

# Clutch Chatter

## Indianapolis Region SCCA



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### Officials

On page 2, you will find the officials for Indy Region and the officials for the Great Lakes Division of SCCA.

### Membership

Our membership report is on page 2 in this issue. Our club was one of the fastest growing Regions in the SCCA in 2020.

### ***New Clutch Chatter Editor***

Hello and Happy New Year to all. My name is Raleigh Boreen and I will be your Clutch Chatter Editor for 2021. My goal is to publish six (6) Clutch Chatters during the year. They will be available early in the even numbered months. This is the first issue and I will try to make them informative, interesting and fun. I am open to anyone who would like to add an article at any time for the Clutch Chatter.

My main activity with the club is Solo, but I also have a scrutineers licence for Road Racing and I work a couple of Time Trial events each year. I am looking forward to the 2021 Solo season and the fun we all will have with the 2021 SCCA Run Offs at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in October. Let's Go!!! (The picture above is our Solo car with its Mask)

### Important!!

Next Indy Region Board meeting at Dawsons in Speedway on February 9<sup>th</sup>. Meeting starts at 6:30

## SCCA OFFICIALS FOR INDY REGION AND THE GREAT LAKES DIVISION

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## INDY REGION MEMBERSHIP REPORT:



Josh Kikta is our Membership Chairman

<b>Name</b>	<b>City</b>	<b>State</b>	<b>New Member</b>
Zach Kagels	Houston	TX.	1/2021
Bruce Raymond	Plainfield	IN.	1/2021
Jonathan Ridders	Indianapolis	IN.	1/2021
James Weida	West Lafayette	IN.	1/2021

**Membership Anniversaries**

**Five Year Anniversaries:      Fifteen Year Anniversary:      Twenty -Five Year Anniversay:      Fifty Year Anniversay:**

Kenneth Joyce

Robert Lennon

Clemens Burger

David Keenan

Fritz Krueger

Gene Tibbs

Kris Tibbs

**2020 Cars & Coffe at Gateway Classic Cars in Indianapolis in November**



# ***SOLO UPDATE:***



## 2020 Solo Season Special Awards

**Boreen Spirit of Solo Award – Sarah Cooney**

**Rookie of the Year – Jordan Allen**

**Pro Class Champ & Tovey Cup Winner – Alan Hamson**

## 2020 Class Winners

<b>Class</b>	<b>1st Place</b>	<b>2nd Place</b>	<b>3rd Place</b>
Super Street	Kevin Kirchoff		
A Street	Darren Daubenspeck		
B Street	John Robins		
C Street	Kevin Kent		
D Street	Douglas Smiley		
D Street / Ladies	Kathy Kenny		
F Street	Michael Young		
G Street	Josh Kikta	Will Lahee	Jeff McGrew
Super Street R	Jerry Strobe		
Super Touring Sport	Vincent Taibi		
Super Touring Xtreme	Katy Gray		
Super Touring Roadster	Tyler Rush		
Super Touring Ultra	Dale Brier		
F Street Prepared	Benjamin Drexler		
Street Modified Street Tire	Kyle Cooney		
Street Modified Street Tire / Ladies	Sarah Cooney		
C Modified	Thomas Walgamuth		
D Modified	Stephen Brinkerhoff		
D Modified / Ladies	Wanda Brinkerhoff		
CAM-C	John Clyne		
CAM-C / Ladies	Michele Norris		
CAM-T	Brandon Tyler		
CAM-S	Joe Hirsch		
CAM-S / Ladies	Rachel Burch		

## **Tentative 2021 Solo Schedule**

(3) ... Fun Events spread though out the year

- Possible added dates include Subaru Challenge / PAPA in April

(7) ... Points Events at Grissom & Indiana State Fairgrounds

- Possible 8th event is border war with the Columbus Region

(2) ... National Events – Champ Tour / CAM Challenge

(3) ... Days of Test & Tune

- May will have (1) day and August will have (2) days

(1) ... One Lap of America is planned for 05/01/21

..... Dates will be firmed up by Mid-February, check the Indy SCCA website for more info.



