOPEKA, Kan. (Oct. 8, 2018) -- What does it take to crown a United States RoadRally Challenge (USRRC) champion? This year, the answer for the annual SCCA event was four days, four diverse road rallies, some 500 miles of winding rural Illinois roads across from St. Louis and the Gateway Arch, 58 controls (checkpoints) and the ability to succeed in conditions that ranged from moonless fall nights to intense pop-up afternoon thunderstorms.

Hosted for the fourth time by the St. Louis Region, the 24th edition of "the Challenge" Oct. 4–7 was dominated by veteran teams. In Equipped, Bruce Gezon and Bob Morseburg won two of the four events, while Limited and Stock Challenge champions Jeanne English and Karl Broberg (Limited) and Jessica and J Toney (Stock) each picked up three class wins.

"The roads were great as usual and the concepts were well executed," Gezon said. "It was nice to have confidence in what the committee intended for us to do. My favorite was Monopoly Redux. Tom Von Hatten did a masterful job of making an interesting and fun finish to a memorable USRRC."

The weekend opened Thursday night, Oct. 4, with Tulips by Night, an 80-mile Monte-Carlo-style divisional Touring rally that featured passage controls. "Tulips" was followed by the Kaskaskia Trails National Course Rally on Friday and the Petit Rallye du Rocher National Touring



Rally on Saturday. The weekend concluded with Monopoly Redux, a divisional GTA (gimmick) rally Sunday morning, Oct. 7.

Monopoly Redux was the sole rally the three winning teams did not dominate. Based on the well-known board game, the rally was won by the Indianapolis Region's Wendy Harrison and Craig Beidelman. In Monopoly Redux, Gezon and Morseburg finished second, English and Broberg, 13th, and Jessica and J Toney, eighth.


In the weekend's optional (non-official) classes, the Arctic Alaska Region's Cheryl Babbe and Gail Engblom won the USRRC's Rookie Class and David Zemon and Art Zemon won the Gateway Regional Cup.

The Rookie Class was designed for teams who, together, had participated in no more than four national or divisional rallies. The Gateway Regional Cup was a special combination of Saturday's Le Petit Rallye du Rocher and Sunday's Monopoly Redux that offered new or occasional rally teams, or teams from other SCCA disciplines, an opportunity to discover classic SCCA rallying or just spend a weekend having fun with their wheels.

Jim Crittenden, SCCA Road Rally Board chair, hosted a Friday night Road Rally Town Hall meeting at the USRRC and offered these comments about the weekend: "I'd like to give a special tip-of-the-hat to our President, Mike Cobb, for attending the USRRC. The folks at the Town Hall meeting appreciated getting to meet Mike and hearing about our organization's efforts across all SCCA programs. Mike also worked on a checkpoint crew for Saturday's rally and did a short ride-along for the first two legs in one of the rally cars. The team that took



Mike on his ride-along, Chuck Larouere and Rick Beattie, from Pittsburgh, went on to win that rally (Le Petit Rallye du Rocher)."

Crittenden added: "On behalf of SCCA, we'd like to extend our sincerest appreciation to Jim Heine, Ron Ferris, Tom von Hatten, and the entire St. Louis Region rally committee for a great weekend. They provided the competitors with the complete range of rally styles (Course, Tour, and GTA), excellent hospitality and banquet, and plenty of opportunities to socialize with old friends and meet new ones. Well done folks, thank you!" (from [scca.com](http://scca.com)) 

# Clutch Chatter Newsletter

A complete, printable, electronic format copy of Clutch Chatter (including back issues) is available in Adobe PDF format for downloading on the Indy Region website at [www.indyscca.org](http://www.indyscca.org) Paper copies are only mailed to those who have sent the "Opt-In" form at the end of this newsletter. Due to rising costs, the BOD requests that you only opt-in if you cannot access the online version.

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 email 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 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 opt-in by filling out and mailing in the form at the end of this newsletter.

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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## **Call for Nominations for 2019 Indianapolis Region Board of Directors**

**Section IX – Duties of Regional Executive and Assistant R.E.** The Regional Executive shall reside at all meetings of the members and directors, and shall perform the duties usually pertaining to this office. In absence of the Regional Executive, or in case of his resignation or inability to act, the duties usually pertaining to that office shall be performed by the Assistant Regional Executive.

**For Regional Executive:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For Assistant R. E.:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section X – Duties of Secretary** – The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and officers and shall record all minutes and votes in a book kept for that purpose. He shall give all notices of meetings of the members required by law or these Bylaws and shall perform all duties incident to his office as may be required by the Board of Directors. In absence of the Secretary from any of said meetings, a Secretary pro-tempore shall be chosen by the presiding officer.

**For Secretary:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section XI – Duties of the Treasurer** – The Treasurer shall, subject to such conditions and restrictions as may be made by the directors, have custody of all moneys, debts, and obligations belonging to the corporation. He shall receive all moneys of the corporation and deposit same in the corporation's account. He shall make all payments of corporation debts. All contracts, checks, drafts, notes or other orders for payment of money shall be signed in the name of the corporation by the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall give a report on the financial status of the corporation at the annual meeting, and if so requested, at any other meeting of the directors. He shall have custody of the corporate seal, and the records of the corporation.

**For Treasurer:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section XII – Duties of the Activities Chairman** – It shall be the duty of the Activities Chairman to arrange and promote all activities of the corporation and he shall have other duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

**For Activities Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Section XIII – Duties of Membership Chairman** – The Membership Chairman shall solicit, issue, and process all new membership applications.

**For Membership Chairman:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please print and return completed Form by Dec. 15, 2018 to:

Charles G. Hanson – Election Committee Chairman  
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