

Clutch Chatter

Indianapolis Region SCCA



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Solo

Do not miss the last Solo weekend of the season, Sept. 24-25

Indy Region Rally

Do not miss one of the most fun Rallies of the year. The Halloween rally on Oct. 29th

Clutch Chatter Editor – Raleigh Boreen

This is what the 2022 Solo Nationals site looked like as Velma and I pulled out on Saturday the Sept. 10th. We did not win so we could have driven better but we had a great time. Spending time with 1500 friends can be a great experience. We had 14 members of Indy Region compete in Lincoln this year and we have one new National Champ. Congratulations go out to Brandon Porambo for his win in BS. Cathy Kenny trophied in DSL also. The rest of us had a good time but did not trophy. Kevin Kirchoff and Jim Johnson in SS, Lee Miller in CS, Michael White in FS, Teresa White in FSL, Alan Hamson in GS, Devin McCuen in BSP, Stephen Brinkerhoff in DM, Wanda Brinkerhoff in DML, Will Lahee in FM, Velma and Raleigh Boreen in CAM T. We all had a great time on 132 acres of concrete.

Elections for 2023 Indy Region Board members

Put your name in the hat to run for the Indy Region Board.

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RE REPORT – MIKE YOUNG

As this season is winding down and will soon come to an end. I am reminded of not only the good times we have shared as a Club and as friends but also that another one is on the horizon. The planning for the new season has already started and I want to invite each member to join in to make this next season the best one ever. Some folks look back and find things that could be improved. We all desire to make things the best we can. That is why we need your help YOU...YES YOU. It can be running for a board position or as simple as reaching out to the guys and gals running events. Saying thank you and asking if you can do something to help them that day or the next event. Remember we are a club of people that like to do fun stuff with cars. That is why we hang out together and have fun events. For many who dedicate their time and effort to making things go, by the time they get to the day of the event it can seem like a thankless job. So, when you see them tell them how much you enjoyed and appreciate what they do.

Let me leave you with this thought:

When you choose a word or words to live by and remind yourself of them daily — and throughout the day — you see everything in your life through the lens of those positive units of language. For example, if your word to live by is courage, you would approach every challenge by responding in a way that is consistent with courage. Your “courage lens” would help you see options that might not be visible to you if courage did not matter as much.

I choose to with a focus on “gratitude”

I have tried to cultivate a daily “gratitude” habit. Writing down several things I am grateful for, I find this effective and empowering.

“If the only prayer you said in your whole life was ‘Thank you,’ that would suffice.” — Meister Eckhart

I challenge you as a club to reach out to each other and say thank you

Thank You!!

Mike Young – Regional Executive

INDY REGION MEMBERSHIP REPORT:



Membership – Josh Kikta Membership Chairman

Membership Report

We currently have 630 members! There are 8 new members from 8/9/2022 (last date I used for the CC) to 9/12/2022.

First Name	Last Name	City	State	SCCA Join Date	Region Join Date
Dustin	Hitze	Otterbein	IN	08/12/2022	08/12/2022
Grason	Horvath	Avon	IN	09/12/2022	09/12/2022
Pippa	Mann	Indianapolis	IN	09/12/2022	09/12/2022
John	Metelko	Indianapolis	IN	08/18/2022	08/18/2022
Vadim	Petrov	Indianapolis	IN	08/15/2022	08/15/2022
Monte	Rans	Rochester	IN	08/13/2009	08/23/2022
Ryan	Shilkuski	Brownsburg	IN	08/19/2022	08/19/2022
Steven	Swartzentruber	Nashville	IN	08/12/2022	08/12/2022

Milestone anniversaries are for October.

Five Years

Donald	Grable
John	Hancock
John	Hayes
Stephen	Lathrop

Josh Kikta – Membership



The Indy Region Solo School at Grissom in early May



SOLO UPDATE:



October 2022 Solo Newsletter

Title: Who is taking home the W???

By: James DaPuzzo

Indy Region season is quickly coming to a close. Our last two Solo Season Events are at Grissom Aeroplex on Saturday 09/24 – Fun Event and Sunday 09/25 – Points #7. We have several great points battles that are going to be settled on Sunday. Come and enjoy the Kevin Kent designed course!!! After the last event Kevin Burns will get the 1st pass season ending points posted. If you have concern ... please reach out to us ... we will allow two weeks before we finalize.

