

Clutch Chatter

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Clutch Chatter Editor – Raleigh Boreen

The year of 2022 is starting out with a lot of hope for things to be better than the last couple of years. We have some exciting news with our calendars in place for Indy Region Solo, Road Rally and our Time Trials Program. In March the Great Lakes Division will have an in person meeting in Ft. Wayne to talk about all of the SCCA activities in the Division. Put March 5th on your calendar for the meeting in Ft. Wayne if you need any training or updating of an SCCA license. Have a great 2022!!

The picture on top this month is of Darren Daubenspeck who is our Tovey Cup winner for 2021 with none other than the trophies name sake, Jack Tovey.

Solo

Come work the One Lap of America event on Saturday April 30th at Grissom. On Sunday May 1st the Indy Region has its first Solo of 2022 at Grissom

Road Rally

Watch for more info on the first Road Rally of the season. Save the date: April 9th. The Road Rally will be on the north side of Indy.

Time Trials

In 2022 we will have two, 2 day events. One will be in June at Putnam Park and the other in August at Gingerman Raceway in Mi.

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RE REPORT – JOEL HARLEMAN

Hello for the last time as your RE for Indy Region. I have enjoyed helping lead the club for the last two years as the Indy Region RE. Our club is alive and well. We have grown in members in 2021 inspite of Covid. The 75th Anniversary Banquet and party were a lot of fun. It was good to see the large group at the Banquet. Michael Young is the new Indy Region RE and I know Mike and his team will do a great job leading the club. Thank you to everyone who has helped make our club a fun place to be.



Joel Harleman – Regional Executive

INDY REGION MEMBERSHIP REPORT:



Membership Nov.-Dec. 2021 – Josh Kikta Membership Chairman

There are 16 new members from 11/5/2021 (last date I used for the CC) to 1/20/2022.

First Name	Last Name	City	State	SCCA Join Date	Region Join Date
Christopher	Carson	Indianapolis	IN	01/12/2022	01/12/2022
Natalie	Corder	Greentown	IN	12/12/2021	12/12/2021
Jeff	Cunningham	Indianapolis	IN	11/29/2021	11/29/2021
Phillip	Dart	Bloomington	IN	11/27/2021	11/27/2021
Thomas	Donaldson	Indianapolis	IN	12/15/2021	12/15/2021
David	Ecoff	Greenfield	IN	01/05/2022	01/05/2022
Edward	Ecoff	Greenfield	IN	01/05/2022	01/05/2022
Muhammad	Faizeen	Noblesville	IN	12/26/2021	12/26/2021
Wayne	Gross	Brownsburg	IN	11/30/2021	11/30/2021
Kelly	Jones	Indianapolis	IN	01/10/2022	01/10/2022
Ricardo	Juncos	Carmel	IN	12/27/2021	12/27/2021
Christopher	Lesch	Indianapolis	IN	12/07/2021	12/07/2021
Katy	Reed	Indianapolis	IN	01/12/2022	01/12/2022
Whit	Richardson	Avon	IN	11/16/2021	11/16/2021
Markus	Robinson	Indianapolis	IN	01/02/2022	01/02/2022
Jacob	Webb	Tipton	IN	12/29/2021	12/29/2021

Milestone Anniversaries for Jan., Feb. and March

5 Years - Michael Austin, Michael Barnes, Noah Benjamin, Michael Borszcz, Michael Goodyear, Nancy Hayes, Curtiss Malicoat, Dave McMillian and Hiram Whitaker

10 Years – Elizabeth Crites, Robert Perona and Ryan Roberson

15 Years – April Broughton and Richard Strickland

20 Years – Paul Page and Stephen Ring

30 Years – Sydney Yagel

35 Years – Richard Powell

45 Years – Jan Castelluccio, Bruce Faucett and Susan Faucett

SOLO UPDATE:



Title: 2021 Award / 2022 Planned Events

By: James DaPuzzo

Sunday's Banquet on 01/16/22 was a lot of fun as we got a chance to crown our champs. Darren Daubenspeck is the winner of the highest Solo honor, The Jack Tovey Solo Competitor of the Year Award. It was a surprise to have Jack Tovey in attendance and great for Darren to get his picture taken with him.

Here is a list of our 2021 Class Champs:

Class	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
Super Street	Jim Johnson	Michael Young	
A Street	Darren Daubenspeck		
B Street	John Robbins		
C Street	Kevin Kent		
D Street	Gary Crispin		
D Street / Ladies	Cathy Kenny		
G Street	Matthew Guido	Tyler Soellinger	
H Street	Aldrin Natividad		
Super Street R	Jerry Strobe		
Super Touring Sport	David Currey		
Super Touring Xtreme	Curtiss Malicoat Jr.	Kevin Berba	
Super Touring Hatch	Bradley James		
Super Touring Ultra	Dale Brier		
Street Modified Street Tire	Dallas Reed	Kevin Burns	
D Modified	Stephen Brinkerhoff		
D Modified / Ladies	Wanda Brinkerhoff		
E Modified	Gordon Kinney		
CAM-C	John Clyne	Seth Fultz	Lyle Linville
CAM-T	Raleigh Boreen	Brandon Taylor	
CAM-S	Bill Hughes		
CAM-S / Ladies	Rachel Burch		
A Street Prepared	Thomas Grawcock		
C Street Prepared	Vincent Taibi		
F Street Prepared	Andrew Dashiell		
X Prepared	Todd Green		
Pro Class	Alan Hamson		

