

Clutch Chatter

Indianapolis Region SCCA



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Clutch Chatter Editor – Raleigh Boreen

What a happy looking group!! This was the set-up team for the Indy Region display at the 2023 World of Wheels held in Indianapolis over the weekend of the 24th thru 26th of March. This was the 10th time Indy Region has had a booth at the World of Wheels show and it was a huge success again this year. We had four cars in the display: Mike Young's Corvette, John Clyne's Mustang, Vinnie Taibi's Focus and the Miller's Miata. Lee and Mickie Miller's Miata had race tires and numbers on one side while the other side was totally stock. A sign on their window said weekend tires vs everyday tires. Thank you to all who worked the World of Wheels Show. We have a busy season ahead so hang on to your hats and come enjoy the 2023 Indy Region Rallies, Solos and Time Trial events.

1st Road Rally of 2023

April 23rd is our first Road Rally of the year. See more info in the Rally portion of this Clutch Chatter. Come join the fun!!

Grissom Events in May

One Lap of America – 5/6
Fun Solo Event – 5/7
Work day - 5/13
Solo Drivers School – 5/20
1st Points Event – 5/21

Indy Region

Monthly meeting at
Dawson's in Speedway
May 9th at 6:30

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RE REPORT – MIKE YOUNG

Indy Region Members:

Friends, this is Raleigh writing for Mike this month. On Friday night March 31st, a tornado hit Mike and Kitina's home in Martinsville. They are in the middle of trying to figure out if the house is a total loss or rebuildable. Needless to say, their life will be upside down for the next 8-12 months. The best news I had when I talked with Mike is he and Kitina are ok. Please keep them in your prayers. Thank you!!

Mike Young – Regional Executive

INDY REGION MEMBERSHIP REPORT:



Membership – Josh Kikta Membership Chairman

April 1st Membership Report

We currently have 613 members! There are 13 new members from 2/28/2023 (last date I used for the CC) to 4/7/2023.

First Name	Last Name	City	State	SCCA Join Date	Region Join Date
Tyler	Ashley	Marion	IN	03/21/2023	03/21/2023
Kevin	Augustin	Indianapolis	IN	03/26/2023	03/26/2023
Caleb	Beaumont	Clinton	IN	03/23/2023	03/23/2023
Blake	Fearday	Neoga	IL	03/21/2023	03/21/2023
Donald	Hutsell	Royal Center	IN	08/10/2022	03/21/2023
Chase	Jones	Indianapolis	IN	03/17/2023	03/17/2023
Bayley	Lackie	Indianapolis	IN	03/03/2022	03/06/2023
Zachary	Leach	New Whiteland	IN	03/25/2023	03/25/2023
Gabriel	Llado Mendez	Brownsburg	IN	03/20/2023	03/20/2023
Dylan	Nagle	Greenfield	IN	03/11/2023	03/11/2023

Lynske	Phu	Fishers	IN	03/24/2023	03/24/2023
Brian	Shaw	Fishers	IN	03/21/2023	03/21/2023
Brad	Zenthoefer	Carmel	IN	03/30/2023	03/30/2023

Milestone anniversaries are for May.

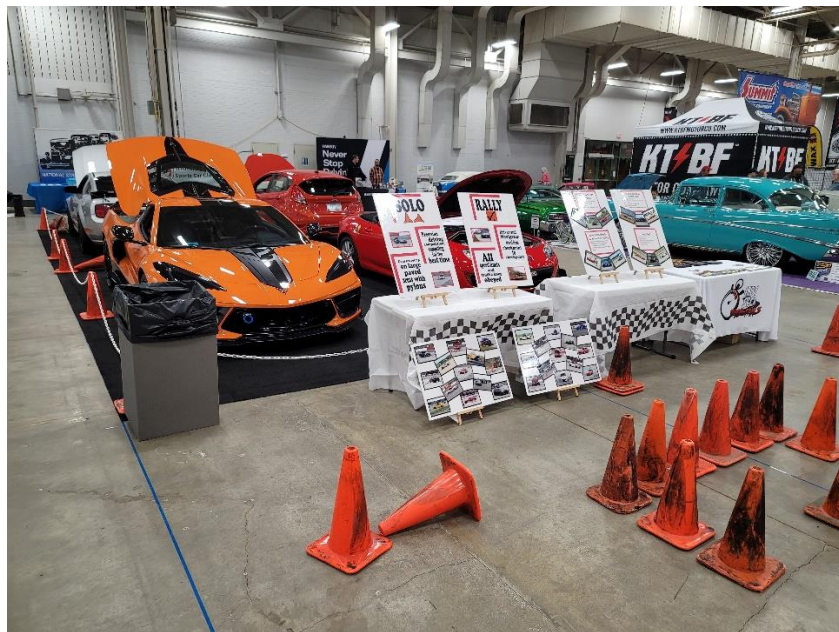
Five Year – David Currey, Evan Gearhart, John Manyik

