

Clutch Chatter

Indianapolis Region SCCA



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Road Racing

The SCCA 2021 Runoffs are at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway from Sept. 25th thru Oct. 3rd. The race days are Oct. 1-3. Come out and spectate at IMS!!

Road Rally

Do not miss the Halloween Rally. See details in the Rally section of the Clutch Chatter. Always a great time!!

Clutch Chatter Editor – Raleigh Boreen

This is the annual Championship season for SCCA and all of its members. The Tire Rack Solo National Championship just ended in Lincoln, NE. There were 1133 competitors at the Solo Nationals this year. Indy Region had 13 people compete in the Solo Nationals. This year we have **two new National Champions, Will Lahee in FM and Ashley Heyman in BSL**. Brent Cary was 40th in AS, Devon McCuen was 12th in BS, Kevin Kent was 14th in CS, Cathy Kenny was 4th in DSL, Jason Proksch was 7th in FS, Brandon Porambo was 13th in HS, Steve Brinkerhoff was 12th in DM, Wanda Brinkerhoff was 4th in DML, Kevin Keys was 13th in CAM S, Raleigh Boreen was 6th in CAM T and Velma Boreen was 12th in CAM T. Coming up next is the SCCA Runoffs at IMS and the Rally Cross Championships in Chillicothe, OH. *Picture: CAM Challenge Winners*

Indy Region Banquet

Put January 16, 2022 on your calendar for a special annual Banquet and get together.

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RE REPORT – JOEL HARLEMAN

Hello to all the membership! The season is quickly coming to a close and I hope that you've been able to attend as many events as possible this year. The 2021 SCCA Runoffs will be at IMS September 25 - October 3. If you would like to volunteer to help in the running of this great event get with me and I'll find an area you can have fun to work. The Hoosier Challenge is coming up in October also and we need to keep our undefeated streak going! Anyone have upgrade plans for the winter to get ready for an even better 2022? Hope to see everyone at the Celebration for our 75th Anniversary on January 16th, 2022.

Joel Harleman – Regional Executive

INDY REGION MEMBERSHIP REPORT:



Membership August 2021 – Josh Kikta Membership Chairman

We have 647 Members in Indy Region as of August 31st, 2021. Here are the new members for August.

First Name	Last Name	City	State	SCCA Join Date	Region Join Date
Michael	Barnes	Louisville	KY	03/28/2017	08/30/2021
Barrett	Boatner	Fort Worth	TX	09/08/2021	09/08/2021
Elliot	Cox	Indianapolis	IN	08/27/2021	08/27/2021
Amanda	Cox	Indianapolis	IN	08/27/2021	08/27/2021
J	Cox	Indianapolis	IN	08/27/2021	08/27/2021
Isabel	Cox	Indianapolis	IN	08/27/2021	08/27/2021
James	Dunn	Greenwood	IN	08/17/2021	08/17/2021
Eric	Eckman	Fishers	IN	08/01/2021	08/01/2021
Dominick	Ferrara	Indianapolis	IN	08/16/2021	08/16/2021
Rick	Fiege	Zionsville	IN	09/11/2021	09/11/2021
Dr. Angela	Fiege	Zionsville	IN	09/11/2021	09/11/2021
Christopher	Finch	Indianapolis	IN	09/09/2021	09/09/2021
Joe	Gault	Avon	IN	08/09/2021	08/09/2021
Robert	Gobeli	Indianapolis	IN	09/09/2021	09/09/2021
Brian	Hitze	Lafayette	IN	09/04/2021	09/04/2021
Soheil	Hussain	West Lafayette	IN	06/27/2021	08/03/2021
Soheil	Hussain	West Lafayette	IN	08/03/2021	08/03/2021
Rebecca	Hutton	Indianapolis	IN	09/09/2021	09/09/2021
Myra	Jeffers	Lafayette	IN	08/31/2021	08/31/2021
Karen	Jones	Greenfield	IN	09/19/2017	09/19/2017
Greg	Knight	Columbus	IN	08/14/2021	08/14/2021
Nathan	Kuipers	Fishers	IN	09/09/2021	09/09/2021
Shaun	langhorne	Indianapolis	IN	08/17/2021	08/17/2021
Bradley	Larsen	Whiteland	IN	08/27/2021	08/27/2021
Jacob	Martin	Indianapolis	IN	09/14/2021	09/14/2021
Ryan	McIntyre	Connersville	IN	09/09/2021	09/09/2021
Larry	Nash	Lebanon	IN	09/07/2021	09/07/2021
Jake	Paholski	Indianapolis	IN	09/09/2021	09/09/2021
John	Petrie	Indianapolis	IN	08/29/2021	08/29/2021
Dylan	Raad	Indianapolis	IN	09/09/2021	09/09/2021
Darren	Reighard	Indianapolis	IN	08/03/2021	08/03/2021