I am looking forward to the 2022 season as we have a nice blend of Fun Days and National – Regional – Local events to fill your need for solo action. Confirmed Dates are posted on MSR and will be up on our Website. Currently have a few open items left to finalize (School /Fun Day, Mid-Summer Fun Day, and a possible October Index Showdown on the Concrete).

For those in attendance at the Banquet you heard from the Treasurer about how expenses for 2022 have gone up. Our solo program has had an increase in site rentals, insurance, and port-o-lets. Plus each year we must re-invest in our

infrastructure. This year we will need to invest in the Bus (maintenance and rear tires) and resolution of PA System issues. To cover the added expense, this season we will have \$2.00 price increase.

The solo program is looking for more teammates to become or support our chief positions. Needs include roles in Timing, Safety, and Course.

Finally, my 2022 season will focus on adding new members to the region through the Solo program, improving the flow of the event, and looking at improving our communication with the drivers during the event with better use of the PA system, Text, and possible local FM Transmitter.



Cathy Kinny getting her Year-end Award as DSL Champ.

ROAD RALLY UPDATE:



Road Rally Report

We finished 2021 with our traditional Holiday Shopping Shuffle RoadRally. Matt and Sarah Sturgis drove up from Jeffersonville, IN to compete in their first RoadRally. They were the only ones registered for the event and were good sports about running against me and rallymaster, Craig Beidelman. Matt and Sarah gathered food items for a holiday feast from several towns and took selfies with various holiday decorations to better their score. We donated their food items along with the ones that we collected to a local food bank in Shelbyville. Matt and Sarah were awarded first place medals for the event.

In 2021, the Indianapolis RoadRally program hosted four road rallies in Westfield, Indianapolis, and Shelbyville, IN. Rallymasters for these events were Velma and Raleigh Boreen, Chuck Hanson, Jeff Alexander, and Craig Beidelman. There were 30 different teams that ran at least one event. In retrospect, it was a good year and we look forward to 2022. The following individuals won year end awards. If you weren't at the banquet, you can pick up your award at the next rally you attend or it can be mailed to you.

1st Place Points (Indy Region) – Netra Faeborn

1st Place Guest (not Indy Region) - Daniel Ochoa

RallyMaster – Chuck Hanson

Special Recognition – Jeff Alexander

Following is the 2022 RoadRally Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location</u>
Saturday, April 9, 2022	GTA Rally	TBD
Saturday, May 7, 2022	Garfield Trek	Muncie/Marion area
Saturday, July 16, 2022	Tour Rally	Martinsville area
Saturday, October 29, 2022	Halloween Road Rally	TBD
Saturday, December 3, 2022	Holiday Shopping Shuffle	TBD

Hope to see you down the road!!

Wendy

(Pictures below of the Dec. Rally)



Make sure you come to an Indy Road Rally in 2022, you will have fun!!

ACTIVITIES REPORT – JUSTIN RITTER



I want to thank everyone for a good 2021. We had an active year with the Go Kart League in the winter, to Road Rallys, Solo events and the Time Trails in the summer. I hope everyone has a great winter and is ready for the competition seasons this year.

Justin

SECRETARY REPORT – CLUB MEETING MINUTES:



Indianapolis Region/SCCA Annual Meeting and Banquet – January 16, 2022 The Sycamore at Mallow Run Winery

Finally! Time to celebrate the successes of Indianapolis Region and all of the programs in the Region!

The last time that we were together was January, 2020. At that time, little did any of us know how much the world in general and how SCCA does business would change. Mid-March of 2020 brought everything in the world to a screeching halt. We did manage to get our programs up and running again by the beginning of June but “things looked different”. Masks. Hand sanitizer. Social distancing. Fist/elbow bumping vs. handshakes/hugs. No welcome parties. But we got through it!

2021 proved to be a successful year for the Region and I think I can say for everyone that we’re glad to be back! Elsewhere in this issue of the Clutch Chatter, you will find the year end results for all of the programs and the trophy winners in each of the programs. Congratulations to all of the trophy winners!

2021 marked the 75th year that Indianapolis was an official Region within SCCA. We are actually the third Region to be recognized by the founding fathers of SCCA. We opted to celebrate the year with a few giveaways marking 75 years in business. Scott Dobler, with SCCA, designed a special logo for the Region to use this year. Decals and license plate holders were available all during the year at all events.

