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**REGIONAL EXECUTIVE**

I'm going to stick with tradition and keep my article short. As many of you know this is my last year for being RE. As much as I have enjoyed helping shape the region into what it is, it is time to pass the torch.

With saying that, we all need to realize that all of the club leadership is volunteering for those positions and we cant do them forever. I encourage everyone to come out to a planning meeting, come to a board meeting, volunteer to help at an event they aren't participating in, or try to learn a new specialty. The more people we have involved, the stronger the club will be. We have some very strong programs that the program leaders put a lot of effort to make them as great as the are, please show them support and help where you can.

 **CHRIS BRAKE**

# EDITOR'S LETTER

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Hello and welcome to another issue of Clutch Chatter. I hope everyone else is as antsy for the 2019 season of racing as I am. From the start of our favorite top-tier racing series like F1 and IndyCar to club events like Road Rally and Autocross, I'm so pumped to see cars moving fast again!

That's not to say that I wasn't blessed with the sights and sounds of racing in the off season. The stunning photo on the next page comes from Ben Newburn (GIZZMOPHOTO), who photographs a lot of the Indy Region action through the season. It's not from an SCCA event, but the American Rally Association's 100 Acre Wood Rally in Salem, Missouri. I was able to attend the event as a spectator as well as the first round of the season - the aptly named Sno Drift Rally in the frozen tundra of Northern Michigan.

Rally fans get it! There's no other way to say it. My excitement for driving was rekindled by the cowbell-ringing, hollering fans of the dirtiest form of racing on four wheels. The experience proved to me how important atmosphere is for a motorsport event. If you're having a good time and sharing with those around you, it's far more likely for everyone else to have a good time too.

Speaking of good vibes, this issue is jam-packed with exciting developments and stories. Raleigh and Velma Boreen shared with me the history of what I'm calling the 'Red Solo Cup' of autocross - CAM, 2019 Club Secretary Jim Dapuzo encourages member to lend a hand and, experienced member Lou Savino shared how to get ready for a new season. With a renewed excitement for speed and competition, I'm hoping to bring some good vibes to Autocross and Road Rally with me this season, and I hope you do as well!



DUSTY MICHAEL

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# INSIDE SOLO

Thank you to everyone who joined us in January for the Awards Banquet. It was a great group of members that came together to celebrate the 2018 season, but we're always looking to see more people join in the great time!

While there's still plenty of work to do in 2019 season planning, we're excited to share the great season schedule we have planned below. We will also be doing a Solo Training Day on March 23 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This event will be at Mascot Truck Parts at 2799 Reeves Road, Plainfield, IN 46168. Lunch will be provided and we'll be setting up a mock event and reviewing tech, registration, timing, and safety. Please RSVP to [indysccasolo@yahoo.com](mailto:indysccasolo@yahoo.com).



## 2019 INDY SCCA SOLO SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
April 14	Fun Event 1	Grissom Aeroplex
May 5	Points Event 1	Grissom Aeroplex
May 17-19	Test N Tune	Grissom Aeroplex
June 2	Points Event 2	IN State Fairgrounds
June 22	GLDSS Points Event	Grissom Aeroplex
June 23	Points Event 3 & Great Lakes Divisional Points Event	Grissom Aeroplex
July 21	Points Event 4	Indy Speedrome
August 3	Points Event 5	Grissom Aeroplex
August 4	Hooser Challenge/ Points 6	Grissom Aeroplex
August 16-18	Test N' Tune (Nats)	Grissom Aeroplex
August 31	DragCross	Grissom Aeroplex
September 1	Fun Event 2	Grissom Aeroplex
September 15	Points Event 7	IN State Fairgrounds
October 6	Points Event 8	IN State Fairgrounds
October 27	Swap & Drive	Grissom Aeroplex

## 2019 INDY REGION HOSTED NAT'L EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
June 14-16	TireRack SCCA ProSolo	Grissom Aeroplex
July 26-28	TireRack SCCA Solo Champ Tour	Grissom Aeroplex
August 9-11	TireRack SCCA CAM Challenge	Grissom Aeroplex

## ADDT'L 2019 INDY REGION HOSTED EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
April 6 - 7	PAPA Wounded Warrior Charity Autocross	Grissom Aeroplex
May 4	TireRack One Lap of America	Grissom Aeroplex
May 18	10th Annual Midwest Muscle Car Challenge	Terre Haute Airport

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# HELP A MEMBER OUT

Looking back on 2018 season, I have to smile about 3 things:

1. Met a lot of great SCCA members from all over of the great state of Indiana and am looking forward to seeing them again in the upcoming months at a karting, social, or solo events.
2. Learned a lot about what it takes to put on an event.
3. Personal driving improvement over 2017.