Roger	Serna	Mission Viejo	CA	08/12/2021	08/12/2021
William	Smith	Yorktown	IN	08/06/2021	08/06/2021
Ameya	Tiwari	Indianapolis	IN	09/09/2021	09/09/2021
Marc	Weidman	Danville	IN	09/01/2021	09/01/2021
Nick	Woloshin	Speedway	IN	09/09/2021	09/09/2021
Donald	Yager	Kokomo	IN	09/12/2021	09/12/2021
Jonathan	Zaritz	Bristol	IN	09/01/2021	09/01/2021

SOLO UPDATE:



Oct. 2021 Solo Newsletter Article

Let's put our hands together for two Indy Region Members (Ashley Heyman in BSL & Will Lahee in FM) who came away as 2021 Solo National Champs and all of those from our region that competed at this national event. Great work by our region running against the best of best!!!

We are in the home stretch of the 2021 Solo Season. Our September 11 (Fun Day) and September 12 (Points # 6) was our fund raiser for City Life Wheels and was attended by 82 unique drivers. Saturday's Fun Day Course by committee (Ben Drexler, John Clyne, Lou Savino and James DaPuzzo) was good time by all in attendance. Sunday's Points # 6 course by Alan Hamson gave us a unique starting spot, a huge challenge of mixing speed and braking. Want to thank all who purchased the 50/50 tickets for City Life Wheels and to Ben Drexler donating back his winnings to the cause.

Look forward to our last two events of the 2021 Season. Saturday October 9 will be Fun Day # 3 and Sunday October 10 will be the Hoosier Challenge – Points # 7 at Grissom Aeroplex. This is an important weekend as we have several tight points battles heading into the final round and need show up strong to continue to our winning ways for the Hoosier Challenge. See you at the event. Note – My plan is to have another 50/50 drawing at the Hoosier Challenge for City Life Wheels.

James Dapuzzo

ROAD RALLY UPDATE:



Road Rally Update

The truth: it has been a tough year and a half.

We have done the unthinkable and cancelled events due to health concerns, a changing social environment, and lack of attendance. I apologize to anyone who wanted to run events in June, August, or September. The bottom line is that it takes many hours of preparation to create a good road rally and once the rally is run, it cannot be re-used. Because of that, we usually set a minimum number of cars that we would like to see for an event. That being said – the ONE event that has stayed constant through the past year and a half is our traditional HALLOWEEN ROAD RALLY and this year is no exception.

Jeff Alexander has put together a list of cemeteries to explore on the evening of October 30. There are questions that will need to be answered from items within the cemeteries. It will be dark for part of the rally, you will need a flashlight and you will have fun. This is a family friendly event and we've found that having young ones along who aren't afraid of tripping in the dark can be an advantage to your team. (Seriously!) So please make plans to join us and register online by October 25 so we know how many materials to print.

Hope to see you soon!

Wendy



2019 Baseball Rally Participants



Saturday, October 30

WEREWOLVES OF LONDON ROAD RALLY

A 2021 Indy Region SCCA Game Tour Adventure (GTA) Road Rally

Starting point: Casey's General Store

1806 N. Riley HWY(SR 9)

Shelbyville, In

PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT msreg.com/werewolves BY OCTOBER 25

Gathering Time/Checkin: 4:30 –5:30PM

Safety/Drivers meeting: 5:45PM

First Car Off: 6:00PM plus car number

Please Bring:

- flashlights
- clipboard
- pens
- a cell phone w/ GPS
- Wolfsbane/spells of protection optional