This year, the banquet in January was held again at The Sycamore at Mallow Run Winery. If you haven’t been to this location, you need to put it on your calendar the next time we’re there. It is beautiful and the wine is darn good!

The day started with Karaoke going on while people were arriving. Several people showed their talent for singing. Smokehouse Catering provided dinner and as usual, very tasty! The annual meeting and awards started at 6, with committee/program reports and program awards. Again, those winners can be found elsewhere in this issue. The Road Rally award that Wendy Harrison gives to a member who goes above and beyond was given to Jeff Alexander this year. The Member of the Year, given by the RE, Joel Harleman, was given to Wendy Harrison. Congratulations to both of these folks – very well deserved! The Region also has a special Solo award in honor of a long-time member of Indy Region. Jack Tovey has been a member of Indy Region since 1980. Several years ago, the decision was made to have a Solo award in Jack's name called the Tovey Cup. The best thing is that Jack and Sandy Tovey were at the banquet this year, thanks to Gary and Bev Dausch as their chauffeurs. This year's recipient is Darren Daubenspeck. Congrats, Darren and again, well deserved.

The evening ended with a brief meeting of the new board. The new board is listed in the minutes from that meeting in this Clutch Chatter. If you have any questions, concerns or would like to serve in a position on the board in the future, please let any of the board members know.

Thank you to the banquet committee for meeting and making the arrangements for this year's banquet. Charles Tashiro, John Clyne, Mike and Kitina Young, Raleigh Boreen and myself met a couple of times to make this work.

Thank you to the program chairs who worked so hard to make 2021 a good year for the Region.

The biggest thank you goes to all of the members who support the Region programs. Those who come to the events to either run or work or both. Your participation is appreciated.

On to 2022 and an even better year for the Region!

Indy Region Board Meeting – November 28, 2021

A board meeting was held on Sunday, November 28, 2021, to specifically discuss the program budgets for the 2022 season and the upcoming election ballots.

Meeting started at 1:50 PM ET.

Present: Josh Kikta, Vinnie Taibi, Wendy Harrison, John Clyne, Jim DaPuzzo, Mike Young, Raleigh and Velma Boreen

Attending via phone: Ben Drexler, Kitina Young

2022 election discussion updates

- Joel has opted to not run for RE in 2022
- There are currently 2 members who have indicated an interest in running for Assistant RE
- Raleigh shared the rest of the ballot with those in attendance, indicating those Region members who have shown an interest in serving as a Member-At-Large.
- Raleigh and Mike will work on getting the ballot out electronically and to those needing a paper ballot
- Ballots will be accepted at the annual banquet/meeting on January 16th.

Program budgets

- Wendy presented her Road Rally budget; Vinnie presented his Time Trial budget; Jim presented his Solo budget.
- All budgets passed
- Several ideas were brought up on how to get more people to run our events; getting the word out to non-members; options on offering discounted entry fees for those who take on more responsibility at events
- Need to keep in mind that we need to make sure that people are having fun and want to come back to our events

Mike has been in contact with the NCCC group that uses Grissom. They would like to have our help with one of their 2-day events in 2022. The date being looked at is April 23-24. Indy Region would be providing them with live timing. Jim and Kevin Burns will be in contact with the NCCC to find out exactly what they need.

Call ended at 3:16 PM ET.

December 18, 2021 – Indianapolis Region/SCCA Board Meeting – Mike and Kitina Young's home

Meeting called to order by Joel Harleman at 1:19 p.m.

Present: Joel Harleman, Mike Young, Ben Drexler, Kitina Young, Wendy Harrison, Justin Ritter. Raleigh and Velma Boreen

Approval of the November 9 and November 28 meeting minutes – motion by Mike, second by Wendy. Motion passed.

Membership – Josh

- November membership is at 636 – down 7 members – 4 that didn't renew
- No weekend memberships processed

Treasurer's Report - Kitina

- Only outstanding invoices will be for the year end banquet
- There is a deposit to be made. Velma will take care of that on Monday
- Justin will send a financial recap of the karting season at the end

Website - John

- Continue sending information to John Wilmoth and keep an eye on dates listed on website
- Decision was made to keep the 75th anniversary logo on the website until after the banquet

Clutch Chatter – Raleigh

- Raleigh will have copies of the Clutch Chatter available at the banquet
- Right now, the plan is to have a Clutch Chatter right after the banquet
- Raleigh plans on 8-10 issues of Clutch Chatter in 2022.
- Program chairs to continue sending reports to Raleigh

Activities – Justin

- Indoor karting has already had one event
 - 16 people attended that first event
 - Second event is scheduled for 12-19
 - Cap is at 24 people per event
 - COVID protocol follows the current Marion County protocols

75th Anniversary Banquet – Velma

- Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, January 16 at Mallow Run Winery
 - An email blast will be done by Mike with the ballot for elections and reminder to sign up for the banquet
 - Joel will check with Bryan Deane about the 75th anniversary banner to have at the banquet