In 2021 the Solo Program will continue to use MSR and only offer Pre-Registration using the On-Line tool. I am working on a same day sign-up option through the MSR tool to allow more people to join us.

Have a good off season. Hope to see everyone soon!!

## ROAD RALLY UPDATE:



Hi, I'm Wendy Harrison

I live in Indianapolis, Indiana and have been the chairperson for the Indianapolis Region Road Rally program since 2017. I ran my first road rallies in high school, then took a break and started actively running SCCA road rallies again in 2008. While currently serving as a member of the SCCA National Road Rally Board, my energy is still focused mainly on Indianapolis Region's local rally program. I enjoy organizing road rallies as social events and getting novices interested in road rallying. Always looking for new roads to encourage people to explore and have fun, I would love to hear your ideas. Hope to see you at a Rally in 2021. You can contact me at [IndySCCARoadRally@yahoo.com](mailto:IndySCCARoadRally@yahoo.com)

### 2021 Road Rally Schedule Announcement

We are pleased to announce a variety of events that are sure to please for 2021. All of these events are suitable for first timers and experienced rallyists alike.

April 10, 2021 – Game Tour Adventure/Social Rally – start in Westfield, IN

September 18, 2021 – Hoosier Byways Divisional Tour Rally

October 30, 2021 – Halloween Rally – start near Shelbyville, IN

December 4, 2021 – Holiday Shopping Shuffle

January 2, 2022 – Holiday Lights Trek

We are currently working on filing Sanction forms. Please keep an eye on the website and the Facebook page for additional details and announcements when registration is open through MotorsportReg.com.

### Time Wise Clocks for Sale

The road rally program has found itself in possession of surplus timekeeping devices. If you would like to purchase a Time Wise 650 multi-split chronometer, please e-mail [IndySCCARoadRally@yahoo.com](mailto:IndySCCARoadRally@yahoo.com). The cost is \$280 each.

## SECRETARY REPORT – CLUB MEETING MINUTES:



Hi, my name is Velma Boreen and I will be the secretary for the Indy Region in 2021. I have been a member of SCCA since 1976 and Indy Region since 2009. My first introduction to SCCA was through a dentist that we went to who was a Formula Vee driver in Minnesota. He asked us if we would like to go to races – FREE! The catch was that we would be workers in Timing and Scoring. We worked races from 1970 to 1983 all over the Midwest. We also worked the Formula 1 race in Montreal and Watkins Glen. The last 5 years we have worked at the SCCA Runoffs. My main interest is Solo. Raleigh and I typically run 14-16 events throughout the year around the country.

We currently run a CAM T Camaro. You can contact me at 317-403-0632 or [wiznby1973@gmail.com](mailto:wiznby1973@gmail.com)

Look forward to being your secretary in 2021!

### January 31, 2021 – Special Board Meeting via Zoom call

Call started at 1:06 pm

Present: Joel Harleman, Mike Young, Kitina Young, James DaPuzzo, Justin Ritter, Josh Kikta, Raleigh and Velma Boreen

Purpose of this meeting was to select four (4) Indy Region members who will fill the Member-at-Large positions.

#### Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held via Zoom on Saturday, January 30, 2021. Purpose of that meeting was to wrap up the results of the 2020 programs and announce the new board members for 2021. Those new members are:

Joel Harleman – Regional Executive

Velma Boreen – Secretary

Kitina Young – Treasurer

Josh Kikta – Membership Chair

Justin Ritter – Activities Chair

Kitina replaces Colin Faucett as treasurer. Velma replaces James DaPuzzo as secretary.

#### Selection of four Member-at-Large candidates

- There were six members who indicated an interest in serving the as a Member-at-Large
  - N. Charles Tashiro, Ben Drexler, Lee Miller, John Clyne, Ashley Hyman and Richard Strickland

- The board discussed the six candidates. The four new people on the board: N. Charles Tashiro, Ben Drexler, John Clyne and Ashley Hyman

With Kitina taking over the duties of treasurer, Velma proposed that this would be a good time for the books to be audited. It will take a couple of weeks to get everything changed over from Colin to Kitina so there is time to get this completed. James will take care of getting a person to take care of this task.