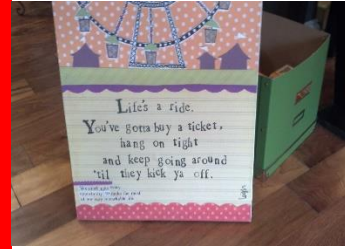


The 2019 Indy crew for the CAM Challenge at Grissom



1970 Trans Am Series, it is what got Velma and me introduced to SCCA. Wow, what a great series.

ACTIVITIES REPORT – JUSTIN RITTER



- **Tentative 2022 Karting schedule**
 - November 21st, December 19th, January 23rd, February 20th, March 20th are the tentative dates.
 - Events at Fast Times
 - Will continue to take payment both in advance and on site.
- Banquet on January 16th will be at Mallow Run
 - Smokehouse Catering will be taking care of the food for the banquet.

Justin

SECRETARY REPORT – CLUB MEETING MINUTES:



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

Meeting called to order by Mike Young at 6:32 p.m.

Present: Charles Tashiro, Ben Drexler, Wendy Harrison, Jim DaPuzzo, Josh Kikta, Vinnie Taibi, Mike and Kitina Young, Ashley Heyman, John Clyne, Chuck Hanson, Sue Young, Raleigh and Velma Boreen

Approval June 8th meeting minutes – motion by Charles, second by Jim. Motion passed.

Membership – Josh

- June membership is at 658, with 15 new members
- Will start tracking those members that fall off the roles and work to get them to rejoin.
- Welcome email sent out to new members and also to encourage weekend members to join

Treasurer – Kitina

- The storage unit bill has been paid.
 - That unit was gone through last fall and there is a definite need to keep the unit
- The credit card situation is still being worked on.
 - Kitina's contact at PNC has been out of the bank but Kitina will continue to pursue.

- The payment from SCCA for the Champ Tour in June has been deposited into the checking account.

Website - John

- Continue sending information to John Wilmoth and keep an eye on dates listed on website
- John has agreed to continue as webmaster for 2022, knowing that if the situation changes, the responsibility for that would be turned over to Ben Drexler

Clutch Chatter – Raleigh

- There was no July issue of Clutch Chatter
 - Planning on August, prior to the CAM Challenge at Grissom
 - Still need program reports and any pictures that people have taken.

Activities – Justin

- Nothing to report.

75th Anniversary – Velma

- An additional 500 75th anniversary decals were ordered and have been received
- Much discussion took place on how, when, where to celebrate the 75 years that Indianapolis Region has been an SCCA Region
 - A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Charles, that the celebration would be in conjunction with the annual banquet in January 2022. Motion passed.
 - Charles will check on Mallow Run and the availability of having it there.
 - Mike will check with Smoke House Catering on their availability.
 - The idea is to keep it at a minimal charge to the attendees.
 - A committee needs to be formed to take this to the next step.

Road Rally – Wendy

- The June Rally was cancelled and rescheduled to August 21.
- The Divisional Tour Rally is scheduled for September
 - Chuck Hanson is the Rally Master, with Wendy's assistance.
 - Will need to get an outside party to safety check this Rally.
 - A motion was made by Kitina, seconded by Ben, to allow an additional \$300 to pay for the safety check. Motion passed
- Wendy is hosting a National quarterly Zoom seminar on July 15th at 8 p.m. Eastern
 - Vinnie will get this seminar information posted right away.

Solo – Jim

- Fairground's event
 - Jim will post an explanation for the cancellation of this event.
 - The event has been rescheduled as a 2-day event, September 11-12
- July 24-25 event at Grissom
 - Vinnie is the course designer

- Jim and Raleigh will go up Friday to help
- Bar code printer needs to be replaced
- CAM Challenge Event on August 6-8
 - Vinnie will push this event on FB
 - Tent/Tables/Chairs will be ordered on 7-14.
 - Mike will check with Smoke House Catering to see if they would be available to provide a dinner for the competitors and also have lunch for competitors to purchase
 - Course Map submitted for CAM Challenge