Road Rally – Wendy

- Holiday Shopping Shuffle did take place but with just one entry
 - Craig and Wendy ran the Rally as well
 - Food was collected for the Shelbyville Food Pantry
 - Entry fee is a toy donation
- Wendy has been sending survey forms to all people who ran Rallies in 2021
 - GTA events do well
- Schedule for 2022 has not yet been set

- Plan is to continue with the spring gimmick Rally, Halloween and Christmas Rallies, 1-2 tour Rallies, a Trek Rally in the Muncie area

Solo – Jim

(Jim was unable to attend the meeting but forwarded these notes later on Sunday)

- Bus
 - Ken Studebaker stated the bus was in good running order after the belt and alternator were replaced.
 - Have gone ahead with order new tires for the back of the bus
- Schedule
 - 2022 is shaping up
 - All Grissom events are locked in place with One Lap of America, 2 National events, 6 points events, Test and Tune and a few fun days
 - Fairground date is a conflict. Perhaps a shoot-out vs. CSCC at their site
 - Subaru Challenge/Timing for the Corvette Club Concrete Repair date at Grissom to be determined
 - Possible Index Shoot-out event in October
- Banquet
 - Class winners will get a shirt with 75th anniversary logo/name/class
 - Tovey Cup and Member of the Year awards are being updated

Time Trials – Vinnie

- 2022 Schedule is out along with the new logo
- Gingerman
 - Additional workers will be needed for that event
 - Contact Bryan Deane to volunteer
 - Will make this a Club Race in addition to a Time Trials event
 - There is camping available at Gingerman
- Requesting \$500 to purchase a Go-Pro for social media
 - Mike made the motion, Ben seconded – motion passed
- Staffing
 - Kevin Greer will provide timing equipment
 - Bryan Deane will run race control
 - May need to add the option to pay for workers if needed
- Gingerman has been paid
- Putnam will be sending a contract out before the end of the year

Old Business

- Discussed the possibility of using Constant Contact
 - Wendy will check into price
 - Several Regions already use Constant Contact
 - Can use this to send the Clutch Chatter electronically

New Business

- Velma encouraged members to attend the Great Lakes Divisional meeting on March 5th in Ft. Wayne. It will be an in-person meeting this year.

Motion was made by Mike, seconded by Joel to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Next meeting is at the year-end banquet at Mallow Run on Sunday, January 16, 2022.

Indianapolis Region/SCCA Annual Meeting and Banquet – January 16, 2022

The annual meeting and banquet took place at Mallow Run Winery on Sunday, January 16, 2022. After dinner, Joel Harleman, RE, opened the meeting at 6:03 PM. Reports were given by Kitina Young – Treasurer, Raleigh Boreen – Clutch Chatter Editor, Josh Kikta – Membership and Justin Ritter – Activities. Reports and year end awards were given out by James DaPuzzo – Solo, Wendy Harrison – Road Rally and Vinnie Taibi and Mike Young – Time Trials.

Election results were announced for the 2022 Board. The officers are as follows:

Mike Young – Regional Executive

Ben Drexler – Assistant Regional Executive

Treasurer – Kitina Young

Secretary – Velma Boreen

Membership – Josh Kikta

Activities – Justin Ritter

The chairs of each of the programs are also on the board:

Solo – James DaPuzzo

Road Rally – Wendy Harrison

Time Trials – Vinnie Taibi

The remaining four (4) voting positions on the board are Members at Large and are chosen by the new board of 9 members. The new Members at Large are:

N. Charles Tashiro

Alan Hamson

Faythe Rush

Kevin Burns

The thirteen (13) that comprise the new board met before the end of the evening activities.

Raleigh Boreen – Clutch Chatter Editor – will be publishing a January / February issue of the Clutch Chatter and that will include trophy winners in each of the programs.

Indianapolis Region/SCCA Board Meeting – 1-16-22 – Mallow Run Winery

Meeting called to order at 7:44 PM.

Present: Mike and Kitina Young, Josh Kikta, Justin Ritter, James DaPuzzo, Wendy Harrison, Faythe and Tyler Rush, Alan Hamson, Kevin Burns, Ben Drexler, Velma Boreen

Mike discussed the role of the new members at large and potential succession plans for various positions within the Region. Mike also stressed the importance of attending the once-a-month board meetings. These are typically held at Dawson's in Speedway on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM. Because Dawson's does not charge us for the use of the room, those attending the meeting are strongly encouraged to have dinner or a snack while there.

Kitina will be working with Joel to get the credit card back that he had and get a new one for Ben Drexler, the Assistant RE.

Velma asked that all program chairs get an article to Raleigh, wrapping up the year end awards and results. He will be doing a Clutch Chatter the end of January so time is of the essence.

Jim will be checking into the Region participating in the World of Wheels show in Indianapolis. The weekend for that is March 25-27. Jim made a motion to allow \$3,000 to be used for the WoW - Josh seconded. Motion passed.

Justin has 1-23-22 as the next indoor karting date.

