

Clutch Chatter

Indianapolis Region SCCA



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Solo Season

8/11-13 – CAM/XS
Challenge at Grissom

8/26-27 – Nationals TnT at
Grissom

9/15 – Solo Under the
Lights

Track Events

Time Trials Event #4

July 22-23 at Gingerman

Clutch Chatter Editor – Raleigh Boreen

Indy Region Won!!!! The Indy Region/CSCC Challenge event at the Indiana State Fair grounds was won by Indy Region. The Top Driver of the event was Indy's Vinnie Taibi. The event started out with rain but ended on a high note as most drivers got dry runs and the 80+ people who ran the event had a great time. We are very lucky with Indy Region that we have three solid sites to run our events at. Grissom, the State Fair grounds and the Speed Dome for our events. It has been said for many years the future of SCCA's Solo program is the **3 S's, Sites, Sound and Safety**. Sites are the life blood of a Solo program. Hope to see a good turnout at the upcoming Solo events. Stay safe in the hot weather!!

Indy Region

Monthly meeting at
Dawson's in Speedway
August 8th at 6:30

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RE REPORT – MIKE YOUNG

Hello Fellow Region Members:

The busy Summer is upon us and now I see the Major Fall events for SCCA are taking registrations. The 50th Running of Solo Nationals is sold out at 1300 people and a waiting list of over 175 people. The Time Trial National Championship, the SCCA RunOffs and the Road Rally Nationals are now open to register. We are an active group. I hope everyone has a great Summer and your plans for the Fall include attending some of the National events. Last but not least make plans to run the Indy Region Halloween Rally. It is always a great Rally for friends and family. Hope to see everyone soon.

Mike Young – Regional Executive

INDY REGION MEMBERSHIP REPORT:



Membership – Josh Kikta Membership Chairman

Here is the July Membership Report

We currently have 611 members! There are 13 new Indy members from 6/12/2023 (last date I used for the CC) to 7/10/2023.

First Name	Last Name	City	State	SCCA Join Date	Region Join Date
Bret	A Burgett	Greenwood	IN	06/20/2023	06/20/2023
May	Benito	Danville	IN	05/28/2020	05/28/2020
Berthil	Clasen	Zionsville	IN	06/26/2023	06/26/2023
Jeff	Daugherty	New Palestine	IN	08/23/2013	06/26/2023
Mark	Frisbie	Indianapolis	IN	05/10/2021	05/10/2021
Celia	Hunt	Western Springs	IL	06/19/2023	06/19/2023
Rick	McPherson	Indianapolis	IN	08/27/2009	08/27/2009
Jamie	Murphy	Greenwood	IN	07/03/2023	07/03/2023
Ryan	Sherer	Anchorage	AK	06/16/2023	06/16/2023
Wyatt	Sherer	Anchorage	AK	06/16/2023	06/16/2023

Kay	Tawney	Indianapolis	IN	06/21/2023	06/21/2023
David	Thompson	Carmel	IN	06/19/2023	06/19/2023
William	Westdyke	Indianapolis	IN	06/22/2023	06/22/2023

Milestone anniversaries are for July.

Five Year – Zachariah Dunbar, Rick Goshert

Ten Years – David Elmore

Thirty-Five Years – Larry Ellis

Josh Kikta – Membership



On July 8th, the Fair Grounds Solo site after it stopped raining



Help from the State Fair staff for our Solo event

SOLO UPDATE:



August 2023 – Indy Solo

Title: Fairgrounds Madness!!!

The July 8th Indy Vs. Columbus Region showdown @ the Indiana State Fairgrounds was crazy. We started the day with Thunder, Lightning, Rain, Flooding (tunnel, course, etc.) that caused a delayed start until 10:00 before we could begin to set up. Most impressed on how the Indy Region Staff and the Fairgrounds Maintenance Department worked together get the event underway within 2 hours. Also thank you goes to the competitors for their patience. Everyone was rewarded with (6) runs plus a shootout that crowned Indy Region Member Vinnie Taibi as the winner in his HS Ford Fiesta!!!

August is going to be jam packed with Solo options to have fun with your car and friends.