Road Racing - Velma

- SCCA Runoffs this fall at IMS
 - Volunteers will be needed, especially for the test days
 - Driver Info, F & C, Grid are areas where help is needed
 - SCCA Foundation will be having a raffle for an IMS Runoffs Experience
 - Tour the IMS Museum, Pagoda, Pit Lane, Tech, Indy Car Shops, breakfast at Charlie Brown's, funds for travel expenses
 - Raleigh will get the information to Vinnie so that he can be post it on the Indy Social Facebook page

Time Trials – Vinnie

- Event at Putnam Park the end of June
 - 56 entries on Saturday, 40 entries on Sunday
 - Lots of new people indicating that they will be back in August
 - Vinnie has asked for help from Jon Krolewicz on a promo video for Time Trials
 - Good comments for competitors on willingness from the organizers to alter the schedule due to the potential for inclement weather rolling in.
 - Vinnie has asked that people "Share" posts that he makes on FB.
 - Sue Young has volunteered to work the August event in T/S.

Unfinished Business

- Subaru Challenge date discussed.
 - Should have a date by the end of this week.

Old Business

- Nothing

New Business

- Discussion re: charity events for the various programs
 - The charity needs to be a 501c3 charity to take advantage of reduced insurance

Next meeting is August 8th at Dawson's. Motion to adjourn meeting by Charles, seconded by Kitina at 7:42 pm.

August 10, 2021 – Indianapolis Region/SCCA Board Meeting – Dawson's in Speedway

Meeting called to order by Mike Young at 6:35 p.m.

Present: Charles Tashiro, Ben Drexler, Wendy Harrison, Mike and Kitina Young, Ashley Heyman, John Clyne, Chuck Hanson, Sue Young, Raleigh and Velma Boreen, Mickie and Lee Miller, Keith Hagen, Justin Ritter

Via Call In: Josh Kikta and Vinnie Taibi

Approval July 13th meeting minutes – motion by Charles, second by Raleigh. Motion passed.

Membership – Josh

- June membership is at 658, with 12 new members
- Emails sent out to those whose membership had lapsed. Little response.

Treasurer – Kitina

- The credit card situation is still being worked on.
 - PNC does not offer a business credit card so Kitina is checking into moving everything to a financial institution that offers that possibility. For now, will keep as it is.
 - Several suggestions were made from those at the meeting of possible places to check and Kitina will check into those.
- Funds to be send out this week include Western Ohio Region for their portion of the first Time Trials event. Payment to Putnam for the event the end of August is also due this week.

Website - John

- Continue sending information to John Wilmoth and keep an eye on dates listed on website

Clutch Chatter – Raleigh

- The August issue was sent out and the next due is October.
 - Please continue to get program reports to Raleigh.

Activities – Justin

- Nothing currently but will start working on the Winter Karting Program soon.
- Charles has been in contact with Mallow Run on available dates in January 2022 for our annual banquet.
 - No Saturday dates are available
 - Sundays are available and are at a more reasonable price.
 - All in attendance at the meeting thought that Sunday sounded like a good day to pursue. Charles will take care of scheduling.
 - Smokehouse Catering will be taking care of the food for the banquet.
- Raleigh suggested a fall road trip to one of the many car museums that are within a 2-3 hour driving distance.
 - Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum in Auburn
 - Studebaker Museum in So. Bend
 - Gilmore Museum in Hickory Corners, MI.
 - Ray Skillman in Indianapolis
 - Vinnie will post this to the membership to see what the interest is.

75th Anniversary – Velma

- See plans above for annual banquet in January 2022 for 75th Anniversary plans.

Road Rally – Wendy

- August 21st is scheduled for a Course Rally.
 - Regional interest for this type of rally has not been what Wendy thought there would be.
 - May need to cancel as only 2 cars have registered
 - Wendy will wait until August 19th and make the decision by then.
 - Will post to other Regions social pages to garner interest.
 - 4-5 cars is the minimum to run the event.
- The Divisional Tour Rally is scheduled for September 18th.
 - The route will take competitors through/over/into 8 covered bridges.
 - It is a longer rally but not tricks
 - 40% unpaved roads but good gravel.