Next board meeting is February 8th. Mike will be confirming with Dawson's about the availability of the room and will let the board know and get the information on the website.

Motion to adjourn made by Jim, seconded by Ben. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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 Brian Mason.

Brian Mason is the new Senior Manager of the National Solo Program with SCCA. He is replacing Howard Duncan who retired as of the end of 2021. Velma and I have had the privilege of knowing Brian for over 30 years. Brian currently lives in the Louisville, KY. area but was born and raised in the Cincinnati, Oh. area. While growing up he lived in Cincinnati, Ft. Wayne, IN. and Reno. NV. Brian worked for Sealed Air as a technician for 25 years. He left Sealed Air to work for FM3 Performance Marketing, the marketing

company that puts on the Optima Battery Automotive events around the country. Brian and his wife Lisa have four grown children and two grandchildren. He plans on staying in the Louisville area to be close to his family.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I have been a member of SCCA since 1983. I am like a lot of people I let me membership lapse when family and work got in the way. I have now been a member since 2005 with the Kentucky Region.

What activities do you participate in with SCCA?

My main interest has always been Solo but over the years I have done a lot of things with the Club. I have Rallied and run Rally Cross events. I was an instructor at the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park to help people learn how to drive the track. I have not done any wheel-to-wheel racing but enjoy taking some laps on a race track once in a while.

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

My interest in cars came from Dan Shaw, who was a neighbor in Cincinnati. He lived down the block and was a Pinstripper for Hot Rods and race cars. I would ride my bike to his garage and sit for hours watching him paint and reading Hot Rod magazines. On Saturday night I would go with him and his son to the races at the Lawrenceburg Speedway. Between seeing the races and seeing all of the 55' and 57' Chevies in his driveway, it began my love for cars.

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

I want us to grow the Champ Tour events to pre-Covid numbers and beyond. I want to make sure people are having fun at these events. I want to bring back the "Luster" to the Pro Solo Series. It is the premier Solo Series for SCCA and I want it to shine. I want people to be excited when a National Solo event is near them. I want people to feel like they are getting the support they deserve from the SCCA National Office.

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

Right now, SCCA is 24/7. I love to spend time with my wife, Lisa. She and I enjoy being close to the Kids and now our Grand kids. My life is busy but very good right now.



Sitting in the Garage with:

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

This month's conversation is with Mike Young.

Mike is the new RE for Indy Region. He and his wife Kitina just moved to the Martinsville area. Mike has always lived in the Indianapolis metro area growing up on the east side on Indianapolis and going to Lawrence Central for high school. Mike and Kitina were High School sweethearts and they married within days of Mike's High School graduation in 1992. Mike and his wife have three grown children. As a kid and now as an adult Mike has always had 2-3 or more things going on at a time. He has always been working multiple jobs to get where he wanted to go. He even started his own painting and remodeling company while in college. He went to IUPUI to do Pre-Med but ended up getting a degree in IT along the way. His IT work and medical background have helped him as today he is the Director of IT for IU Health Systems. He also has an IT consulting company that keeps him just as busy as his day job. With Mike's consulting business he finds himself commuting to the west coast consistently. Over the years he has developed several IT programs that are used today by several large companies. One of the things that has come up every place that Mike has worked is his need and desire to help people and give something back. His Pre-Med background has served him well.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I joined SCCA in 2014 when I turned 40. I wanted to do some racing. I went out and bought a 2014 1LE Camaro and the rest is history. Today I run Time Trials and Solo events where ever I can.

What activities do you participate in with Indy Region?

I love to Solo and run track events. I have been to the Solo Nationals in Lincoln, NE and have been to the Time Trail Nationals in Bowling Green, KY the last four years. I have also been on the Indy Region Board for the last four years. I wanted to help and give back to the club I enjoy.

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

I grew up in a Racing family. My uncles and my brothers all ran cars at the Speedrome on the East side of Indy. I was a member of the "Knot Hole Gang" as a kid. I was there all of the time to watch. I would help anyone who needed a hand and was around race cars all of the time. After I graduated High School a family friend offered me a car to drive in the first 3-hour long Figure 8 Race. I prepped the car and made it into the race but my Figure 8 career was short lived as I went out early. I went out early but I had one of the fastest times that evening so there was hope. I also ran a couple of Stock Cars at IRP in the Busch Grand National Series in 1992 thru 1994. One thing that did happen after I started driving in SCCA events

is I quit getting speeding tickets. I have had many more that I would like to admit but none since I joined SCCA,

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

I want Indy Region to have a great year in 2022. Good participation at all of our events. I hope we can make sure people have fun. I hope I can be a good leader in 2022.

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

Kitina and I have an ever changing "Bucket List" of things we want to do. We try to knock at least one thing off the list every year. We have travelled a lot thanks to our list. We have a yearly pass to Disney World and get down there a couple of times a year. Our next trip to Disney will be for the opening of the Star Wars Experience in March this year. I also love to scuba dive and am looking forward to a trip to scuba later in the year. Last but not least I am a huge Indianapolis Colts fan, we have had season tickets for over 25 years.