## New Business

- **Proposal**
  - Offer a reduced fee or free entry for program chairs and board members
  - Several Regions around the country use this practice
  - One option is to have the competitor pay the insurance portion
  - All agreed that something needs to be done to compensate program chairs and board members
  - Final decision is being tabled until the regular meeting on Tuesday, 2-9-21.

Call ended at 1:43 pm.

Velma Boreen - Secretary

## ***SITTING IN THE GARAGE***



## ***Sitting in the Garage with:***

*(Conversations with Indy Region Members and other significant SCCA members with Raleigh Boreen)*

***This week's conversation is with John Clyne.***

John currently lives in Zionsville and other than four years in Lafayette, IN. while at Purdue, he has lived in the Indianapolis area all of his life. I got to sit down and chat with John in early December about the club.

***How long have you been a member of SCCA?***

I joined Indy Region after going to a Starting Line SCCA Drivers school at the Tire Rack in 2016. I took the school in my daily driver, a Mini Cooper and was hooked on doing driving events. I tried a Track Night in America and went to a National Solo in 2017, I was absolutely hooked.

***What activities do you participate in with Indy Region?***

Currently I am driving a Mustang GT in CAM C at the Solo events and I am working to help the Region with Rookie walks at Solo events and co-chairing the CAM Challenge. I have had the Mustang a couple of years and won the 2020 Indy Region Year End Championship in CAM C.

***How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?***

I have always loved cars. In college my daily driver was a 1985 Merkur XR4TI. It had a lot of performance for the time. It was a 4cyl Turbo car. You did not see a lot of them and finally the maintenance caught up with me. I also loved Go Karts and bought a truck to haul my Go Kart around. I was involved with the Purdue Gran Prix while I was in college. Today I have a Mini and my Mustang so I can have some fun.

***What would you like to see Indy Region do in 2021 and coming years?***

I would love to be able to help the club find some more Solo sights in the Indy metro market. Grissom is great but I think if we found some more local sites the club would really grow. I enjoy helping with the Time Trial and am excited to see that program grow.

***Outside of SCCA, what is something you really enjoy doing?***

I am very involved with my 13-year-old son. He is very active in the Robotics Club at his school so I am involved as a helper and a judge for events. Work, family and the SCCA keep me very busy, but I am enjoying what I do very much.

## ***Sitting in the Garage with:***

***(Conversations with Indy Region Members and other significant SCCA members with Raleigh Boreen)***

***This week's conversation is with Dayle Frame.***



Dayle is the newest member of the SCCA Board of Directors from the Great Lakes Division. Indy Region is part of the Great Lakes Division of the SCCA. He has spent time in Illinois, Oklahoma, and Arkansas before moving to Michigan in 1990. He and his wife Melinda have lived there ever since.

**How long have you been a member of SCCA?**

I have been a member of SCCA since 1997 but I have been around SCCA since I was a little boy. My father was a member of SCCA for 50+ years starting in the late 50's.

**What activities do you participate in with SCCA?**

I started working races as a corner worker and pit/grid back in the 80's at Hallet in Oklahoma. I wanted to know everything I could about tracks, what kind of cars were good to race and trying to pick people's minds to see what it took to race. I started Road racing in 2001. I Road raced until 2017 and then I sold my HP Sprite in 2020. I current work races again and Solo my Chevy Bolt EV in H/Street.

**How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?**

As I said my father was an SCCA member for many years. He worked at Argonne National Labs near Chicago in the late 50's and 60's with people from Europe. Many of them had sports cars and he got the itch for MG's, Jaguars and the like. He bought his first Lotus Super 7 in 1962. I followed suit and when I was old enough started working races and doing anything I could to be around race cars. I mentioned I Solo a Chevy Bolt. I had one of the first ones when they came out in 2017. It has been one of the most fun cars I have ever owned and one of the most affordable.