I have to thank a few folks for item number three. The first of whom is Alan Hanson. He may not realize this, but he was a huge help back in 2017 at the Fall Test N' Tune. On that day, I managed to find a way to go slower and slower throughout the event. Alan saw I was struggling and jumped in the car with me for a little coaching. He then jumped behind the wheel to give me some pointers and offered to swap cars for a run.

I have enjoyed the course walks with Matt Adams (Novice Group) and Will Lehee (Intermediate Group). Sometimes I would do both at an event to find a few tips that would improve my results.

Next is Vincent Taibi for co-driving with me at a few events. It painful to get beat by a guy driving YOUR car but the instant feedback helped me improve at each event we shared the Mini Cooper.



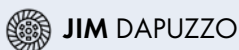


Another person is Chris Finnegan. He never hesitates to answer any of my questions and I can always catch a ride with him. Speaking with Chris always provides good feedback and it even works in the karts at Fast Times for our winter league. Don't be afraid to ask other members for driving advice!

That said, I've created a short and simple 'To Do List' for our seasoned members: Be on the lookout for those in need.

- Heritage or New Members that needs help in paddock or grid
- Members dealing with a mechanical issues
- Anyone struggling on course

Remember, you do not always need to provide the fix it! Instead find a board member or program chair that can provide support. Thanks in advance for taking the time to help a member in need this 2019 season. Now back to the garage to start the prep for Solo Season!



## DO YOU EVEN LIFT?

### *The Building and Evolution of Classic American Muscle*

As the Sports Car Club of America's Classic American Muscle classes enter the sixth year of competition with an exciting expansion, it may be a good time to look back on the origin and evolution of what many are considering now a movement. While it's the classic neck-breakers, chromey hot rods, and raspy ground-pounders of the Tire Rack CAM Challenge that lead many to beg the question of other classes, "Bruh, do you even lift," the history of this class is actually far more olive branch than apple of discord.

Due to its size and longstanding history, there's SCCA DNA in many grassroots motorsports groups across the continent. While it's not too far of a reach to say the Club is typically the largest influencer of other organizations, CAM came around with more of a two-way conversation across several groups in somewhat of a change of philosophy for the SCCA. While Indy's Regional Executive in 2013, Dave Dusterberg, saw some success with a regional muscle car Solo class, it was a trip to a Goodguys event that really got the ball rolling. Regional Solo Development Managers, Raleigh and Velma Boreen, recall the event - a sea of muscle cars with an autocross portion for those daring enough to test their mettle. The autocross course was very small and set



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UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

up with some concrete barriers. Recognizing the strength of the club's ability to put on great events in a fun and orderly fashion, Raleigh and Velma along with Dave and Pauletta Dusterberg decided the time was right to reach out to other clubs that were seeing success of their own.

"You couldn't pick up a car magazine where they weren't trying to get more handling or horsepower out of an older car," Raleigh recalls in the early-aughts. And with such success being shared by groups like Goodguys and Ultimate Street Car Association (USCA), even a small percentage of conversion or shared success had the potential to add upwards of a hundred cars in some regions. In order to get a good read on the Pro Touring market at the time, the Indy group reached out to Ed Capen at Goodguys. He was very open to share what was happening in the industry at the time and soon followed by USCA's Jimi Day.

Over the course of the next several months, these meetings culminated with a collaboration across all three groups for event calendars and a common-enough ruleset for one shared goal: to cast a big enough net over modern-day hot rodders so that most of their creations could fit in all three series. The effort resulted in major advantages for all three groups: it ensured that potential competitors would require only minimal changes (if at all) to run in all three clubs, and it provided the most amount of the seat time for drivers in preparation for the big regional shows.

How do you create a ruleset that allows for the freedom and creativity of thousands of modern day muscle car builders? You use at least what the editor of this newsletter is calling the 'red Solo cup law,' - to provide a standard set of boundaries for which you can put whatever you want within. Whether it's a screwdriver, brewski, or G&T, the red solo cup





is the all-accommodating vessel that can contain a variety of choices for anyone planning a weekend bender and it's what makes the CAM ruleset look more like a resume than a phonebook! The gist of the CAM regulations are divided into only three main sections: eligible vehicles, body modifications, and wheel/tire allowances, but it's that last section that allows for such a simplified formula.

