

# Clutch Chatter

## Indianapolis Region SCCA



| MAY 2021 | 75<sup>TH</sup> YEAR – 3RD ISSUE



### Solo

Come work the One Lap of America events on Saturday May 1<sup>st</sup> at Grissom. On Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup> the Indy Region has its first Solo of 2021 at Grissom

### Road Rally

On May 1<sup>st</sup> we have the "Monte ReDeux Rally" and on June 13<sup>th</sup> we have the "Main Road Rally"

## Clutch Chatter Editor – Raleigh Boreen

This year we are celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Indy Region. It wasn't that long ago that we had a party at the Cool Creek Park in Carmel, IN. for our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary where we hung the above banner. Time flies when you are having fun.

I had said I would do a Clutch Chatter newsletter every other month in 2021 but we are so busy with club stuff the next two months I felt I needed to do a May newsletter and I will follow up with a June one also. "Fun with Cars" is the motto of the SCCA and Indy Region members will have several opportunities to have some fun in the next few months. I hope to see many of you at some Indy Region events.

### Time Trials

Our first two day event of the year is right around the corner on June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> at Putnam Park.

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## RE REPORT – JOEL HARLEMAN

Hello everyone and happy spring to the Indy Region! I still can not believe Indy had 3" of snow this past week in Indy. I am definitely ready for spring. The Region has a lot going on in the next 30 days. We need volunteers for the One Lap of America Solo on May 1<sup>st</sup> at Grissom. We also need people to run our first TSD Rally of the year also on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

I look forward to seeing people at upcoming Indy Region events, renewing friendships and of course meeting new members. SCCA's motto is "Fun with Cars". 2021 should be a great year to have "Fun with Cars" for Indy Region.

This year is the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our club! Amazing that it started in 1946 and is still going strong! We have almost 600 members in our Region. I hope everyone has a great 2021.

*Joel Harleman – Regional Executive*

## INDY REGION MEMBERSHIP REPORT:



### Membership May 2021 – Josh Kikta Membership Chairman

The May Report for Membership was not available from SCCA for this issue. I look forward to seeing everyone at the Indy Region events coming up. Safe travels to the Indy Region events.

## ***SOLO UPDATE:***



May 2021 Solo Newsletter Article

Title: 2021 Solo Starting Line

By: James DaPuzzo

We are at the starting line of the 2021 Indy Region Solo Season. Our 2021 Region Schedule is out on the website <http://www.indyscca.org/>

Our first event is to help with the the One Lap of America Event on 05/01. This is a chance to see at Grissom some of the very best in our sport of Solo and Time Trials. **We need approx. 25 people to help with Registration, Grid, Timing, Course, etc.** For those in attendance I am working on special thank you for giving of your time and talent for the day. Watch Facebook and our Website for added details.

Final item – How do we get your Wife, Husband, Girlfriend, Boyfriend, or adult children to come to our events and have a good time? I am looking for suggestions from you to get more folks to be a part of our events. Some of the things that have come to mind is: Class only for the New Drivers (ND) or a Solo School for the New Drivers Please send me your thoughts to [james.dapuzzo@gmail.com](mailto:james.dapuzzo@gmail.com)

Below is a copy of the current 2021 Solo Season

May 1, 2021	One Lap of America	Grissom Aeroplex
May 2, 2021	Fun Event	Grissom Aeroplex
May 15, 2021	Test & Tune	Grissom Aeroplex
May 16, 2021	Points # 1	Grissom Aeroplex
June 4-5-6, 2021	Champ Tour	Grissom Aeroplex
June 19, 2021	Points # 2 / GLDS	Grissom Aeroplex
June 20, 2021	Points # 3 / GLDS	Grissom Aeroplex
July 10, 2021	Fun Event & 75 <sup>th</sup> Anv. Party	Indiana State Fairgrounds
July 24, 2021	Points # 4	Grissom Aeroplex
July 25, 2021	Points # 5	Grissom Aeroplex
August 6-7-8, 2021	CAM Challenge	Grissom Aeroplex
August 28-29, 2021	Test & Tune	Grissom Aeroplex
September 12, 2021	Points # 6	Indiana State Fairgrounds
October 9, 2021	Fun Event	Grissom Aeroplex
October 10, 2021	Points # 7 / Hoosier Challenge	Grissom Aeroplex



## ROAD RALLY UPDATE:



### Road Rally Report

Spring has sprung, the grass has riz and we are itching to hit the road! Fortunately, we don't have long to wait. The first Rally of the season was a success, see results below. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Rally is the Monte Redeux Tour Rally which will be held on May 1 and the Main Road Course Rally will take place on June 13. Both of these are being mastered by Chuck Hanson. Following is the revised 2021 schedule. Registration for the first three rallies is already open on MotorSportReg.com The cost for these three rallies is \$30 per car with a \$10 per car discount if the driver and/or navigator is an SCCA member.