**What would you like to see Great Lakes Division do in 2021 and coming years?**

My main reason for wanting to be on the SCCA Board of Directors is better communication. We have 66,000 + members and I want to make sure they feel like they are getting all they can from their membership dues. I want them to be proud of being a member but also feel like they can talk with someone if they have questions or concerns. I have made myself available for Zoom calls to meet with the local Regions in the Great Lakes Division. I will try hard to communicate with members in a variety of fashions . I am a phone call or an email away for all members. My feeling for 2021 will be for SCCA to maintain course and then "Shake the Etch A Sketch" for 2022. 2021 will be a redo of 2020 with improvements but we won't see things back to normal until late 2021 or 2022.

My email is [dframe@scca.com](mailto:dframe@scca.com) I hope to see my SCCA friends and meet new ones during my tenure as your Director.

## IMPORTANT CAR RELATED EVENTS:



- 1) The first Indy Region Rally will be April 10<sup>th</sup> on the North side of Indy
- 2) One Lap of America at Grissom May 1<sup>st</sup>
- 3) Detroit Auto Show canceled due 2021 due to Covid
- 4) National Solo – Champ Tour at Grissom hosted by Indy Region June 4-6
- 5) Time Trail Nationals at NCM Motorsports Park in Bowling Green, KY. June 10-13
- 6) National Solo – CAM Challenge event at Grissom Aug. 6-8
- 7) SCCA Road Racing Run Offs comes to Indianapolis at IMS Sept. 25 -Oct. 3
- 8) MCACN Car Show in Chicago November 19-21
- 9) PRI in Indianapolis December 9-11



## DID YOU KNOW ?



Did you know? The Indianapolis Region was one of the first Regions in the “New” Sports car Club of America that was founded in 1944. The very first organized event that the SCCA held in 1945 was a road trip from Connecticut to attend the Indy 500!

2021 marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for the Indianapolis Region of the SCCA. Wow!! Think about it our Region has been Around for 75 years. In honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary the club will be offering some items to members during the year. These will be available at no charge at events thru out the year.

## 3 Inch Diameter Screenprinted Decal



We are hoping to have a fun event or a possible picnic to honor the club for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. More details to follow as get see how things progress with the Covid regulations.

## RE REPORT – JOEL HARLEMAN



Greetings and Happy New Year!!!

2021 is starting off a little bit on the tough side for your RE. I fell off a platform while we were loading a plane at FED-X for work and found myself in the hospital for 24 hours after falling 20+ feet. I was able to participate in the Indy Region Annual Meeting that we had on Zoom on Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> of January. I am now home but unable to do much for the next 90 days. I can't wait for nice weather.

The meeting went well and I want to welcome the 2021 Board Members to the Indy Region management team. You can see who the new Board members are by looking at page 2 in this newsletter. I do want to thank Colin Faucett for being the club's treasurer for the last 6 years. I also want to thanks Steve Brown for being on the Board and Maggie Vang for being the Clutch Chatter editor for the past two years.

The club will start its activities with a Rally on the 10<sup>th</sup> of April. The Solo season will start by the first of May and the Time Trails events will start in June. Our club is growing by leaps and bounds. I look forward to seeing people at events in 2021. Stay healthy!!