Solo – Jim

- July 24-25 Grissom event
 - 135 unique drivers over the course of the weekend.
 - Had a few technical issues that we were able to get through
- August 6-8 Grissom CAM Challenge
 - 140+ competitors
 - Thursday – applied lipstick to the site
 - Friday – Test and Tune garnered \$700+ for the Region
 - Saturday – great competition and dinner for everyone on site.
 - Thanks to Smokehouse Catering for working with us on a later than we thought time schedule!
 - Sunday – Shoot out in the afternoon to crown an overall CAM Champion for the event
 - Matthew Braun from Michigan was the overall winner
 - Working on the invoice to get to SCCA this week for reimbursement of expenses.
- August 28-29 Test and Tune
 - Need support to put on the event
- September 11-12 – Indiana State Fairgrounds
 - Saturday is Fun Day and a Fund Raiser.
 - Sunday is points event #6
 - Looking for course designers
- October 2 – Subaru Challenge in Lafayette, IN.
 - Working through details with the Subaru folks
 - Should have a final answer by August 13th
- October 9-10 – Grissom
 - Saturday is Fun Day
 - Sunday is the Hoosier Challenge

Road Racing – Velma

- Runoffs scheduled for September 24th through October 3rd at IMS
 - Volunteers are still needed, especially for the test days

- Registration for workers is through the SCCA website - Road Racing/Runoffs and sign up to work through MSR.

Time Trials – Vinnie

- The June event with WOR had fewer entries than was hoped for.
 - WOR will be receiving a check this week for their portion
- August 28-29 event
 - Pretty good sign up so far
 - Still need workers
 - Contact Vinnie if you can work
 - Lunch has been set up with workers being able to drive the track during lunch
 - Vinnie will get the event posted as many different places as possible
 - Wendy will be working T/S along with Sue Young on Saturday
 - Make sure that we had info on worker discounts
 - Use MSR to do an email blast to former participants

Unfinished and Old Business

- Nothing

New Business

- Keith Hagen indicated that he would be interested in helping revive the RallyCross program.
 - He has talked to Chris Brake to get information about sites we have run at in the past.
 - Great Lakes Division will help get the program jump started again.
 - May need to pursue sites that may be out of our traveling comfort zone

Motion was made by Kitina, seconded by Ben to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Next meeting is September 14th at Dawson's in Speedway.

Velma Boreen

SITTING IN THE GARAGE



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

This month's conversation is with Dale Brier. Dale and his wife Kristin have lived in the Indy area since 1999. Dale grew up in Indiana just north of Indy in Howard County around Kokomo. He went to Purdue University for college and then settled in the Indy area on the west side just outside the 465 loop. Dale has been with the DNR for 24 years and is currently a Deputy Director of State Parks. Velma and I met Dale when we moved to Indy and went to our first Solo at the 16th Street Speedway.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I have been a member since early 2002. I bought my first fun car, a brand-new Subaru WRX, in 2001 and with it came a "Free" membership to the Sports Car Club of America. A friend and I went to an early Columbus Region Solo in 2002 to see what the SCCA was all about. I just watched but had fun. Shortly after that I joined the Indy Region. I was hooked and have been doing local Solos since then.

What activities do you participate in with Indy Region?

I hate to say it but the only activity that I do with the club is Solo. I try to make every local Solo each year. I helped with the short-lived rallycross program years ago, but my primary love is Solo.

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

My interest in cars came from reading Motor Trend, Car and Driver and other car magazines as a teenager. Over the last 20 years I have been able to have several really fun cars to drive.

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

I really enjoy the club. I would love to see the club have more Solos each year.

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

Kristin and I love to travel. This year is our 25th Wedding Anniversary in Oct. so we are planning a trip to Hawaii in early 2022. We have also fallen in love with Boise, ID. We have been out west several times but keep going back to Boise. I also enjoy photography but I'm not that great at it. It's just like racing, it takes more than just expensive equipment to be good.



Sitting in the Garage with:

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

This month's conversation is with Clemens Burger.