Fifteen Years – Wendy Harrison

Twenty Years – Bruce Durell

Forty Years – Ralph Porter

Josh Kikta – Membership



The World of Wheels booth 2023



The Indy booth at the World of Wheels in 2023



All four of the Indy Region cars took awards at the 2023 World of Wheels Show



The "Solo side" of the Lee and Mickie's Miata

SOLO UPDATE:



May 2023

Title: Almost Time to Go!!!

By: James DaPuzzo

Indy Region 2023 is close to getting underway. I am happy to announce a 2nd Indianapolis event at the Speedrome. This will be a Friday Night Under the Lights Fun Event. Our 2023 Indy Region will host the One Lap of America cars in May, another Driver's School, two national events at Grissom Aeroplex (June Champ Tour and August CAM Event), a Great Lakes Divisional event, Fun Events, a Saturday Indiana State Fairgrounds Vs. the Columbus Region event with a social event afterwards, and a season ending showdown Vs. the Columbus Region at their site in October. Remember to attend the "Hoosier Challenge" on Sept. 17th. Indy Region has won this event 7 times but has been shut out the last two years. Join the fun at Grissom on Sept. 17th.

Here is snapshot of the 2023 Solo Schedule.

Date	Location	Name	MSR Link
05/07/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Fun Event #1	http://msreg.com/IndySCCAFun1
05/20/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Driver's School	http://msreg.com/IndySCCADriverSchool
05/21/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Points Event #1	http://msreg.com/IndySCCAPoints1
06/10/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Points #2	http://msreg.com/IndySCCAPoints2and3
06/11/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Points #3 - GLDS	http://msreg.com/IndySCCAPoints2and3
07/08/23	Indiana State Fair	Indy Vs. Columbus Points #4	http://msreg.com/IndySCCAPoints4
08/26/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Nationals Test & Tune / Limit 50	http://msreg.com/IndySCCATestTune
08/27/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Nationals Test & Tune / Limit 50	http://msreg.com/IndySCCATestTune
09/15/23	Speedrome	Friday Night Madness	http://msreg.com/IndySCCASpeedromeFun
09/17/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Hoosier Challenge	
09/30/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Fun Day #3	http://msreg.com/IndySCCAFun3Point6
10/01/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Points #6	http://msreg.com/IndySCCAFun3Point6
10/08/23	Columbus	Points #7	http://msreg.com/2023CSCCP10

We are working a few Pre-Season events

- Pick Your Number MSR Link – This will allow you to lock in your case and number for 2023 Season <http://msreg.com/IndySCCA2023Numbers> ... watch our Facebook / Website for an update
- Pre-Season Annual Tech Event – will pick a place to meet for a beverage, get your car tech sticker for 2023, and get in some bench racing ... watch our Facebook / Website for a date and time
- Pre-Season Training Event – training on how to work with the Timing Equipment and in the bus during an event ... watch our Facebook / Website for a date and time

I am looking for feedback on the 2022 season and suggestions for 2023. Please send me an email james.dapuzzo@gmail.com on your thoughts to improve the upcoming season.

Finally ... always looking for members to raise their hand to be a chief or co-chief. We have several members that have been in role for several years and are looking to share their knowledge with other members.

The Indy Solo Team for 2023

Solo Chair – James DaPuzzo

Chief of Safety – John Clyne

Chief of Waivers – Lee & Mickie Miller/Wanda & Stephen Brinkerhoff

Chief of Registration – Dale Brier/Chris Carson

Chief of Tech – Ben Drexler/TBD

Chief of T&S – Kevin Burns/TBD

Chief of Course – Chuck Nienhouse/TBD

Chief of Equipment – Ken Studebaker

Chief of Workers – Darren Daubenspeck/TBD

Chief of Novices – Alan Hamson/Josh Kikta

2023 will be a great year for the Indy Solo program, come join us!!!