I want to say THANK YOU for those that made the 2022 season a success and helped us have #FUNWITHCARS.

Chief of Registration – **Ben Drexler**

Chief of Tech – **Bret Cary** and his side kick **Kyle Cooney**

Chief of Registration – **Dale Brier** and his band of helpers **Kevin Kent** and **Chris Carson**

Chief of Timing & Scoring – **Kevin Burns**

Chief of Workers - **Darren Daubenspeck**

Chief of Novices – **Alan Hamson**

Chief of Safety – **John Clyne**

Chief of Equipment – **Ken Studebaker**

Chief of Course – So many people pitched in at each event ... very long list

Finally ... Every Driver that came to our events in 2022 ... not one single time did we have an issue ... Thank You

The solo program is looking for more teammates to become or support our chief positions for 2023. Needs include roles in Timing, Safety, and Course. Please send me an email james.dapuzzo@gmail.com on areas you can support you club.

Finally ... the Indy Region might be done in September but there still the GLDS season ending event on Saturday 10/08 and Sunday 10/09 hosted by FWR / INR at Grissom Aeroplex. The solo program is looking for more teammates to become or support our chief positions. Needs include roles in Timing, Safety, and Course. Please send me an email james.dapuzzo@gmail.com on areas you can support you club.



Devin McCuen at the Indy Region National Tour in June

ACTIVITIES REPORT – JUSTIN RITTER



October Activity Report:

Here are the tentative dates for the Fall – Winter Karting Season at Fast Times

Nov. 20, Dec. 18, Jan. 15, Feb. 19 and Mar. 19

The 2023 Indy Region Banquet dates has been set. It will be Saturday January 7th

Justin



ROAD RALLY UPDATE:



October RoadRally

October!! and it is time for one of our favorite events of the year – the Indy Region Halloween RoadRally. This year’s rally is called History of Morgan County and will be run on Saturday, October 29. We will be starting an hour earlier this year to give participants a little more daylight and to make the end time more family-friendly.

Gathering time will start at 3:30pm. There’s a mandatory driver’s meeting at 4:45pm and the first car will leave La Herradura Grill on SR 37 in Martinsville at 5pm. Also new this year - maps will be distributed during the gathering time, so you will have time to review them before the driver’s meeting and ask any questions.

If you’ve done this rally before, then you know that you don’t want to miss it. If you have not run it before, following are the basic guidelines. The General Instructions will be posted on Motorsport.reg in the next couple of weeks.

1. Find at least one other person to run this rally with you. Having more than one person makes the graveyard hunting a little easier, so feel free to load your car to seatbelt capacity.
2. Register online at msreg.com/Halloween2022 Register as class GTA2 if you have 1 other person in the car, GTA3 if you have 2 other people in the car, and GTA4 if you have 4 or more people in the vehicle.
3. Gather the following items – at least one GOOD flashlight, clipboard, pencils/pens, a phone with GPS.
4. Arrive at La Herradura Grill on SR 37 in Martinsville between 3:30 and 4:30 pm on Saturday, October 29. Bring the items you gathered in Step 3. If you dress in costume, you will be treated. If your car is dressed in costume, you will earn extra points.
5. Review the map you are given. Using the map and the GPS on your phone, you will be able to locate all of the sites. Start plotting the shortest way to get to as many sites as possible in 3 hours. Remember – you must follow all road rules (including speed limits.)
6. Go to the start point at 5 pm plus your car number and receive the questions that you can answer at the different sites.
7. Drive to the sites and answer as many questions as possible.
8. Be to Mr. Gatti’s Pizza in Martinsville and turn you answer sheet in to the scorekeepers by 8pm plus your car number.
9. Eat pizza and swap insane scary stories about the places you’ve visited while waiting for awards to be announced.
10. Make plans to come back to the next Indy Region Road Rally – the Holiday Shopping Shuffle on December 4th.

Registration and more details can be found at msreg.com/Halloween2022. Hope to see you soon.

Happy Rallying!!! Wendy Harrison

SECRETARY REPORT – CLUB MEETING MINUTES:



8-9-2022 – Indianapolis Region/SCCA Monthly Board Meeting – Dawson's in Speedway

Meeting called to order by Regional Executive Mike Young at 6:30 PM EDT.