Clemens has lived in the Indianapolis area since 1995. Clemens was born in Germany and came to the US in 1991 for post graduate school at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute. After graduating in 1993 with a Masters degree in Engineering he moved on to work on a PHD at the University of New Mexico for a while. After spending 2 years in Albuquerque, New Mexico he was offered a job at the former Delco Remy back in Anderson, IN. Clemens spent over 25 years with Delco Remy America, Remy Inc., and then BorgWarner. In 2020 Clemens and his wife Carol purchased an engineering company called Ken-Bar Tool and Engineering. Today they are working long hours to grow the business during the craziness of the last 20 months.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I joined the Indy Region of the SCCA in 1997 after running a partial autocross season in 1996. I first became aware of the SCCA when I was invited by a racer and fellow student as a spectator at a road race at IRP shortly after my arrival at Rose-Hulman, but did not join the SCCA until after finishing school several years later. It took me a while to find the local club but once I got started, I never looked back. I started out running HS in an old Audi 5000, my daily driver at the time, then went to CS in a Porsche 944 and then on to an MR2 in CS, which was later reclassified to ES. I had some success, especially after buying the MR2, including doing well in the CENDIV Solo Series and the SCCA Solo Nationals. However, I wanted to go faster and purchased a LeGrand sports racer, a former road race car, at the end of 2002 after working course at the Solo Nationals while B-Modified was running. My B-Mod effort had a delayed start due to a multi-year overseas work assignment, but after a ground-up rebuild of the car by Mark Lamm and a number of solo-specific modifications, I started fully competing in the car in 2007 and was able to score ten podium finishes at the Solo Nationals since then, including four National Championships. I was also able to introduce my wife to autocrossing, and she jumped right into the deep end of the pool going straight from teacher, mother, and housewife to a BML autocross competitor. She has thoroughly enjoyed driving the LeGrand as part of the Burger autocross team, battling for trophies and championships, all the way to the national level.

What activities do you participate in with Indy Region?

In addition to autocrossing for now almost 25 years, I also obtained a road racing license in 2016, triggered by the SCCA announcement to hold the 2017 Runoffs in Indianapolis. Carol finally convinced me that it was time to stop talking about road racing and start doing it. After the announcement in 2015, we developed a 2-year plan for me to obtain my racing license, purchase a Formula Enterprise open wheel

race car, and qualify for the Runoffs in 2017. Unfortunately, I suffered a DNF at that Runoffs race, my only one up to that point in my short racing career, due to a loose shift lever linkage bolt. I feel I have unfinished business there and wanted to run the Runoffs there again this year, but life got in the way. We haven't done any racing since the Solo Nationals in 2018 due to an extended business trip to China, Carol's medical issues, and our decision to purchase a business. However, we plan to be back. We still have four race cars sitting in our garage, including the LeGrand and the FE with a brand new drive train next to it for a conversion to the current FE2 spec

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

I have always loved cars and was in a Motorsports club when I attended the University of Stuttgart in Germany. After college in the US, I was finally in a position to start active participation in motorsports, and I found autocrossing, a great way of satisfying my competitive drive.

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

Carol and I enjoy the competition that we got in the club but we have really enjoyed the people. We have a lot of friendships in the club locally and around the country.

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

In addition to racing cars, we also enjoy hiking and traveling, but right now, our business is keeping us very busy and occupied, not just during the week, but also on weekends. When not at work or working on the business, we currently spend time at home trying to keep up with housework and yardwork, but we hope to change that again in the future. We are looking forward to going out again and doing more fun stuff, including getting more active with the club again.

IMPORTANT CAR RELATED EVENTS:



- 1) SCCA Road Racing Runoffs comes to Indianapolis at IMS Sept. 25 -Oct. 3
- 2) Hoosier Challenge hosted by Indy Region at Grissom Oct. 10th. Last Solo of the season
- 3) The Halloween Rally is coming up. It is always the best Rally of the year. Do Not Miss!!
- 4) Watch for details on Car Museum visits in November and December
- 5) Watch for details on the 2022 Indoor Karting season.
- 6) Put January 16th 2022 on your calendar to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Indy Region

DID YOU KNOW ?



Dennis Gage – A look into one of the people we see on TV.

Dennis Gage, the host of *My Classic Car* with the iconic mustache is our feature this month. Dennis grew up on a small family farm in northwestern Illinois. He started tinkering with machines early on and purchased his first motorcycle, a Honda Cub 50, at age 12 and his first car, a '59 T-Bird, at age 15. He also played guitar and trumpet in a variety of rock, folk, and school bands.