IMPORTANT CAR RELATED EVENTS:



- 1) The Great Lakes Spring Training in Ft. Wayne, March 5th
- 2) World of Wheels Show in Indy March 25th- 27th
- 3) First Road Rally for Indy Region April 9th
- 4) One Lap of America at Grissom April 30th
- 5) First Indy Solo of 2022 at Grissom om May 1st
- 6) National Solo – Grissom Air Base June 11th – 12th
- 7) Indy Time Trail Event at Putnam June 25th – 26th

DID YOU KNOW ?



\$2,000 Challenge by Grassroots Magazine

I have always said that "Racing is not expensive, Winning is expensive". Well in 2021 three guys from Indy Region proved me wrong. They went out and won the \$2000 Challenge event put on by Grassroots Magazine and spent less than \$2,000. In fact, they spent just over \$1,450 to win. Chris Kinnaman, Bob Miller and Chris Brake were the architects or "Mad Scientists" behind the car that won the \$2,000 Challenge.

Chris Kinnaman was the one to get the guys started over a year in advance of the competition. Chris had been watching the competition since 2004 and convinced the other two guys they had to do it. In 2019 Chris Kinnaman and Bob Miller each took inexpensive cars to the \$2,000 Challenge event to check out the competition. Lots of ideas started to percolate.

Chris Kinnaman's dream was to take a full-size Ford Crown Vic or Mercury Marquis chassis to use as the basis for their race car. It has a solid chassis, good suspension, lots of power in a V8, big brakes and they are "cheap". Now what to do for a body on the race car. The guys didn't want to just have a frame and roll cage with no body. A body became available for "Free". The body was for a Bradley GT. This was a kit car body out of the 70's. A guy took all of the good parts and wanted to see someone take what was left of the body to make a fun car for the \$2,000 Challenge. This was just what the Doctor ordered for the guys. The guys horse traded some parts and they had a body. Now the Mercury Marquis has a wheelbase of 114" and the Bradley GT has a wheelbase of 94.5" so some work lay ahead.

The guys clipped the frame of the Mercury and were able to make the Bradley GT body fit over it. The width was a little problem but they were able to fix that. The three guys spent 11 ½ months building the car in their spare time as all three had regular jobs and family obligations. They literally were completing the car as they put it in the trailer to go to the competition in Florida. The car drove into the trailer and around the block at Chris K's home; what could go wrong?

The \$2,000 Challenge by GRM has three parts: an autocross, drag strip runs and a concours. First up for the guys was the autocross. You get 6 runs so they each decided to take a run. After three runs, no one had a clean run and they were catching cones underneath the front bumper, destroying the radiator and its hoses. After hours of repairs and lots of water they could do the final three runs. They choose to have the "GRM Pro Driver", Mike Casino, do their final three runs to see how good the car could run. Mike coned on his first run. His second run was blistering fast and as he approached the finish, he spun the car. With five dirty runs the guys were sitting 10th in the autocross. Now it was time for a good run. Mike was conservative but put down a clean run good enough to win the autocross portion of the competition. Now on the Drag Race. The guys changed to some drag slicks in the rear and trimmed the wheel openings for clearance. They were so tired they did not make any other changes to the car. They got to the line for the Drag runs just in time to make a couple of runs. The car ran a 13.0 second run and scared the heck out of Chris Kinnaman, the driver. They had not changed the frontend alignment from the autocross so the car was a handful going through the traps at over 100 mph. Need less to say they did well and ended up 6th in the Drag Race. Now on to the Concours. Bob Miller took over and gave a 3-minute talk on the car. The judges were impressed with the build. The guys needed to finish top ten in the Concours to win overall, Bob's talk got them 2nd place in the Concours. They had done it; they won the Overall for the \$2,000 Challenge event.

In the twenty-year history of the event, they are only the third first year team to have ever won the event. It was a lot of fun talking with the three guys about the competition and the build. From their enthusiasm I know they will be back for another try. It will be hard to beat their first experience in 2021.

Congratulations to Chris, Bob and Chris on a great build and event. Check out the pictures of their car.



The winners!!!

TIME TRIAL PROGRAM



2021 Time Trails Recap – Notes from Vinnie Taibi

2021 was another exciting season for Time Trials. It marked our first Championship Series season without any interference caused by Covid. We had 4 track days over 2 weekends at Putnam Park. One day was a track event with Western Ohio Region and the other 3 were Time Trials. After the 3 Time Trial events, 15 drivers qualified for year end awards. Plasma-Tracks.com supplied beautiful trophies for all award winners and Solo Performance Specialties (SPS) provided embroidered jackets for the class champions.