Present: Mike and Kitina Young, Kevin Burns, Wendy Harrison, Ben Drexler, Alan Hamson, James DaPuzzo, Raleigh and Velma Boreen, Lee and Mickie Miller, Sam Crits, Chuck Hanson and Doug Hill. Doug currently serves on the SCCA EV Committee with Dayle Frame.

Motion to approve the July meeting minutes made by James, seconded by Alan. Minutes approved and will be published in the next Clutch Chatter

RE Report – Mike

- Mike is currently checking into the Indy Social page on Facebook.
 - Page is currently controlled by a former Indy Region member. There should be a board member as a moderator on that page
 - Our official page is Indianapolis Region SCCA

Membership – Josh

- Currently at 642 members
 - 11 new members and 17 that did not renew
 - 0 weekend member

Treasurer – Kitina

- Taxes have been filed
- Deposit made for the year end banquet in January
- Continue to work on 501c3/501c4 status

Website – John

- John testing new server hosting and domain will be moved over
- Email services will be through GoDaddy
 - Ben will continue to work with John

Clutch Chatter – Raleigh

- September issue will be out no later than August 23rd

- Articles due by August 16th
- Raleigh requesting photos from the events

Activities – Justin

- Tentative dates set for winter karting league
 - 11-20, 12-18, 1-15, 2-19 and 3-19
 - If these interfere with the banquet, Justin can make the change. Otherwise, he will contact FastTimes to verify.

Road Rally – Wendy

- Halloween Rally is set for 10-29
 - Jeff Alexander is the Rally Master
 - Rally will start at 5 and end by 8 to be more family friendly

Solo – Jim

- CAM Challenge has 177 competitors and all plans are set
- Two-day test and tune at Grissom limited to 50 entries
- Ben will be working on a better antenna for the bus
- Kevin working on the announce computer
- Some concrete work done again at Grissom
 - \$130 to Boreens for a bucket of the epoxy

Time Trials – Vinnie

- Alternate EMS services for Gingerman event on August 27/28 will not work as they are out of business
 - Must use Gingerman services at \$6,000 per day
 - Exploring options
 - Fire Department close to Gingerman
 - EMT on site – working with John Hunter and the National office
 - Need to get the event on the website
- 2023 Gingerman event will be a National Time Trials event
 - Indy will staff and help and we will be reimbursed
- Will need to reassess the Time Trials program at the end of 2022

Old Business

- No old business

New Business

- Discussed ways to have more social events for the Region
 - Cars and Coffee? Ice Cream Social? Picnics/cook-outs?

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kitina.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 6:30 PM ET at Dawson's in Speedway and via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM ET.

Velma



Last year's Indy Banquet, Hope to see many more people this year at the Indy Banquet on January 7th, 2023

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 N. Charles Tashiro.

Charles was born in Japan and his family moved to the US in 1969 when he was 4yrs old. His father was a pastor at a church in northern Kentucky just outside of Cincinnati, OH. He went to the University of Evansville for college and found his way to Greenwood, IN. in 1993. I have known Charles since he became an Indy board member in 2016.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I joined the Indy Region in 2015. I wanted to give back to the club so I ran for the Indy Region board in 2016 and have been on it ever since. I was exposed to the SCCA in college but never joined.

What activities do you participate in with Indy Region?

I have been involved with Solo and Time Trails. I enjoy both as a competitor and I have enjoyed working the Time Trail events. This years' Time Trial events at Putnam and Gingsman have been a blast to be involved with. The Subaru Challenge got me hooked in 2015. I currently am the main organizer for the Indy Region banquet in Jan. of 2023.

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

I have loved cars since I was a little boy. I collected Match Box and Corgi cars. I would amaze my Mother and Dad by knowing all the cars we would see on the road. When I got old enough to drive, I could not wait to get my license. My first car was an Audi Fox. I have had Celicas, an MR2 and now Subarus since that first car. I enjoy Japanese cars. I love my BRZ until I sold it earlier this year to save money for a new Supra. Hoping!!

What would you like to see Indy Region do in 2023 and coming years?

I hope we can market the Indy Region better in the coming years so we can grow. We have great programs for Solo, Time Trials and Rally, we just need more people to be involved. We have a lot of momentum so I hope we can keep it going. I hope to do some marketing activities at external events to encourage new participants.