James DaPuzzo – Solo Chair



John Clyne even had a “Women of Track” sticker on his car at World of Wheels

ACTIVITIES REPORT:



Hello, fellow Clutchers!

First, I'd like to thank Justin Ritter for a fantastic Winter Karting season! He does a tremendous job with the organization and coordination, so his efforts are very much appreciated and praise is well-deserved. Please be sure to thank him personally if you participated this past season, as I will continue to rely on his expertise for continued seasons and since this is "his baby". Thank you again, Justin, for a great season! Keep up the good work!

In March, we had four of our Club's members display their cars at World of Wheels: Mike Young's C8, Lee and Mickie Miller's Miata, John Clyne's Mustang, and Vinnie Taibi's Fiesta ST. We wanted to show a diversity of cars that could be used at any of our programs and they made people stop by, curious as to what we had going and what we were about. With this display and interactions, it seems we will have newcomers try us out. Special thanks to Velma and Raleigh Boreen, Lee and Mickie Miller, John Clyne, Ben Drexler, Wendy Harrison, Jim DaPuzzo, Chris Carson, Kevin Burns, Michael James, and Vinnie Taibi for manning our display and engaging those who came by with interest with our Club.

Next up, our Club is partnering with the Cars and Coffee folks so that we can have a presence and promote our ourselves at their events. In exchange, C&C has asked us to provide up to five people to help with traffic and hosting at those events we choose to participate. The next C&C is April 22, hosted by Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park, and presented by Mecum Auctions, 8:00 AM 4:00 PM at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park. If you're going anyway and/or can make yourself available, please contact me so that I can coordinate with them. We will have a table to answer questions and welcome potential newcomers. There are also six other events that we hope to be at, so please keep those in mind, too, listed at www.indianapoliscarsandcoffee.org.

With these new marketing and promotions activities, please make it a point to introduce yourself if you see new faces!

See you on the pavement!

Yours truly,
Charles Tashiro – Activities Chair



Vinnie's brand new TT and Solo car, an ST Focus

ROAD RALLY UPDATE:



What/why RoadRally?

I am asked a lot – What is RoadRally and why do you do it? Many times, I get lost in the weeds when answering this question and I've been working on a short answer, so here goes.

SCCA RoadRally is a fun/challenging drive with a purpose. It is a good way to have fun with your car without incurring much risk. I love my car and I love driving my car, but Greta (my red VW Beetle) is almost 20 years old and she is my daily driver. Competing in RoadRally lets me have a challenging driving experience while ensuring that I will still be able to have basic transportation on Monday.

Dogwood Daze – Sunday, April 23

Indy Region's first RoadRally of 2023 is a Time Speed Distance Tour rally designed by Chuck Hanson and Safety Checked by Sam Crites. There are no dirt or gravel roads on this rally – **all roads are paved**. It is the same style of rally as last year's July

Junket and 2021's Monte ReDeux, so if you competed in either of those events, you should feel very comfortable competing in this one.

If you haven't run a Tour rally with GPS checkpoints in the past, don't fret - this rally is designed for novices! Basically, you will be given simple instructions and the only challenge is to stay on time. We use GPS checkpoints, so your phone will ding and you will be given your score as soon as you encounter a checkpoint. Additional information about running the rally can be found below and also in last month's edition of Clutch Chatter.

1:00 – 1:30 P.M. Check-in – sign waiver, complete any necessary forms

1:45 P.M. Mandatory Safety Meeting

2:00 P.M Start of Rally

5:00 P.M First car should arrive at end point

\$40/car (\$15 discount for SCCA members)

Registration open at msreg.com/DogwoodDaze

Tips for running a Time Speed Distance Rally with GPS checkpoints

The basics of a Time Speed Distance RoadRally

1. The average speed that you are supposed to travel is given in the route instructions
2. This average speed will likely change many times during the event
3. The Rallymaster knows mathematically the exact amount of time needed to travel the distance at the stated speed.
4. Your score is determined by how close you are to "perfect" time

Challenges to staying on time include slowing down for road conditions (curves, hills, etc.) and navigational concerns (turns, stop signs, etc.)

I've found the following to be the simplest way to have a good time and still get a reasonable score.