It's no surprise to anyone that autocross comes down to tires, and CAM is no different! The Engine and Drive Train Allowances section reads "Components (internal and external) are unrestricted." Which means that someone could show up with a fully-built 1000-hp monster, but they'd be still limited to the DOT, 200 treadwear tires as everyone else. It all comes down to "usable horsepower." Raleigh Boreen claims that "If you've got 375 to 450 usable horsepower, you can be competitive at any place you go." Couple that with the fact that production stock cars from the "Big Three" are rolling off the assembly line more competitive than ever before and you have an autocross class that pretty much comes down to driver skill. The old adage is turned on its head as now there's no replacement for seat time and practice!





Rules that allow for so much to be done to a set of classics so near and dear to the heart of America would typically leave a paddock full of trailers as no one would risk driving their hard-work and shining joy to and from the event, right? Well the CAM class is full of a lot of trailer queens, but it's still meant to be a streetable class - and many competitors do just that. Dennis Healy's 2015 Mustang GT is commonly spotted driving to and from his local events and finished runner up in last year's CAM invitation after winning it in 2017. Chad Riker dominated the CAM-T class last year at Solo Nationals in his beautiful '68 Camaro and drives to his local events as well. In

fact, of the 180-some cars at last year's Peru CAM Challenge, about half of them were driven to the event!

Just like the machines on the entry list, CAM wasn't designed to sit still. There has been quite an evolution in the class since it's first year in 2014. What was originally one class, broke out into three (Traditional, Contemporary, and Sports) to include yet more competitors. There have been some tweaks here and there in the name of progress, but the people behind Classic American Muscle have two goals on their mind for the near future: stability and longevity. Accomplishing these goals will allow for builds to stay relevant for an ap-



preciable amount of time. CAM Challenge will accomplish this with an all-new season championship for 2019.

Starting with the Southern States Tire Rack CAM Challenge at zMax Dragway in Concord, North Carolina and ending up at the Tire Rack CAM Challenge Finale in Lincoln Nebraska, the seven event national tour replaces the previously slim schedule of the CAM Challenge and CAM Invitational. Each of the seven locations were chosen to serve distinct regions of the country, encouraging competitors to play in their local sandbox or nationally with their neighbors. This robust schedule is accompanied by a championship with a season-long points system for each class and an Overall CAM Challenge Champion at the 2019 Tire Rack SCCA Solo Nationals in addition to supplemental class competition at Nationals similar to previous years.

The points structure encourages regional exploration without mandating an exhaustive traveling campaign. Season-long points come from a competitor's best two points finishes from the six regular season events plus the points accrued from the CAM Challenge Finale, which is worth 150% of a regular season event. Having a full season of activity ensures a year of excitement with regional hot-shoes given the chance to compete against national stalwarts.



## 2019 CAM CHALLENGE EVENT SCHEDULE

### Southern States Tire Rack CAM Challenge

March 21, 2019 to March 23, 2019

zMax Dragway, Concord, NC

### Gulf States Tire Rack CAM Challenge

April 12, 2019 to April 14, 2019

Grenada Municipal Airport, MS

### Northern Pacific Tire Rack CAM Challenge

April 26, 2019 to April 28, 2019

Crows Landing, CA

### Central States Tire Rack CAM Challenge

May 31, 2019 to June 2, 2019

Mineral Wells Airport, TX

### Southern Pacific Tire Rack CAM Challenge

June 14, 2019 to June 16, 2019

San Diego County Credit Union Stadium, CA

### Eastern States Tire Rack CAM Challenge

August 9, 2019 to August 11, 2019

Grissom Aeroplex, IN

### Tire Rack CAM Challenge Finale

September 3, 2019 to September 4, 2019

Lincoln Air Park, NE



So five years later and what started out as a single class for pretty cars and drivers who wanted to trade their oldies tunes and new balance shoes for orange cones and helmets has grown into a nationally touring movement of beautiful builds and modern muscle. Classic American Muscle has also been as good of an outreach tool for the SCCA as it was a peace offering to collaborate with a couple of other groups with some 75% of the 100-car field at last year's Solo Nat's being new to the Club. Events like the Peru CAM Challenge have brought drivers to Indy Region from all over the country and the class has brought support from many non-traditional sponsors such as Detroit Speed, Spectre Performance, Forgeline Wheels, Wilwood Brakes, and Speedway Motors. Other contributors include names like the BFG Garage, Goodguys, Mike Maier Incorporated, Evolution Driving Schools, ABC Performance, Viking Motorsports, JDP Motorsports, SPS Performance, Shirts 101 and DuSold Designs. With such excitement planned for next year, it's worth coming out to an event or two whether you're competing or just wanting to see a different kind of car show.