2021 Champs

1st Place		2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
Name	Class	Name	Name	Name
Mike Young	Sport 1			
Michael Barnes	Sport 2	Nate Schaefer		Jesse Plant
Michael Janssen	Sport 3		Gary Crispin	
Nathan Doyle	Sport 4			
Kyle Cooney	Sport 6			
Nikki Khan	Tuner 3			
Eric Jancsovcics	Tuner 4	Tom Mills		
Liam Parkes	Max 2			
Zain Yusuf	Max 4			
Vinnie Taibi	Max 5			
Matt Simpkins	Unlimited 1			

2020 Champs

Richard Wolsifer	Sport 2
Mike Young	Sport 3
Tyler Rush	Sport 5
Julian Mancuso	Sport 6
Nick Myers	Tuner 2
Chris Hawk	Tuner 4
Chris Finnigan	Tuner 5
Lennon Radcliffe	Prepped 4
Brian Zelisko	Max 1
Nick Zelisko	Max 3
Dallas Reed	Unlimited 2

New Track

2022 will bring an exciting change to the program. Tyler Rush has been brought on to the team as Assistant Time Trials Chair and we are looking for a few fresh faces to join our new committee. We plan to meet on Zoom approximately once a month to discuss plans and rule changes for the upcoming season. Please contact either of us if you are interested in joining. For next season, we will not only have a traditional weekend at Putnam Park, but we will also be visiting Gingerman Raceway. Gingerman is widely considered a time attack benchmark track and arguably the "Time Attack Capitol of the Midwest." At this time, we will be working with South Bend Region (SBR) and Indiana Northwest Region (INR) to allow their members entrance into our series. This brings added value to all of our regions and will help grow the program beyond its humble roots. Additionally, South Bend Region will be hosting Club Race Experience sessions at our August Gingerman event. It will be the first time Indy Region has hosted a form of Club Racing in over a decade! The Club Race Experience is a low-key event that can be used as an alternative driver school, test n tune session, or as a way to get your feet in club racing. (more info will be announced and can be found here: <https://www.scca.com/pages/club-race-experience>)

Announcements

As our program expanded, numerous other changes and rebranding took place over the last few months. With the help of (now) Assistant Time Trials Chair, Tyler Rush, a new logo was created and implemented. Furthermore, a new website was unveiled at the annual awards banquet and 75th Anniversary Party. In addition to our current website, *IndyTrackDays.com* will have all of the information for Time Trials and Track Day specific information for our region and series. This will better suit our growing program and serve as a landing site for those outside of our club who are interested in Time Trials, without all of the other region information making the track day search more overwhelming. A merch store was also released with our website. Click the merch tab on the website to check out all of the latest Indy SCCA Time Trials merchandise. We offer everything from T-shirts and hoodies, to tumblers and water bottles. Support your club and show off your favorite Time Trial events with our new merchandise!



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Indy SCCA TT Series logo



Volunteer Program

Finally, I would like to take a moment to discuss our revamped volunteer program. We will be looking for additional grid workers for all of our events and flaggers for Gingerman. Workers will receive lunch, a \$100 discount/day worked to use at a future event, AND have the opportunity for a low-key 20-minute track session at the end of the day. If you are interested in volunteering, please email IndySCCATT@gmail.com, as these are a first come first serve with the new incentives. This is a great way to get your feet wet if you are interested in giving time trials a try, but do not want to commit to a full day or weekend of track driving. There are also training opportunities for those interested in becoming a safety steward, driver coach, or tech inspector. These positions require training for a few events to get licensed, but also receive a much bigger discount to our events in exchange for their services. I hope to see some new faces in 2022.



Kyle Cooney TT Champion in 2021

Banquet Pictures



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Notes from the Director's Chair

Area 4 Director Update for December, 2021

Whew....a chance to catch my breath after a VERY busy month of October. November slowed down a bit and not a moment too soon. But, as we all know, the end of one season means the beginning of another. Like you, I've already begun to prepare for the 2022 season.

In case you missed it last month, it bears repeating that our divisional Spring meeting will be on Saturday March 5th with a casual gathering the night before. Details will be announced as they are finalized on the [GLDiv website](#).

Also, headquarters has created an online path to get an annual waiver (hard card). This is a great step forward and can eliminate the signing of all SCCA waivers (not track or site waivers). I've done it and it takes only a couple of minutes. Be prepared to upload a headshot picture of yourself. I'll have more details next month.

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (11/2): The first meeting after the Runoffs can be quite lengthy as there are scores of requests from the driver corps. The results can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (11/3): A few of the EVAC met to walk through additions to another rules set.
- EVAC (11/10): The "regular" EVAC meeting was held tonight. We continued work on other rules sets.
- Rally Cross Board (RXB) (11/16): The RXB is rewriting some of their rules package so we went over the details. This meeting lasted 4.5 hours.
- BoD (11/17): We held a special meeting to review the qualifications for the replacement Director that was to come from Area 11. Jason Isley has moved to FL so he is resigning his position and the BoD picks his replacement. As we are meeting in Kansas City on 12/3, our normally scheduled meeting (11/22) has been cancelled.