1. Travel a few mph above the average speed given in the instructions to make up for starts/stops and curves
2. If given an instruction to pause, pull over and stop for about 6 seconds less than the pause amount. This makes up for starting and stopping.
3. If you get delayed, keep track of the number of seconds you are delayed, then pull over to make the delay an even ½ minute. Then enter the amount of delay as a time allowance in the checkpoint app on your phone
4. When your phone indicates you've reached a checkpoint – look at your score. If you're early, you were traveling too fast. If you're late – too slow.
5. Adjust the few mph you are traveling above the average speed based on how early/late you arrived at the checkpoint. (i.e.: If early, drive slower. If late drive faster 😊)

Full disclosure: I have not seen the course, so will be able to run on the day of the event. Velma Boreen and I have entered as Stock class. Following is our strategy.

1. We will leave the start point at 2:00pm plus our car number.
2. If the speed we are supposed to travel is 25 mph - I will drive 28 mph
3. If the speed we are supposed to travel changes to 32 mph - I will drive 35 mph

4. If the instructions tell us to pause 2 minutes for a traffic light, we will pause 1 minute and 54 seconds. (I know it takes me about 6 seconds to stop and start again – it also takes me about that much time to stop and turn a corner – you can adjust this for your driving style.)
First, we will time how long we really have to wait for the light.
Then, when the light is green, we will drive to the other side of the intersection, pull over, and finish waiting any additional time needed to get to 1 minutes and 54 seconds. (If it took us longer than 1 minute and 54 seconds to get to the other side of the intersection, we will enter a time delay in the GPS app.)
5. When we get to a checkpoint, we will check our score. If we are late, I will start driving 4 or 5 miles above the speed given in the instructions (instead of only 3mph over) If we are early, I will slow down (sigh.)
6. We will keep repeating this pattern for each checkpoint.

I hope this helps – it’s a lot of words and probably sounds way more complicated than it really is. There is additional information about running the rally in last month’s edition of Clutch Chatter. Also, please follow the event on our Facebook page and keep an eye out for the details on a zoom meeting to be held a few days before the event where we can talk through all of this. I look forward to seeing you on the 23rd!

2023 RoadRally Schedule

There are four events scheduled so far for 2023.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event Type</u>	<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Start Location</u>
Sunday April 23, 2023	Regional Tour	Dogwood Daze	4906 Kentucky Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46221
June 24 and 25, 2023	Regional Tour	Tour Rally	Cloverdale
Saturday, October 28, 2023	Regional GTA	Halloween Road Rally	TBD
Saturday, December 2, 2023	Regional GTA	Holiday Shopping Shuffle	TBD

Happy Rallying!!!

Wendy Harrison



The Time Trial table at the World of Wheels

SECRETARY REPORT – CLUB MEETING MINUTES:



2-7-2023– Indianapolis Region Board Meeting

February meeting was held at Dawson's in Speedway.

Present: Board members – Charles Tashiro, John Clyne, Ben Drexler, Vinnie Taibi, Alan Hamson, Lee Miller, James DaPuzzo, Kevin Burns, Velma Boreen, Wendy Harrison, Josh Kikta, Mike and Kitina Young

Guests: Tyler and Faythe Rush, Sam Crist, Chuck Hanson, Mickie Miller, Raleigh Boreen

Meeting was called to order by Mike Young, RE, at 6:30 PM

Motion to approve the January meeting minutes made by Charles, seconded by Ben. Motion passed. Those minutes will be published in the next issue of the Clutch Chatter.

RE Report – Mike

- Mike outlined some of the plans that he has for the 2023 season
 - Work to get more people involved with the various programs and stepping up to help out with the running of the programs
 - The importance of “looking for your replacement” for the program chairs
 - Working on sponsorship for the programs
 - Mike will be the clearing house for sponsorship for the programs to make sure all programs are aware of sponsors being approached and the proposals made to them.
 - If there are any questions, Dan Dennehy with SCCA is available to help out.

Membership – Josh

- Currently at 602 members
 - 11 new members and 9 that didn't renew – no weekend memberships

Treasurer – Kitina

- Many pre-event payments have been made. The balance for Putnam is due in May

- Grissom bill will be coming soon as Jim has signed the contracts with Roger Johnson for 2023.
- Kitina and John Clyne will be working on the taxes for the club.

Website – John

- Transition to the new site continues to be worked on.

Clutch Chatter - Raleigh

- A combined March/April issue will be published the first week in March.
- Raleigh requested that all programs get articles to him by March 1st.
- Any sponsors that we have by then will be added to the CC.