 DUSTY MICHAEL

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# 2019 INDY REGION SUPER SCHEDULE

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
April 6-7	PAPA Wounded Warrior Charity Autocross	Grissom Aeroplex
April 14	Solo Fun Event 1	Grissom Aeroplex
May 4	TireRack One Lap of America	Grissom Aeroplex
May 5	Solo Points 1	Grissom Aeroplex
May 11	Time Trial/HPDE 1	Putnam Park
May 17-19	Test N' Tune	Grissom Aeroplex
May 18	Midwest Muscle Car Challenge	Terre Haute Airport
June 1	Road Rally 1	Indians Baseball
June 2	Solo Points 2	IN State Fairgrounds
June 14-16	TireRack SCCA Pro Solo	Grissom Aeroplex
June 22	Great Lakes Division Solo Points 3	Grissom Aeroplex
June 23	Regional Points 3	Grissom Aeroplex
July 13-14	Nat/Div. Road Rally	
July 21	Solo Points 4	Indy Speedrome
July 26-28	TireRack SCCA Solo Champ Tour	Grissom Aeroplex
August 3	Solo Points 5	Grissom Aeroplex
August 4	Hoosier Challenge Solo Points 6	Grissom Aeroplex
August 9-11	TireRack SCCA CAM Challenge	Grissom Aeroplex
August 16-18	Test N' Tune (Nat's)	Grissom Aeroplex
August 17	Road Rally for Beginners	
August 24	Time Trial/HPDE 2	
August 31	Dragcross	Grissom Aeroplex
Sept. 1	Fun Event 2	Grissom Aeroplex
Sept. 15	Solo Points 7	IN State Fairgrounds
October 6	Solo Points 8	IN State Fairgrounds
October 26	Halloween Road Rally	
October 27	Swap & Drive	Grissom Aeroplex
December 7	Holiday Road Rally	

## PREPPED FOR SUCCESS

### *Lou Savino's Guide for Preparing a Winning Solo Ride*

Chances are, you're probably not frantically reading through online articles and forums posts in a desperate attempt to get your car ready for the 2019 Solo season, but champions in all forms of motorsport understand the importance of preparation. Members who have competed for many seasons might already have their pre-season rituals started, but for many new members the hardest part of autocross is getting your car in order. Stalwart member and all around great guy, Lou Savino put together a simple checklist for getting your solo competitor solid for 2019.

Fluids – are you up to date on Fluid Changes or at least topped off:

- Motor Oil / Filter
- Coolant
- Brake
- Transmission
- Rear End on rear wheel drive
- Look for any leaks

Suspension/Steering Inspection – pot holes are tough on cars ... pull the wheels and look at:

- Upper and Lower Ball Joints – No Play or Ripped Boots
- Mounting Bushings – No Play or Missing Material
- Tie Rod Ends – No Play or Ripped Boots
- Alignment still in spec

Brakes:

- Rotor Condition
- Pad Condition
- Hose Condition

Wheels / Tires – same as above with the pot holes

- Rims – Nothing bent
- Lug Nuts – Not missing and tight
- Tire – Condition

### Class Numbers and Letters:

- If you do not have them, invest in a set of numbers. Buy up to 3 numbers per side so you have some options at registration. For less than \$40 from Stef and Chris you can save the time & effort and make the scoring folks real happy.

### Helmet

- Is your still acceptable per the Snell Rating
- How is the overall condition ... padding / shell / visor
- Does in need a good cleaning and a shot of Febreeze

### Is your track bag ready

- Tire Gauge ... maybe an air pump
- Sun Screen
- Sun Glasses
- Roll of Paper Towels
- Window Cleaner
- Hat
- Snack
- Drink
- Rain gear / Umbrella
- Sweatshirt or Jacket
- A few hand tools

### Finally

- Is your SCCA membership up to date?
- Is your Motorsports Reg. account up to date?