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

My wife and I have 6 cats. We enjoy traveling. We really enjoy taking cruises in the Caribbean. We also try to get out to Las Vegas at least once a year. We are not big gamblers but enjoy the shows and food. We also really enjoy a "Prince Tribute Band" that we try to see them several times a year.

Sitting in the Garage with:

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

This month's conversation is with Scott Dobler.

Scott is the Manager of the Tire Rack Street Survival program for SCCA and he also drives one of the trucks and trailers to every National Solo event in the country. He currently lives in Topeka, KS., but was born and raised in Tennessee. Growing up he lived just outside of Nashville, TN. After college he moved to Chattanooga, TN. He still loves Tennessee and would live in Chattanooga in a heartbeat but his job has him in Kansas. Scott and I have been friends for almost 20 years.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I have been a member of SCCA since I was 2½ years old. My Dad started Autocrossing when I was 2½ years old. We had a family membership. My whole family was into cars so being in the club came naturally.

What activities do you participate in with Indy Region?

I currently manage the Tire Rack Street Survival program for SCCA. I drive a truck and the Tech trailer to all SCCA National Solos. I help set up every National Solo both Tours, ProSolos and the National Championship in Lincoln. I do hold a Road Racing Tech license and a Flagging license but do not get to use them very often. I also like to compete in Solos but do not get to do that very often.

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

My Dad's taste in cars was MGs, Fiat 124s, TR7s and a 1962 Corvette. Later in life he got a 1966 GTO. I have had many cars but really gravitate toward 2nd Gen Camaros, 350 or 370 Zs and Miatas. I currently have a Miata that I really enjoy. I just have liked cars for as long as I can remember.

What would you like to see SCCA do in 2022 and coming years?

I have so many wonderful friends thru SCCA that I would like to see us do more "Experiences". Opportunities for people to experience SCCA. I have so enjoyed traveling with Dave "Bug Eye" Williams who drives the other truck and trailer to all SCCA Solo events that I would love to write a travel log on our

adventures all over the country. Be able to share experiences in our travels would be really neat. I have not been to all 50 states yet but I have a good start on the list.

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

I do not have much of a life outside of SCCA but I do enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I have a 4-year-old granddaughter, she is so much fun to be around. I enjoy cooking and I enjoy seeing movies at the theater.

DID YOU KNOW ?



Someone, Anyone, Everyone

October is upon us the weather is changing, the leaves are turning colors but for Indy Region SCCA, it means the end of the racing season, the end of the solo season and the final Rallies for 2022 before the snow flies. More importantly October is the beginning for Indy Region; it is the beginning of the process to elect our officers to run the club's business side for the coming year. The process is a simple one, people get nominated or put their name in the hat in October/November. In December a ballot is available for all members to look at and evaluate and in January at the annual meeting/Awards banquet the voting is completed.

For 2022 I will be asking for help. We need to have someone, anyone or everyone step forward to help direct our club to a successful year. We have the opportunity to take a club that has successful programs and is in great shape to even higher levels. We need people to step up and say they want to help guide the success of the club.

What is involved?

1. A once-a-month meeting, 1-2 hours long.
2. One or two hours a month answering e-mails or phone calls.
3. Desire to help the club and its programs grow.

The club needs eight (8) people to step forward to be the leaders in our club for 2023. The best way to have a strong club is to have a variety of former board members and new board members to run the club.

I would ask you contact me or other Indy Region board members to let them know you are interested. I look forward to hearing from you.

Raleigh Boreen

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TIME TRIAL PROGRAM



Check out: INDYTRACKDAYS.com for more info.

Vinnie & Tyler



Dayle Frame – Area 4 Director Representing the Great Lakes Division on the SCCA National Board

Notes from the Director's Chair

Area 4 Director Update for September 2022

September will be a busy month for me as I head to Lincoln, NE for the [Solo Nationals](#). I'll be at that event from 9/5 to 9/10. I've never been to the Solo Nationals and am really looking forward to it. Later in the month, I'm headed to Virginia for the [Runoffs](#). The Runoffs will be held at Virginia International Raceway (VIR) this year (and next) and I'll be there from 9/23 to 10/3. I've been to VIR several times. It's a fabulous facility that will really test the mettle of the competitors. As I have a brother who lives near there (Durham, NC), I get to pull double duty and visit with him. Another bonus.....staying at his place will save me (and the Club) a lot of money.