A Pro Solo National Event has been added to Grissom Aeroplex on 08/05-06/23 that will be hosted by Saginaw Valley Region (MI). This is a great chance to try something new. SVR is looking for local members to support putting on the event. Please reach out to Larry MacLeod serca96@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Make your plans now to join us 8/12-13/23 @ Grissom Aeroplex for the CAM Challenge. If you do not have a CAM Car ... no problem. We have a worker class that will get you dinner on Saturday and 9 runs over the course of the weekend in exchange for shagging cones during the Sunday shootout.

Maybe the 08/26-27/23 Test & Tune better fits your schedule. We run this like a fun day with 90-minute work assignment and then you are free to run as much as you like the rest of the day. The fee is bit more because the field is limited to ensure drivers get plenty of time on course. Great time to make changes to both the car and driver.

Balance of 2023 Solo Schedule

Date	Location	Name	MSR Link
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	Points #5 / Hoosier Challenge	INR Host
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

I am looking for feedback on the 2023 season. 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.

James DaPuzzo – Solo Chair



Velma Boreen at Grissom

ACTIVITIES REPORT:



Hello, fellow Clutchers!

In June, we had the opportunity to participate at yet another Cars and Coffee, this time at the Connection Pointe Christian Church in Brownsburg. And although there was another event going on across town, we made many new friends who had lots of interest with our programs.

The next Cars and Coffee will be on July 29, 8-11AM, hosted by Knowledge Services and the Club at Crosspoint. The address is 9800 Crosspoint Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46256. If you plan to attend, please also consider volunteering at our booth to answer questions about and recruit for our Club. We have had much success with drawing additional interest with our activities and programs when we actively market and promote at these kinds of events.

We're also planning on being at the Motorsport Mania at the Brownsburg Farmers Market 2023 on August 24 from 4-7PM. We will have at least one car there for display, but please either stop by or consider manning the booth. The Town of Brownsburg and Brownsburg Parks is inviting local motorsport and racing organizations to come out to the market for a night of fun to celebrate the US Nationals Race, along with our rich heritage of motorsports.

Lastly, as an aside to our Solo events, the Indiana North Region (INR) is hosting the annual Subaru Challenge at the Subaru plant in Lafayette on August 19. It's only open to Subaru cars, with more details at MotorSportReg.com. Registration is restricted to the first 100 cars, too.

As always, thank you for your continued support, help, and consideration! Any questions or if you'd like to help at any of these events, drop me an email!

Yours truly,

Charles Tashiro – Activities Chair



General Curtis LeMay, Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, pilots a go-kart around Andrews Air Force Base runways in 1959

ROAD RALLY UPDATE:



RoadRally 2023 August

Thank you to everyone that ran, pre-checked, thought about running, and in other ways supported our RoadRally experiment on July 1-2. There were three cars that officially ran the event and everybody found their way through the route with decent scores.

A big congratulations to David and Alice Greenburg for winning the **Putnam Purple Cow Precision RoadRally** with a total score of 968. There were a total of 46 timed checkpoints with a potential error of 120 points at each one. There was no special equipment used by any of the cars, so any score less than 2000 is commendable. Following are the official results.

<u>Place</u>	<u>Car #</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Driver Name</u>	<u>Navigator Name</u>
1	3	968	David Greenburg	Alice Greenburg
2	2	1316	Theo Hardesty	Z Hardesty
3	101	1722	Austin Hampton	Caleb Kennedy

As with any new concept, there were things learned and things that went pretty well. Briefly, I think the concept of running with no equipment and using the GPS checkpoints was positive. In the future, I don't think I would offer a RoadRally on the same weekend as another event unless there is a considerable amount of "down time" with the other event. Also in the future, even if individuals can run the event at their convenience, I would offer an official registration time and an official awards ceremony or after-party time since part of RoadRally is the socialization after the event. I'm still compiling data, so if you have any feedback (even if you didn't run the event), please let me know.

UP NEXT: HALLOWEEN!!! RoadRally October 28, 2023

Honestly, this is one of the most fun, family-friendly events that our club offers during the year. Whether you're seriously competitive or just want to load the family into the vehicle for a fun drive with things to find along the way, this event is for you. I hope you'll save the date and make plans to join us.

Rallymaster Jeff Alexander is once again putting together fun and creepy sites in Morgan County for this year's October 28 event. The rally will start with gathering between 3:30 – 4:30 and will end between 8 - 9pm. If you have young ones that you want to have home early, you can let me know and I'll assign you a low car number so you can be finished closer to 8pm.