If you think this level of maintenance is above your skill level, use a trusted club member or mechanic to help you with the work.

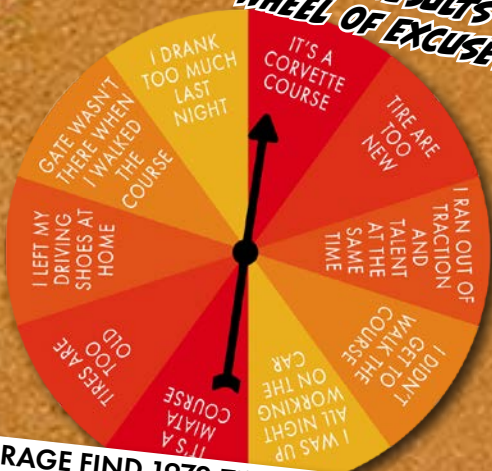


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DUSTY MICHAEL**



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1600 engine, mostly special Gene Berg parts, including heads. Enlarged oil cooler and extended sump so it holds 5 quarts of oil. High Torque starter, zero-roll rear suspension, stainless exhaust and many spare parts. Custom tranny with all four gears special. 1600 engine spare, a spare short box tranny, as well as most of the parts of the original 1200 engine that came with the car. Can be refitted back to vintage formula vee. Includes two sets of alloy 13" wide wheels, (use formula ford size tires) as they can use the softer racing rubber. It also has two sets of 15" wide wheels (preferred by driver but can not get the soft rubber for this size wheel). Rollbar was updated by Steve Lathrop 1984. At that time Steve suggested it was in the best condition of a C4 that he had seen! Nice paint under the dust. Last ran 2014. Have a truck load of spares and can share records of history, with two or three different carb combinations that have been run over the years. Sorry no trailer as I still have a third car so I need the trailer.



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Named after the Red Baron's plan, this is a one off build by Ray Kuehlthau of Indianapolis. He had a racing accident, sold car to Norm Mooney who fixed it, and put new 1200cc engine in it in 1989. I have owned it since then, Check in the back of the Solo Rulebook, it is listed as FV National Champion 1990 in Solo 1. Has new front shocks, and new fuel cell about 2001 which has not had any fuel in it. Rollbar was updated 1991 by Steve Lathrop's shop ICP. Most of the body is aluminum. Is a quality built car that needs a new home, as driver has gotten too fat! Fits driver of six foot and 280 pounds. Can run in regional only class HCR in soloing. Has two spare fiberglass noses. Can include two additional sets of wheels. Has not run since about 1995?

If my memory is correct, it won overall an Indy Region Australian pursuit event at the Speedrome in the early 1990's? Nice paint when dust washed off!





## RALLY RECONNAISSANCE

Nine individuals met at Unos on December 29 to review the 2018 road rally offerings and make plans for the 2019 Indy Road Rally season. Following is the 2019 Road Rally schedule.

Saturday 6/1/2019 – GTA style road rally ending with an Indians Baseball Game

Saturday 7/13/2019 – Hoosier Crossroads National Tour/  
Course rally

Sunday 7/14/2019 – Hoosier Crossroads Divisional Tour/  
Course rally

Saturday 8/17/2019 – easy Time Speed Distance (TSD)  
rally-suitable for beginners

Saturday 10/26/2019 – Halloween rally – expect grave-  
yards, clues, and a mystery to solve

Saturday 12/7/2019 – the 2nd annual Holiday Shopping  
Shuffle to benefit Toys for Tots and a local food pantry

Our next meeting is April 13 at Unos on Southport Rd. So, if you have additional ideas, or the schedule above looks interesting and you want to help, or you just want to hang out with some car buddies and eat pizza – feel free to join us. The more the merrier!

At the awards banquet on January 25, we were happy to hand out the following awards for the 2018 season.