Activities – Charles

- Karting dates are set
 - There are just 2 dates left in the karting season. Registration is open on the Indy Region website and on MSR.
- The banquet for 2024 is scheduled for January 13th, again at Mallow Run.
- World of Wheels deposit has been made. We will have a 20x20 end cap booth. We will have 4 cars in the booth. Charles will go to the storage facility to see what is there that can be used in the booth. Volunteers are still needed to work the show and to help with set-up. 8-10 passes will be given to the Region.
- Discussion took place regarding social media and how to handle. The need to have one person be the point of contact for all of the programs was discussed. A motion was made by Charles, seconded by Ben to ask Faythe Rush to take over this position. This would be a 3–5-year commitment. This motion was tabled until the April meeting. This allows time to get the by-laws changed and the membership informed, as this position would now mean that person will be on the board.
 - Up to this point, Vinnie Taibi has been handling social media for all of the programs. With his new Divisional position, he has requested that the Region consider this option.

Road Rally – Wendy

- Wendy has the Road Rally schedule worked out. There will be a total of 5 Rallies in 2023.
- She is also working on revamping the Awards Rules.
- Wendy would also like to do a Rally in conjunction with the Time Trials event at Putnam.
- The first event is scheduled for 4-22 as a Tour Rally.

Solo – Jim

- The 2023 schedule has been finalized.
 - In addition to the Regional events, there are 2 SCCA National events on the schedule and One Lap of America.
 - Jim will be working with the Speedrome personnel regarding the night event in September.
- Discussion took place regarding the SMS class. Topic tabled until the March meeting to give the board time to gather more information.

Time Trials – Vinnie

- Deposit has been made to Putnam with the balance due in May. Contract has also been signed.
- Schedule is out and will be on the Indy Region website along with MSR.

Old Business

- Great Lakes Division Spring Training is scheduled for March 4th in Ft. Wayne. Registration is open and on the Indy Region website

New Business

- Program budgets were presented and approved.
 - Solo budget was amended and resent after the meeting to reflect a change in fees charged for events. at the February board meeting.
- Kitina and John will work on the taxes. Charter has been submitted to SCCA.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 PM

Next meeting is Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at Dawson's in Speedway.

Velma Boreen – Secretary



Come and help work the One Lap of America at Grissom on May 6th. See the 90+ cars that will race for the Title of Champion of the One Lap Competition. Indy Region will buy you lunch for helping with the event.

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 Alan Hamson.

Alan has been on the Indy Region Board of Directors as a Member at Large for the past two years. Let's get to know him. Velma and I have gotten to know Alan from the Indy Solo program and thru spending time with him at the Solo Nationals. Alan is married, he and Emily live in Greenwood with their two boys ages 11 and 14. Alan grew up on the south side of Indy so he has always lived in the Indy area. He went to Indiana Baptist High School and attended IUPUI. His degree is in business from the Kelly School of Business at IUPUI. Growing up he loved sports and participated in Soccer, Basketball and Baseball. He did not play sports in College as he had to work to pay for College. Only so many hours in a day, so school and work won.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I joined Indy Region in 2014 so that I could be a member and receive points in the Solo Series. I have been active and have tried to be involved in the Region as much as I can.

What activities do you participate in with Indy Region?

This is my second year on the Indy Region Board. I have done a Track Night in America but most of my involvement is with the Solo group. I have been the Novice Coach at our Solo events for the last two years

and I helped Chair the Indy Solo Drivers School last May. I am looking forward to the Solo Drivers School this coming May.

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

Growing up I always liked cars and my Dad liked fun cars. One of his favorite cars was his 1986 C4 Corvette. I got to drive it once in a while. Two nights I really remember were my Junior and Senior Proms. I drove the Corvette both years to the Prom. It was a hit!! When I started Soloing with the club my daily driver was a VW GTI. I now have a Honda but have stayed in G/Street most of the time. I did co-drive with Will Lahee for one year in his F-Mod car.

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

The club is about the members and having fun. The Indy Region is very friendly and helpful. I hope that we keep our eyes set on listening to our membership and doing all of the things that we can do within reason to make it a fun and inviting atmosphere. I plan to do my best to be a resource and mentor for all of our new drivers so that they have the best experience that they can have. I like having National events at Grissom and hope that continues. Mostly, I would love to see a big group from Indy Region out at the Solo Nationals in Lincoln for the 50th running. Anyone want to go in on a large AirBnB?