Date	Name	Registration
4/10/2021	What are we doing on the north side of Indy?	<a href="http://msreg.com/NorthSideIndy">msreg.com/NorthSideIndy</a>
5/1/2021	Monte ReDeux	<a href="http://msreg.com/MonteRedeux">msreg.com/MonteRedeux</a>
6/13/2021	Main Road	<a href="http://msreg.com/MainRoad">msreg.com/MainRoad</a>
9/18/2021	Hoosier Byways: Bridges of Indiana	
10/30/2021	Halloween Rally	
12/4/2021	Holiday Shopping Shuffle	
2/2/2022	Christmas Lights Trek	



## North Rally Info

Hi all,

Thank you for rallying with us on April 10<sup>th</sup>. I hope everyone had a good time and that we will see you again.

Following are the full results. There were many close mileages and several places were decided by .1 mile!

We would love to hear feedback about the event. Please let me know what you liked best and if you have any suggestions for what can be improved. If you have any pictures you would like to share for our Clutch Chatter newsletter, please either e-mail them to me or you can text them to 317-679-4535.

See you down the road,

*Wendy*

<b>Car #</b>	<b>Driver / Navigator</b>	<b>Total Score</b>	<b>Mileage</b>	<b>Poker Hand</b>	<b>Place</b>	
15	Hall / Femet	16	29.7		1	Medal
11	Grawcock / Hord	16	29.8		2	Medal
4	Lipscomb / Lipscomb	16	32.0		3	Medal
7	Finch / Finch	16	32.1		4	
3	Drexler / Henn	16	34.9		5	
2	Oh-Kelly / Milligan	16	39.7		6	
1	Drewel / Walker	16	50.5		7	
6	Alexander / Alexander	16	53.7		8	
10	Deutsch / Outler	15	31.0		9	
12	Faeborn / Faeborn	15	32.2		10	
9	Wenzel / Wenzel	15	32.4	3 of a kind	11	Free Rally
8	Burns / Burns	15	34.9		12	



Checking in at the end of the Rally, the rain was pouring so we closed the garage door.



Our Trophy Winners!!!

## ACTIVITIES REPORT – JUSTIN RITTER



I want to thank all of the people who came up to Grissom on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> to do the needed concrete work. We had 31 people working that Saturday. We had people from Indy Region, Ft. Wayne Region, South Bend Region and from the Corvette Club. We started at 8am and were off the site before 2:00. Thanks again to all of the people who helped on the work day.

*Justin*

## SECRETARY REPORT – CLUB MEETING MINUTES:



### April 13, 2021 – Indianapolis Region/SCCA Board Meeting – Dawson's in Speedway

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Present: Joel Harleman, Chuck Hanson, Wendy Harrison, Raleigh and Velma Boreen, Lee and Mickie Miller, Ashley Heyman, Mike and Kitina Young, Ben Drexler

Present via Zoom: John Clyne, Josh Kikta, Vinnie Taibi, James DaPuzzo, Charles Tashiro, Justin Ritter

Approval March 9th meeting minutes – motion by Mike, second by Ben - passed

#### Membership - Josh

- March Membership is at 626, with 48 new members

#### Treasurer – Kitina

- Audit has not been completed yet
  - Information from 2020 being added to software
  - Audit can take place after that
- Bank/Credit Card information will be updated
  - New credit cards will be issued



- Until this happens, the existing cards still di work

#### **Website - John**

- Continue sending information to John Wilmoth
  - He has requested items come to him in a timelier manner
- Joel has submitted information to John on 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gear now available at Shirts101

#### **Clutch Chatter – Raleigh**

- Decision was made to publish a May issue of the Clutch Chatter
  - This issue will be concentrated on the schedules for the various programs
  - Will resume June, August, October, December schedule after May

#### **Activities – Justin**

- Nothing to report

#### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Information – Velma**

- Check out Indy website for link to Shirts101 on 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary wearables

#### **Road Rally – Wendy**

- April 10<sup>th</sup> Rally
  - 13 cars, pizza afterwards, good mix of people, awards were 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary medals
- Two Rally events coming up
  - Information has been sent to Raleigh
- Rally Budget presented
  - Motion to accept by Mike, seconded by Velma – motion to accept budget approved

#### **Solo – Jim**

- Working on trophies for events
  - Nicer awards for Great Lakes Solo Series event and the Hoosier Challenge
  - Decal option for local events
- Bus
  - It is running
  - Jim will be setting a date for the bus clean out
- Grissom Work Day
  - Saturday, 4-17, Rain date Sunday, 4-18
  - 9:00 at Grissom
    - Several from Indy and 10-12 from Corvette Club
  - Vinnie to put on social page
- One Lap of America
  - May 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Need 20-25 to work the event
  - Vinnie will post on social page
  - 9:30 that Saturday morning at Grissom
- Printer for helmet bar codes