1st place Experienced – Chris Brake

2nd place Experienced – Jeff Alexander

1st place Novice – Dustin Michael

Junior Award – Gwen Faucett

Worker honorable Mention – Dick Powell



WENDY HARRISON



*Former membership chair, Matt Adams, submits his last membership report from the start of 2019.*

I hope the coming year brings you many joyful experiences with the club whether as a participant, volunteer or spectator. I stepped down at the end of January as the Membership Chair, making room for life changes. Looking forward to being part of the Solo program still. The immediate goal is to help the next chair build on what has been accomplished so far in supporting the membership. There is a lot of challenges to tackle with membership retention in 2019. 2018 has ended on a low point with 498 active members with 3 new. A loss of 11% from December 2017. The heavy losses were in April (60) & September (35) of this year. The general trend for most of the year was negative despite generally good membership drives during the active summer months. The trend for our region with weekend memberships were also down from 2017 as well. 282 in 2017 versus 228 in 2018. About 50 less people tried out some aspect of the club. I'm hopeful that the surge of news around the time trial program will bring in new interest for membership. The Deadline has passed for 2018 Involved membership awards and I'm thrilled at the submissions. The full list will be posted in February after the jackets are presented at the awards banquet.

### **Dec New Members**

Scott Goodyear	Carmel IN
Jason Matzel	Indianapolis IN
Peter Drummond	Indianapolis IN

### **Indy Region January Anniversaries**

Joel Parris	Fishers IN	10 yrs
Justin Tysdal	Carmel IN	5 yrs
Suzanne Tysdal	Carmel IN	5 yrs
Travis Hartwell	Greenwood IN	5 yrs



## TRACK TALK

Join the Indy Region SCCA for our first Time Trial & Track Event of the Year! The Inaugural INDY SCCA GP Time Trial, May 11th 2019 on the Putnam Park Road Course in Greencastle Indiana. We plan to have an INDY GP Viewing Party in addition to an awesome track event. The 'Track Event' is un-timed and is not eligible for awards, all participants will be able to run all of the sessions with their specific groups. The 'Time Trial' is a timed event all participants will be able to run all of the sessions with their specific groups.

To participate in the Time Trial you must pay an additional \$20, Time Trial Fee. The fee includes transponder rental and all needed equipment to connect to your car. If you are participating in the time trial ALL Laps on Track in ALL sessions will be timed via transponder and available for Live Timing and Scoring through My aps App. Only the last 2 sessions of the day will count for event awards.

This event will be run in accordance with the national SCCA Time Trial Rules and Car Classes. If you don't know where your car will be classed [Click Here](#) to review classing rules information. If you do not have a Time Trial License, one can be issued to you by your participation at this event or in advance.





Any participant who has either an SCCA Competition License or has earned an SCCA Time Trial License in a session will be eligible. The SCCA Time Trial License will allow you to be eligible to run at the 2019 Tire Rack SCCA Time Trials Nationals presented by Hagerty September 27, 2019 to September 29, 2019 at NCM Motorsports Park in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Not a SCCA member? No problem! Weekend memberships are only \$15 (and, you can apply the cost to a full membership if you upgrade later!)

Cost: \$275/day for Track Event (About 2.5 hours of track time 6-8 Sessions) Novice / Intermediate / Advanced Run Groups. Novice group drivers will receive included instruction from RaceCraft 1 on the track and in the classroom. Intermediate and Advanced group drivers can purchase an instructor package the day of the event if desired.

We will have a Saturday social at Chicago's Pizza following the event with food, beverages, and plenty of bench racing.

Our events are FAMILY FRIENDLY! Bring yourself, your mom, your kids, or your buddies and watch the INDY SCCA GP Time Trials have a great day Putnam Park!

\*\*Race-prepared cars are allowed. Please see the PDX/CT rules for acceptable vehicles. **NO OPEN WHEEL CARS ALLOWED** at this event.



## What is a SCCA Track Event?

For those who have never sat behind the wheel while on a track, the Track Event provides instruction in both the classroom and on the track, giving novice drivers the opportunity to improve their driving skills and increase their enjoyment of driving their street vehicle.

For those who have track experience, Track Events offer Intermediate and Advanced run group options. These groups offer the experienced driver a chance to hone skills in a non-competitive environment.



## What is a SCCA Time Trial?

If you have been to a Track Event and you're ready to take it to the next level this Time Trial event adds a competitive timing element. There will be live timing set up so put your skills to the test and go for Trophies and Prizes. The SCCA Time Trial Nationals will be Held Sept. 27-29 at NCM Motorsports Park. The licenses earned here will allow entry to that event.

Tap or click on the links below for registration.