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

Emily and I are both self-employed so between work and the kids we are very busy. I still love sports and the boys are involved in Basketball and Golf. We try to take a family vacation each year. In 2022 we really enjoyed going to Yellowstone. We are heading to California for a week or so this 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 Abby Scher.

Abby works for SCCA and is the Manager of Regional Communications, Training and Events. Velma and I got a chance to meet Abby in the fall of 2021 as she was a contractor working with SCCA to make arrangements for the 2022 SCCA National Convention. After working with her on some convention stuff I was convinced this lady had her act together. I wasn't the only one, as SCCA hired her full time in the

spring of 2022. Since joining SCCA she has now coordinated two virtual National Conventions and set up by-monthly calls with all Regions around the country to find out their needs. She is also helping Regions around the country on finding sites for Solo and Rally Cross. Abby grew up in Myrtle Beach, SC. She got married in 2020 during the height of Covid. Her husband Steven is in the Marines so a Chaplain married them with a Zoom audience of friends and family. She now lives in North Carolina but that can change because of her husband's job. They get to move every 2-4 years.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I joined SCCA in 2008 so that I could Autocross and eventually tried out Spec Miata Racing.

What activities do you participate in with SCCA?

Steven and I have done just about everything with cars in SCCA and other sanctioning bodies. We started out with Racing Spec Miata and that lead to Lemons and Chump Cars. We currently own a 1983 Van Dieman, which has been Road raced and used for Solo. I Solo with North Carolina Region and have been to the National Championships three times. All three excursions to Nationals have been in borrowed cars. I definitely have "Fun with Cars".

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

My Dad was into cars, and I got the bug from him. My whole family loves to go fast. My Dad, Mother, Brother and Grandfather all have pilot licenses. My parents met at an airport so flying has always been important in my life. My Dad also Drag Raced and Autocrossed as I was growing up. In fact, my Mother rebuilt a 1965 Austin Healy that was also my ride to school most days, which she still drives today. Growing up around planes, motorcycles and sports cars put me on the path that I am on today.

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

I am hoping that my work in SCCA can continue to do a better job supporting Region's needs. I also think we need to organize some of the charities that Regions around the country support together we could have a significant impact. Being a military spouse, I hope to be involved with organizations like VETMotorsports. The Military community can use our help.

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

Steven and I are National Park junkies. We love to visit National Parks, hike, camp out and enjoy the spectacular views. We spent our Honeymoon traveling cross-country visiting and camping at National Parks. The two of us and our Chocolate Lab love being outdoors.



Tom O'Gorman won the 2022 One Lap of America

TIME TRIAL PROGRAM



ROUND 1
NCM MOTORSPORTS PARK MAY 6-7

ROUND 2+3
PUTNAM PARK JULY 1-2

ROUND 4
GINGERMAN JULY 22 - 23

ROUND 5
TBA

INDYTRACKDAYS.COM

Watch for more information to come on the 2023 Time Trial season. We look forward to seeing people at the tracks this year. Have a great winter getting ready for the TT events.

Check out: INDYTRACKDAYS.com for more info.

Vinnie & Tyler

DID YOU KNOW?



Indy Cars & Coffee Dates:

- 4/22 @ IRP/Lucas Oil Raceway Park
- 5/6 @ GR Motorsports
- 5/13 @ IMS
- 5/20 @ Tom Wood Aviation
- 6/24 @ Connection Point Christian Church in Brownsburg
- 7/29 @ The Club at Crosspoint
- 8/19 @ St. Luke's United Methodist Church
- 9/23 @ Zionsville, Group 1001
- 10/21 @ Hummel Park in Plainfield

Indy Region will have a table display at all of the Cars & Coffee events this year. Come join us and show your car.



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

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Notes from the Director's Chair

Area 4 Director Update for April 2023

March was a whirlwind for me....with trips to Fort Wayne, IN for the divisional meeting and Kansas City, MO for a face to face Club Racing Board (CRB) meeting, I had a few nights away from home and a lot of miles on the highways in my EV.

So, here's what I did this past month....