- Working on that
- Subaru Challenge
  - No word on that event yet
- Discount code for Chiefs
  - Jim will send all chiefs running Solos a discount unique to them to use when registering for Solo events
- Budget for Solo
  - Mike motioned, Wendy seconded – budget for Solo approved

### **Road Racing – Joel**

- SCCA Runoffs this fall at IMS
  - Volunteers will be needed, especially for the test days

### **Time Trials – Vinnie**

- MSR has been set up
- Contract with WOR has been signed
  - We will be reimbursing them after the two day event
- Kentucky Region hosting a two-day event at NCM on May 15-16
  - Vinnie will be attending that event
- July – Gingerman National Tour event5
  - \$1200 per day, offering a 2 day discount
- Rules were published a year ago and have not changed
- Budget discussed and questions answered regarding the budget
  - Motion to accept Time Trial budget made by Kitina, seconded by Velma
  - Budget approved

### **Old Business**

- Discussion about board member discount
  - TT program will give any board member who comes out to work a TT free time on the track during the worker session
  - If they run the event, they will pay a lesser amount
- It was decided to table the discussion for now on how to handle board members who don't participate as competitors in any of the programs

### **New Business**

- Ben asked about business cards for the Region
- A Zoom account was set up for the Region for the year

Next meeting is May 11th at Dawson's. A call-in number/Zoom information for those not attending in person will be sent out prior to that date.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Kitina, seconded by John Clyne at 7:30 pm.

*Velma*

# ***SITTING IN THE GARAGE***



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

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

***This month's conversation is with Ron McManus. Ron is a new member for the Indy Region in 2020. Ron and his girlfriend Megan run a bright red Z06 Corvette in Solo events.***

***Give me some background info.***

I lived in Joliet, IL for the first 13 years of my life until my Mother relocated to small town in Iowa (population 5000, farming community, 1 stop light, 1 gas station, 1 grocery store...) After I graduated from high school, I really wanted to buy a brand-new Honda Civic Si so I got a full-time job working at a factory. After a year, I realized I still couldn't afford that Civic Si so I decided I needed to go to college to afford it. I signed up for a Fire Science course in Waterloo, IA and relocated there. After receiving my degree, I found it very difficult to get into a fire department since it's a very competitive career field. I decided to join the Air Force as a firefighter to travel the world, so they sent me to Tampa, FL lol. I loved it still. I left the Air Force after 4 years and I went straight to Iraq as a contractor doing the same firefighting job on a military base near Baghdad. After spending 4 years in Iraq, I decided to move to Indy since my sister already lives here and there's no way that I'm moving to IL lol. I spent the first 6 months of 2020 studying for EMT and autocrossing at as many events as COVID would allow. I finally landed a firefighting job working for Eli Lilly, there's more than 120 Eli Lilly owned buildings in Indy. Yep, still haven't bought my new Honda Civic yet...

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

Officially I have been a member of SCCA since 2007

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

At this moment, I only participate in autocrosses since track days are kind of intimidating. My very first and only "track day" was at the Nürburgring where I rented an E46 M3 for a day. I tried to prep myself for weeks to try and remember the track, but I was still lost lol.

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

My very first car was an 87 Acura Integra and I quickly turned into a Honda-boy. The next 2 vehicles were Acura Integra's. Growing up in middle of nowhere Iowa, there really wasn't a car scene besides big diesel trucks blowing black smoke at every stop sign. I was always on the Honda-tech car forum and I discovered autocrossing so I searched for a local event. After attending my first event in 2005, I was hooked like most of us. It wasn't until 2008 when I started attending National events and realized I could trophy and that I was a decent driver. I've been to Solo Nationals 4 times before I joined the military. Then I ended up taking a 6-year break from autocrossing. My last 2 years in Iraq, I purchased an A-Street prepped C5 Z06 that I stored at my father's house in MO. I was able to fly from Iraq to the United States twice a year for Spring Nationals and the Solo Nationals. I should have received some sort of trophy for longest traveled to Nationals lol.

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

I would like to see us host more National Solo events, so I wouldn't have to drive so far. We should also consider having an Evolution Driving School here because that's really the best bang for driver improvement with all skill levels.

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

We try to go camping as much as possible and sometimes it's difficult to work that around autocross events. This year may be difficult since it seems like everyone's trying to camp and you can't find any open reservations anywhere.