[Time Trial 1](#) May, 11th Event

[Time Trial 2](#) Aug 24th Event



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# UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

<b>WHEN</b>	<b>WHAT</b>	<b>WHERE</b>
April 6 - 7	PAPA Wounded Warrior Charity Autocross	Grissom Aeroplex Bunker Hill, IN 46914
Tuesday, April 9	Indy SCCA Board Meeting	Dawson's on Main 1464 N Main St, Speedway, IN 46224
Saturday, April 13	Road Rally Planning Meeting	Uno's Pizza 4740 E Southport Rd, Southport, IN 46237
Sunday, April 14	Fun Event 1	Grissom Aeroplex Bunker Hill, IN 46914
Sunday, May 5	Solo Points Even 1	Grissom Aeroplex Bunker Hill, IN 46914
Saturday, May 11	Time Trials 1	Putnam Park 251 S County Rd 550 E, Greencastle, IN 46135
Tuesday, May 14	Indy SCCA Board Meeting	Dawson's on Main 1464 N Main St, Speedway, IN 46224
Sunday, May 19	City of Lakes Car Show	Downtown Warsaw, IN

# NOVEMBER 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTES

**Attendees** – Joel Harleman, Chris and Stefanie Brake, Dick Powell, Bruce, Colin and Gwen Faucett, Vincent Taibi, Lee and Reba Miller, Catherine Justiniano, Matt Adams, Jim DaPuzzo, Michael Young, Wendy Harrison, Charles Hanson, Raleigh and Velma Boreen, and Daniel Froemming.

**Approval of October Minutes** – Motioned by Colin, second by Matt and approved.

**Old Business** – Banquet food has been ordered. The 2019 Elections Ballot is Complete.

**New Business** – Grand Park in Westfield is a possible site for doing a Street Survival.

**Website Report** – No Report.

**Clutch Chatter** – The clutch chatter e-mail is available to send Dusty articles. Forty-Five pages of content for October. Willing to take feedback on the new format. Classified's are free. Looking for contests to add into the content of Clutch Chatter.

**Membership** – 509 Members which is a 30 person drop. First year members are not being retained and this is a nationwide issue. Get your involved member forms turned in to be by December 31 to be validated. January 7th to get jackets in to be reembroidered. Retention of first year members is the focus for next years membership chair.

**Treasurer** – Receipts are being turned in. Overall we have a surplus for the year. Rally is up, Track Events down, Solo up, and admin is still waiting on buying convention tickets. Savings account was opened and about half of the funds are there. All invoices are paid except the banquet food. Currently under budget on banquet.

**Activities** – First karting league event went well and was sold out. LeMans race at Fasttimes would need a minimum of 24 people for 6 teams. iRacing league missed the October event so the November event will become the Fun Event.

**Social Media** – If content needs posted or ideas for content let Vinnie know.

**Solo** – DragCross had 32 entries and everyone had a great time. Swap and Drive fun event had around 50 entries and was a very fun course. Bus was cleaned out. Solo Planning meeting was hosted by Raleigh and Velma attended by 25 members. We have a new venue of Whiteland Raceway

Park. Updates to the rules will be posted before the first event. We will be possibly hosting three National Events next year. CAM Challenge in August, ChampTour in June, and in July possibly a modified ProSolo. Will need chiefs for these events!

**Rally** – Hosted the October event and there is a write up in Clutch Chatter. Last event of the year will be a charity event with a toy for Toys-For-Tots. Rally will have a grocery list where you will go to different towns and buy items to be donated to a food bank. July 13-14 for next years National/Divisional rally weekend.

**Track Events** – Have next years contract from Putnam Park. Got both desired dates in May and August. There was a slight increase in track rental to \$11,300 per event. Mike proposed a \$600 increase in the budget, seconded by Bruce and approved. Once the sanction for the first event is approved the marketing for that event will start.

**New Business** – None

Motion to adjourn by Bruce and seconded by Joel was approved.

Submitted by Joel Harleman

# DECEMBER 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOTES

Bruce Faucett opened the meeting stating Chris Brake is unable to attend and he will lead the meeting tonight.

**Approval of November Minutes** - Bruce asked for validation the Minutes were reviewed and deemed correct ... several agreed  
Matt Adams made a motion to accept the Minutes ... second by James DaPuzzo ... All Agreed

## Old business

**iRacing** - First event had 6 attend. Second event is scheduled for 01/02/2019

Convention - All Tickets have been purchased (Flight/ Hotel /Meeting)

**Election** - Nominations are still being accepted. Plan to mail out ballot on 12/29/18 ... per the by-laws must be out at least 2 weeks prior to the count at the banquet. For those with Family Memberships or Multi Persons at the same address ... One ballot will be mailed to each home address to save postage and supplies.