## **TIME TRIAL PROGRAM**

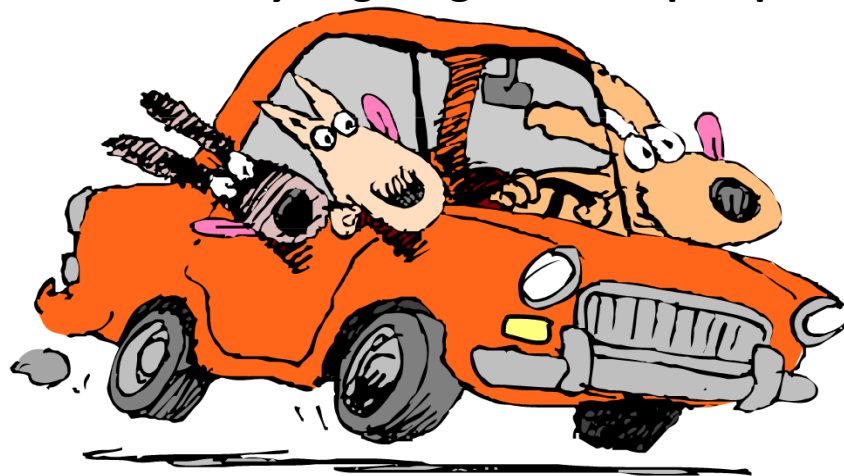


The Indy Time Trail program for 2021 will have some changes. First of all, Vincent Taibi will be the co-Chairman for the Indy Program in 2021. The second thing is we will have two events and both are two-day events. The first one we will share with Western Ohio Region on June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. Saturday will be hosted by WOR and Sunday will be hosted by Indy Region. The next event will be August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Both days will be hosted by Indy Region. The great thing about the new program is you can run as many of the days as you want. You could run one in both weekends or more. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Putnam.

## **2021 HERE WE COME!!!**



The road to success is always under Construction. 2021 is a new year and we will get thru it as Indy Region grows and prospers.



**Let's have a great year in 2021!!!**

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## Notes from the Director's Chair

### Area 4 Director Update for February, 2021

January was a busy month. As I mentioned in last month's update, in addition to the BoD meetings, I also sit in on the Club Racing Board (CRB) and Rally Cross Board (RXB) meetings. There were BoD meetings on 1/11 and 1/25 as well as a CRB meeting on 1/5 and RXB meetings on 1/12 and 1/19. I also sat in on a couple of regional meetings doing an "Ask the



Director” session with them. Throw in the SCCA Convention sessions that I attended (five on 1/23 and several more during the rest of the convention) and there was a lot of time spent on video conference sessions.

The BoD meetings were fairly mundane in that we dealt with a lot of boring, procedural stuff. We go over financial reports and other miscellaneous items. For example, we’re getting a new board management platform in the next few months. This is a web based, software package that will help us vote, manage meetings, post agendas, etc. Really interesting stuff, huh? We’re also trying to coordinate a face to face meeting at some point once the pandemic gets quenched a bit. As you can imagine, we’re all pretty busy during the competition season and finding a suitable date has been pretty tough. Yes, there are some super-secret, hush-hush details that I cannot mention here but I will tell you that most of that isn’t nearly as interesting as you might imagine.

The CRB meeting was pretty long (3.25 hours) and they discussed a whole myriad of rules and policy changes. The RXB folks discussed policies for expanding RallyX’s footprint. For details check out the latest FasTrack bulletins [here](#). I must say that I really enjoy attending these sessions as it reiterates how much passion there is for our sport across all the disciplines SCCA covers.

I’ve been working on a few other things too:

1. I’ve started talking with more regions about sitting in on their regional meetings. I have a couple of them already scheduled and am willing to do some more.
2. I’ve been working with the various divisional stewards about our event schedules. I am REALLY interested in going to a bunch of events this summer. I’ve penciled in a visit to GingerMan to watch/work the Time Trials National Tour in July (7/16-7/18). I also hope to go to at least one of the Pro Solo events. I’ve attended and participated in a few Solos over the years, but they’ve always been of the regional variety. Seeing a Pro Solo will be eye opening I’m sure. I also want to make sure I get to a Road Rally event this summer.
3. I’ve been working with our webmaster on a complete reworking of our divisional website. It’ll look fantastic once it’s done.
4. I’ve been working with Val McCammon, Velma Boreen and Tony Brown on the GLDIV Spring Training meeting. If you haven’t done so already, please respond to Val’s emails for guidance on what the divisional membership would like to get out of this virtual meeting.

That about sums up January of the BoD for me. 24 hours in front of my PC screen on video conferences and a bunch more wrestling with “all things Area 4”. I’m slowly getting into the waters (more than “dipping my toes”, less than “up to my neck”). I’m sure the pace will increase as the club maneuvers around Covid-19 in the next few months.

As always, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or comments. Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

*Dayle Frame*