SCCA Events:

- As the competition season is over for most of our specialties, I did not attend any SCCA events this past month.

November has me, once again, driving to Kansas City, MO for another BoD meeting (11/30-12/6). I'll use the trip to visit some family who lives nearby in Lawrence, KS and a friend who lives near St. Louis, MO.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have about any facet of the GLDiv. I want you to make the most of your membership and I will help out in any way possible to make that happen

Notes from the Director's Chair

Area 4 Director Update for January, 2022

December meetings actually started in November as I left the house on 11/30 to go to Kansas City, MO for the next Board of Directors (BoD) meeting which was held on 12/3, 12/4. As I have a cousin who lives 40 miles away in Lawrence, KS, I decided to go out a couple of days early to spend some time with her and her family. As usual, I used my electric car so I saved myself and the Club a lot of money by driving.

We welcomed a couple of new members to the BoD and said good bye to a couple more. We scheduled two more face to face meetings for 2022. One in July and another in December. The financials look very good. We reviewed all the programs (Club Racing, RallyCross, Solo, Road Rally, etc.). Some got an update from SCCA Enterprises, did some strategic planning as well as some governance training. Part of our July meeting will include some face to face governance training too. This was supposed to happen this time but Covid forced the training team to cancel their trip to KC. Pro Racing also updated us on the plan to move the program so its run by Parella Motorsports Holdings (PMH).

If you haven't already, please sign up for the [2022 SCCA National Convention](#). Once again, Covid has forced us to meet remotely. It starts on 1/21 and lasts a week as it finishes on 1/28. There will be dozens of meetings and I'm sure there will be a great many that have application to what you want to get out of the Club.

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Last month I mentioned that there is a new path to getting your annual waiver. You can now get it through the Member Account Portal (MAP). Follow this [link](#) to get the instructions. There is also a story about the program [here](#). I've done it and it takes only a couple of minutes. Be prepared to upload a headshot picture of yourself.

The various national schedules for 2022 are starting to coalesce and they can be found here:

[Pro Solo/National Tour](#), [Time Trials National Tour](#), [Hoosier Super Tour](#), [Enduro](#).

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (12/7): The post Runoffs onslaught now beings.....everyone wants to see rules changes and they send them in by the scores. There were over 400 in the system this month. The results can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (12/8): Our discussions on rules sets, track relationships and safety continued. We hope to have a rules set posted soon.
- BoD (12/16): We held a quick meeting to discuss some financial details. It was over in 30 minutes and I understood very little of the content (I'm a chemist, man!). Our CFO (Jeff Dahnert) does and that's what I care about. You'll hear about it from Mike Cobb when he does his Presidential Statement during the convention.
- Rally Cross Board (RXB) (12/21): The RXB met to review the year and make changes in their personnel. They are already working on the location of the 2022 National Championships.
- BoD (12/22): We held a special meeting to review the RXB changes to the RX rules set.

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Jeff Alexander receiving the Top Road Rally Award for 2021.

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Indy Region Event Schedule for 2022



Indianapolis SCCA Region

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2022 Solo Season Schedule

April 30, 2022	One Lap of America	Grissom Aeroplex
May 1, 2022	Fun Day # 1	Grissom Aeroplex
May 21, 2022	Driver School - Fun Afternoon	Grissom Aeroplex
May 22, 2022	Points # 1	Grissom Aeroplex
June 10 to 12, 2022	Champ Tour	Grissom Aeroplex
June 18, 2022	Points # 2 - GLDV	Grissom Aeroplex
June 19, 2022	Points # 3 - GLDV	Grissom Aeroplex
July 9, 2022	Points # 4	Grissom Aeroplex
July 10, 2022	Points # 5	Grissom Aeroplex
July 24, 2022	Fun Day # 2 - TBD	TBD
August 7, 2022	Hoosier Challenge - Points # 6	Grissom Aeroplex
August 12 to 14, 2022	CAM Challenge	Grissom Aeroplex
August 20 to 21, 2022	Test & Tune - Sat & Sun	Grissom Aeroplex
September 24, 2022	Fun Day # 3	Grissom Aeroplex
September 25, 2022	Points # 7	Grissom Aeroplex

2022 Time Trials / Track Day Season Schedule

June 25, 2022	TT Series Event # 1	Putnam Park
June 26, 2022	TT Series Event # 2	Putnam Park
August 27, 2022	TT Series Event # 3 / Club Race Experience (CRE) with South Bend Reg.	Gingerman Raceway
August 28, 2022	TT Series Event # 4	Gingerman Raceway

2022 Rally Season Schedule

April 9, 2022	GTA Rally	Start Location is TBD
May 7, 2022	Garfield Trek	Start Location is TBD
July 16, 2022	Regional Tour Rally	Start Location is TBD
October 29, 2022	Halloween Road Rally	Start Location is TBD
December 3, 2022	Shopping Shuffle	Start Location is TBD

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