This is the current list of roles & candidates on the ballot - RE - Chris Brake, Asst. RE - Joe Harleman, Secretary - James DaPuzzo, Treasure - Colin Faucett, Membership Chair - Daniel Vang, Activities Chair - Vincent Taibi. Data Posted in the Cloud. Daniel not in attendance to provide an update

**New Business** - None

**Website Report** - Up and running, no major concerns. Having an issue with lag between updates of those supplying info and it getting posted on the web.

**Clutch Chatter** - Dusty Michael stated the December Issue is not complete at this time but is in the works.

**Membership** - Matt stated the current membership is at 507 and during the winter months is the least active in adding new members. Matt is working on the "Involved Member Awards", should be finalized in the coming days, and will be reaching out to get the jackets updated.

**Treasurer's Report** - Colin Faucett states he feels most of the old business from the 2018 season has been closed out less the Banquet expenses. Paid for the 2019 Track Event in December 2018 ... which will in-turn make the 2018 fiscal

year be over budget but will show upside in 2019 due to the timing of the expense. Has ordered credit card for Mike Young to run the Track Events in 2019

**Activities** - World of Wheels runs 02/08-09-10/19 ... move in on 02/07 or 02/08 depending on our building location. Request for cars has been made. The Banquet will be at Mallow Run Winery / 6964 Whiteland Rd, Bargersville, IN 46106. Menu is set, will give final head count 3 days prior to the event. Details to be finalized: number tables / layout / sound system / etc. Scott Holley Car Collection Tour can host up to 30 people. Targeting late Feb / early March 2019 for tour. Karting's next event is 12/16/18. We have enough interest to pursue a Le Mans Event, more details to come.

**Social Media** - Slow time of the year. There was activity for PRI by our members at the show

**Solo** - Finalizing End of Year Award (1/4 zip pull over). Finalizing the 2019 schedule with 8 Points Events ... (4) Metro Indy and (4) Grissom. Planning a Training Meeting in March 2019 (Safety / Time / Equipment / Etc.). CAM series is expanding to 7 events with 50% more points available at the Nationals Event

**Rally** - December Rally was a huge success with 9 teams. Benefited the Toys for Tots and a local food bank. Scavenger Hunt Style Event that made teams buy items for the food bank in certain cities

**Track Events** - SCCA/GRIDLIFE / Global Time Attack have joined together to form North American Time Attack Council. Goal is to use the strength of each series to improve this growing segment of motorsports. Working together so a participant will have a common license between all three series. To get a license you will need to successfully complete 4 events in any of the series. This should help us improve our current track day participation. Can accommodate 90 drivers (30 Advance / 30 Intermediate / 30 Novice)

Next meeting January 26th at the Banquet

Matt motions the meeting to come to a close / Mike second the motion / All were in favor / Meeting closed.

Submitted by Jim Dapuzzo.

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## FINAL NOTE

The Sports Car Club of America is the world's largest automotive motorsports organization and has set the target for motorsports competition and motorsports event management in North America for over 60 years. The SCCA has remained the benchmark and is recognized as the gold standard in the industry.

The SCCA hosts a myriad of motorsports activities to satisfy any interest you may have as a sports car competition enthusiast.

### **How to Join**

For anyone reading this newsletter not a current member of the Sports Car Club of America, please consider joining the Indianapolis Region SCCA. Almost any car is welcome to run at our autocross events - not just top tier sports cars! Our slogan is 'FUN WITH CARS' and that extends to all of our events - from time trials and track events to autocross and road rally, there's something for everyone! To find out more, check out [IndySCCA.org](http://IndySCCA.org) or follow our Facebook page. We hope to see you at our next event!

INDIVIDUAL MEMBER: \$85.  
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$105  
FIRST GEAR: \$50 (24 & Under)  
MILITARY MEMBERSHIP: \$50

### **Newsletter Contributions**

Do have a story or idea to share? Maybe a couple of photos snapped at an SCCA event? Please feel welcome to share any interesting stories or thoughts to our editor at [IndyClutchChatter@gmail.com](mailto:IndyClutchChatter@gmail.com).

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