He went to North Central College in Naperville, Illinois where he majored in both chemistry and physics. His undergraduate research in quantum physics received an American Chemical Society award. He continued his automotive interest and, through the course of his college years, owned a number of muscle and sports cars. He also kept up his music, playing in local coffee houses.

After receiving his Bachelor's degree, Dennis took up the pedal steel guitar and started playing in country-rock bands in the Chicago area. He has opened for acts such as Charlie Daniels, Waylon Jennings and Dr. Hook. However, after two years, Dennis decided to retire from the music scene to go to graduate school.

He attended the University of Idaho, where he received a Ph.D. in chemistry. While there, Dennis became an avid climber and winter mountaineer. He also finally married his high school sweetheart, Ellen.

After receiving his doctorate, Dennis accepted a position as a product development scientist at The Procter & Gamble Company in Cincinnati, Ohio. There he worked on most of P&G's food products in the 80's, including Pringles, with which he bears a striking resemblance to the handlebar mustachioed character on the can. Dennis received a number of patents while at P&G. Once again having some disposable income, he got back to playing with classic cars. This is also where he and Ellen had their three children, Emily, Jillian and Sam.

After ten years at P&G, Dennis took a position as Director of Global Product Development at a Bristol-Myers Squibb company in Evansville, Indiana where he led the development of Boost nutritional energy drink among other products during his five-year stint.

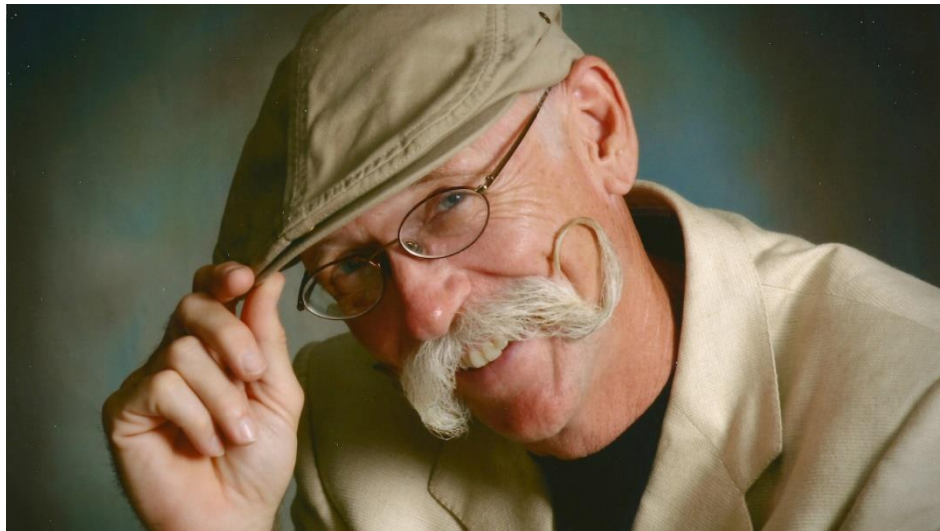
In 1995 Dennis met the founder of a fledgling production company and became co-owner shortly thereafter. A *My Classic Car* pilot series, hosted by Dennis, was developed for TNN and received strong ratings when it aired in early 1996. Based on this success, the show premiered as a weekly series on TNN in January 1997 and then moved to SPEED channel in 2000 where it was one of the highest rated

programs on the network.

Now in production for its 26th season, My Classic Car is the longest running show of its kind in television history. It is carried on Motor Trend, MAVTV and Rev'n networks, reaching over 100 million households in the US and many times that worldwide via a number of streaming platforms. In addition, Dennis is the Executive Producer of the motorcycle television programs, Trippin' on Two Wheels and Corbin's Ride On, and the reality series, Texas Hardtails, as well as the independent film, Novem.

Dennis and his business partner received the Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year award for Indiana in 2000. He received the Lee Iacocca Award in 2014 and was inducted into the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA) Hall of Fame in 2015. Dennis has served on the SEMA Board of Directors, as well as a number of academic and industry advisory boards.

In 2010 Dennis became sole owner of the production company and renamed it MadStache, Inc. With his lifelong love of cars, motorcycles and the creative process, he states, "This has got to be the ultimate job!"



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