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (3/7): We finalized an agenda for the first of two face to face meetings in 2023 which would be held in March (3/17, 3/18). The group discussed the ongoing BSpec debate about class parity. An extended conversation was held about the definition of weights in the GCR. Base weight, minimum weight, starting weight....all had different definitions depending on what category you were looking. It caused some confusion (rightly so) and the committee took some time to clarify the language used across all classes. Other minutiae were handled such as (rain lights, FIA GT4 tire specs, etc.). The results of CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (3/8): We are all excited because one of our EVAC members built an EV that campaigned at a race in CA. It finished all the sessions and ran extremely well for its maiden voyage. In addition, we've begun work on a memo to registrars for all programs to alert them on how to handle an EV when it signs up for an event. Our goal is to give registrars a unified path to follow so that an entrant using an EV can be dealt with in the same fashion. This allows the region to be aware of the entry and can be prepared. We're also exploring how to work with risk management so we can catalogue incidents that involve EVs. This will let us utilize 'best practices' so we learn from past events as we shape policy moving forward.
- Board of Directors (BoD) (3/27): An issue at the 2022 Runoffs warranted our attention. Language was changed in the GCR that bubbled into a disagreement between the Steward Corps and the CRB. The leaders of these groups met with us to make their case in this debate. The BoD heard from each of them and discussed how to proceed. After all of that (it took over an hour), we also got an update on the financials. We worked on some minutia like changes to the ERB rules, filling Court of Appeals (CoA) positions, some liaison changes, etc.

SCCA Events:

- GLDiv Spring Training (3/3, 3/4): This meeting will go down in the history books for a variety of reasons. One, the weather was REALLY nasty. Two, several members of national staff (eight?) came to the meeting to help us with our various programs and events. This included Mike Cobb who is the President of the SCCA. Three, I was made speechless....and those who know me know that this doesn't occur too often.

My drive down from Lansing was pretty tricky for the last 30-40 miles. The ice and snow caked on to my windscreen wipers and made the roads treacherous. Then it warmed up a bit and the ice was removed from my car by rain. The Friday evening social was punctuated by many visits with friends over some pretty good pasta dishes. Much fun was had by all.

On Saturday, I tried to attend as many sessions as I could, so I was pretty busy all day. The meeting was highlighted by having all levels of leadership in attendance. Regional, divisional and national

program managers worked together to make our programs better for the members of GLDiv. This was truly a very educational experience for all involved.

As for my “speechless” moment, I was extremely humbled, proud and appreciative to hear that I was the recipient of the Steve Harris Dedicated Member Award from the division. I walked up to the podium and I just didn’t know what to say. I was shocked and amazed that I would be considered worthy of such an award. The award is glass and very heavy so I described it as “the perfect blunt object from a Perry Mason episode” (yes, a reference from a TV show from 60 years ago....I’m old....get over it). I want to thank everyone for this extremely high honor. I use Steve’s management style as the template for my directorship and how I appoint myself as I hold the position.

The weather may have quenched the atmosphere outside but the camaraderie inside made the weekend very fruitful. We expect bigger and better next year so please make sure to attend the meeting in 2024. Details will be announced here when they become available.

The divisional leadership should be praised for an outstanding meeting. Everyone in attendance told me they were very impressed. Val McCammon is the leader of the squad but she couldn’t have done it without help from so many others. Velma and Raleigh Boreen, Tony Brown, the REs from the various regions and, of course, the folks from HQ who braved the inclement weather and travelled to the meeting. Mike Cobb’s story of his trip to Fort Wayne is priceless....ask him about it the next time you see him.

- CRB Meeting (3/17, 3/18): This meeting was designed to discuss the long-term health and success of the Club Racing program. The Chair of the CRB (John LaRue) let us know that there would be no portion of the program (Runoffs, classes, run groups, venues, schedule, etc.) that would off limits. The group met for eight hours on Friday and four more on Saturday. Many topics were brought up. We came up with several great ideas and various members are following through to see about their viability. The biggest takeaway is that there are no isolated variables in this conversation. Changes in one area have consequences in another. Reform of the program won’t be just in one area. It’s similar to turning an ocean liner on the high seas....it won’t happen easily or quickly.

As details of our changes become tangible, we will let the membership know....but for now this is all on a “need to know” basis. I assume everyone understands that this will be a long process and discussion of the conversations we had would not be prudent.

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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.

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.

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.

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***** Indy Region Members, watch for more info next month about a new sponsor for the Indy Region Competition programs.



FOR SALE

Ads in the "For Sale" part of the Clutch Chatter are "Free" to members.



2022 One Lap Workers at Grissom