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

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

***This month's conversation is with Chris Robbins, the Director of Region Development for SCCA.***

*I have known Chris for over 12 years and he is a huge addition to the SCCA National office team. Chris and his wife Michele live in Colorado now but he has lived in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and Colorado over the years. Chris grew up in Oklahoma where his Dad worked for a Chevrolet dealer and then a VW Porsche dealer. In 1976, he became the owner of the Porsche Audi Mazda dealership in OKC. Chris has fond memories of 427 Corvettes and early 911 Porsches.*

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

This is the third time that I have been a member of SCCA. I was a member in the 70's and then again in the late 80's, early 90's. Each time family and my job got in the way of having fun with the SCCA. In 2007 I purchased a new 2006 closeout Miata and I have been a member ever since. In fact, now I have my dream job working for the Club.

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

I started out going to races with my Dad and my brother. Then after buying the '06 Miata I got hooked on Solo in the Dallas, TX. area. My first Solo Nationals was in 2009 and I ran CSP. What an experience! I did ok, but knew this was for me. The class was great and the people were even better. The Solo Nationals is a great experience and I would recommend it to all Soloists. The '06 Miata is no longer a daily driver and I have set it up for doing Time Trial events now. I am excited about going to the Time Trail Nationals in June of 2021. I will also be at the Solo Nationals in 2021.

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

As I said my Dad was selling cars for a living so I got the car bug as soon as I could walk and talk. I remember my Dads '67 427 Corvette and thinking nothing could be better. Only to get to drive his 930 Turbo Porsche later when he owned the Porsche dealership. Wow did that Porsche ever handle!! I have been so lucky to drive some of the neatest cars ever available. In 1973 my Dad had George Follmer's 917-10 CAN AM car on his showroom floor for a weekend. I was all over that car, it was a dream come true. My Dad sold his 930 Turbo many years ago but I got a call a few years ago from the guy who purchased my Dad's Porsche. He had just had it restored and was looking to see if we had any memorabilia from when my Dad owned the car. I sent him a box of stuff and even got a chance to drive the Porsche 930 one more time following the Runoffs at Sonoma. The last time I had driven the Porsche was over 40 years ago. It was a real treat to see and drive the car again.

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

My background is training. I worked for Southwest Airlines for over 22 years and was a founder and key Leader for Southwest Airlines University. I want to help Regions with consistency in how we do things. Training and sharing ideas will help make the Club stronger. The new Learning Management System (LMS)



we introduced at the 2021 Virtual SCCA Convention will help with training. There are so many positives with the Club right now that I feel we have a very bright future.

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

Michele and I love to travel and we love to spend time with our family. We are lucky to have three grandchildren and we get to see them often. With travel we really enjoy taking Cruises. In normal times we would go on at least one cruise a year. We have one planned for April of 2022 and can't wait to go.

## **IMPORTANT CAR RELATED EVENTS:**



- 1) First TSD Rally of the Season for Indy Region, May 1st
- 2) One Lap of America at Grissom May 1<sup>st</sup>
- 3) First Indy Solo of 2021 at Grissom on May 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 4) National Solo - Chicago Champ Tour at Rt. 66 Speedway May 21-23
- 5) National Solo – Champ Tour at Grissom hosted by Indy Region June 4-6
- 6) Second TSD Rally of the Season for Indy Region, June 13th
- 7) National Solo – CAM Challenge event at Grissom Aug. 6-8
- 8) SCCA Road Racing Run Offs comes to Indianapolis at IMS Sept. 25 -Oct. 3

*Stay tuned for the date to celebrate Indy Region's 75th Anniversary*

## **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. Also, Indy Region 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary wearables are available through Shirts 101. Check the Indy Region website for more details.

## 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. Remember that the Time Trails Nationals will be held at NCM in 2021 on June 10-13.

## DID YOU KNOW?



Q: Where was the first drive-in restaurant in the United States?

Q: What city was the first to use parking meters?

Q: True or False? The 1953 Corvette came in white, red and black.

Q: Where was the world's first three-color traffic lights installed?

Q: What type of car had the distinction of being GM's 100 millionth car built in the US?

(Answers on the back page of this Clutch Chatter)

## FOR SALE



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Answers:

- 1.) Royce Hailey's Pig Stand opened in Dallas in 1921.
- 2.) Oklahoma City on July 16, 1935
- 3.) False. The 1953 Corvette was available in one color – Polo White
- 4.) Detroit, Michigan, 1919. Two years later they experimented with synchronized lights
- 5.) March 16, 1966 saw an Old Toronado roll out of Lansing, Michigan with that honor.

**Enjoy the spring in Indiana. See you at an Indy event soon!!!**

**Correction from the last Newsletter: Emily is actually marrying ZAK, not Josh as I had reported in the last Clutch Chatter. Congrats!!!!**