Since I'll be on the road most of the month, I may not be able to write an update for October. Hopefully, it'll be a much easier month. I am scheduled to get my left hip replaced on 10/13 (not a Friday) so I'll be able to walk, golf, bike, flag, etc. with MUCH less pain. Wish me luck.....

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (8/2): As we just had a face-to-face meeting in KC on 7/28, this Zoom call was more procedural in nature. We reviewed the letter log and continued the conversation on the G2C initiative (Green to Checker). I updated the CRB on the work the EVAC has been doing. The results of CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (8/10): The revised SCREV is being reviewed by the Experiential programs (Time Trials, Track Night in America, Solo, Rally Cross). While this review is happening, we are working on a variety of things in the background. The Broch Evans Motorsports EV race car (previously a Formula Mazda) will be entered in AMod at the Solo Nationals. The car will also be at the Runoffs but only as a static display. It will be exciting to get this car in front of SCCA folks so they can see it for themselves. We are also working on training materials for members so they know how to interact with an EV that has entered an SCCA event. More on that to come later.
- EVAC (8/23): This was a secondary meeting among some of the EVAC to discuss data acquisition systems for the EVs in Club Racing. We met with the folks from Aim as we are considering mandating such systems in all of the EVs in Club Racing. This would make it easier to monitor voltage, power, current, etc. in these cars. Its early in the process and we wanted to make sure we had a handle on it.

SCCA Events:

- CRB (7/28): As one of the liaisons to the CRB, I attended their meeting in KC. Many topics were discussed with an emphasis on long term, strategic thinking about the Club Racing program as a whole. Data acquisition to monitor performance was highlighted as this will become even more important as we move forward. Green to Checker (G2C) was discussed at length. How do we as a group (drivers, steward, workers, etc.) pull together to make sure we have more green flag laps? A variety of options were mentioned as a part of the solution. Some routine housekeeping was done as well. They updated language on officials, discussed burden of proof in compliance issues, talked about the future of T1 and how do we fold FIA GT4 cars into Club Racing. I updated them on how the EVAC was coming along on our rule's packages. This progressed into a broader discussion about EVs in Club Racing.

- BoD (7/30): Like all face to face, BoD meetings, we were updated by all the managers so we could get an assessment of each program. All the programs had bright spots and challenges. This is nothing new. The good news is that the bright spots outweighed the challenges and I am optimistic about the Club's future. The national staff is working hard to make events better, help make the regions put on better events and make a member's experience better. We also got a review of the financial standing of the club (pretty good considering the high cost of travel these days). We were told by the marketing folks that we are "refreshing" our logos and graphic standards. As this hasn't been done in quite a while, it's probably overdue. We were also told that we are trending upward in terms of full time members.....that's always good news.
- WMR Major (8/20, 8/21): I signed up for this event so I could help my home region (WMR) while enjoying some fun at Grattan Raceway. Once again, rain followed me to a race course. Saturday's schedule was marred by a session being red flagged just as the heavens unleashed a torrent on the track. With lightning in the area, the Chief Steward had no choice but to stop the clock and allow the workers to seek shelter as the storm passed through. 20 minutes later, the skies were clear and we could go racing again. The day continued with the usual awesome, all attendee dinner. Maybe I'm jaundiced but I will stack up the dinner menu at WMR events against ANY other track food option. Sunday's races were held under nicer weather conditions. As it was the last Major east of the Mississippi, this was the last chance for drivers to qualify for the Runoffs via the Majors path.

Be sure and visit the [GLDiv website](#) for information about all of the SCCA programs within the division. We have schedules, official's contact info, standings, etc. for all the SCCA programs.

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](#).

Please take a few minutes and make sure your contact information is accurate in the SCCA database. It's important to have the correct information there so the club knows how to contact you. Log in to your my.scca.com page and check.

As I mentioned previously, 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 only takes a couple of minutes. Be prepared to upload a headshot picture of yourself.

Just a quick reminder, if any region out there wants to have an "Ask the Director" session during your monthly meetings, please do not hesitate to contact me so we can schedule a visit. I retired last summer so have plenty of free time and would thoroughly enjoy the chance to visit with your members.

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 in any way possible to make that happen.

Dayle Frame



Back of a t-shirt for “Back to the 80’s Theme” for the 2022 Solo Nats.