Additional details (start/end point and rally name) are being finalized as I type this, so be looking for information on our website, Facebook, and MotorsportReg no later than August 1.

Happy Rallying!!! Wendy Harrison

SECRETARY REPORT – CLUB MEETING MINUTES:



6-13-2023 – Indianapolis Region Board Meeting

Dawson's on Main - Speedway

Present: Ben Drexler, Vinnie Taibi, Faythe and Tyler Rush, Chuck Nienhouse, Chuck Hanson, Sam Crits, Kevin Burns, Josh Kikta, Charles Tashiro, John Clyne, Wendy Harrison, James DaPuzzo, Alan Hamson, Raleigh and Velma Boreen

Mike Young via Zoom

Meeting called to order by Mike at 6:31 PM

Motion to approve the May minutes made by Charles, seconded by Wendy. Motion passed.

RE Report – Mike

- Indy Region has a very busy schedule coming up. Mike encourages all members to help out when and where they are able.

Membership - Josh

- 624 members, 18 new members, 21 not renewed and 39 weekend members

Treasury – Kitina

- Taxes have been completed and filed
- No new major expenses
- Received check from Wilwood for CAM dinner in August
- Jim will check on One Lap of America reimbursement to make sure that has been paid

Website – John/Ben

- Ben needs help getting the website to work
- QR code is working well
- Need to update Solo locations with new pictures

Clutch Chatter - Raleigh

- July issue of the Clutch Chatter will be out by the end of next week. Please get information to Raleigh by 6-20.
- Will include information about the passing of Jack Tovey

Activities – Charles

- Cars and Coffee scheduled for 6-24 in Brownsburg
 - Need to get this on the website
 - Charles needs people to help and attend
 - Would like to have QR code stickers to hand out
- Charles will contact Justin re: karting schedule for the fall
 - Better dates and times available if we get started by August

Road Rally – Wendy

- Putnam Purple Cow Road Rally is scheduled in conjunction with Time Trials at Putnam the first weekend in July.
 - Rally has been mapped out and safety check will be done this next week
 - Length is approximately 30 miles – 1 hour – Putnam to Cloverdale
 - Wendy will provide a set of instructions and she is looking for someone to pre-run
 - Smooth roads
 - Will get info on website and FB to post

Solo – Jim

- Thanks to all who worked to make this last weekend a success
 - Faythe, Tyler and Vinnie for pics and posting on FB
 - Rick and Judy Goshert for all of their work with the QR code and the great information about Grissom
 - Special email to all competitors thanking them for attending
- National Tour
 - All is in place other than the dumpster – Jim to work on yet this week
 - Alex Jones from NWOR is designing the course
- The Fairgrounds event in July is the next event
 - Jim would like to have a social after that event at Speedrome
- CAM event
 - Most positions for that event are filled
- ProSolo for Saginaw Valley Region
 - Still on schedule to help them out with cones and whatever they may need
- A few items discussed
 - A headset or ear piece for the head grid worker as they seem to have problems hearing anyone calling them
 - 50 new cones have been ordered but shipping those is 14 days out
 - Providing water for workers and have this near the bus
- Discussion regarding the future of the Tovey Cup
 - A friend of Jack's wants to ensure that the Tovey Cup will continue on for at least the next 10 years
 - This request will be added to the Solo Ops Manual for the Region

Time Trials - Vinnie

- The Putnam event already has 50+ people registered.
 - 80% of those are SCCA members
 - Need volunteers to help with grid and catering
- Need help with the Gingerman event in mid-July
- Mid-Ohio with OVR on MSR
- Discussed obtaining an FM transmitter for Time Trials and Solo

Old Business

- Should have new router by next week

New Business

- Memorial service for Jack Tovey is 6-16. Velma will take care of ordering flowers.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM

Next meeting is July 11th at Dawson's.

Velma Boreen – Secretary



Mike & Teresa White's new "Rapid Blue" Corvette



Alan Hamson at Grissom

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 Wanda and Stephen Brinkerhoff.

Velma and I have known the Brinkerhoff's for several years. You cannot miss them at an event with their Purple D/Mod car. They currently live in the Plainfield area but both grew up outside of the Indy area.

Wanda grew up in Mitchell, IN. and Stephen grew up in Kokomo, IN. They met at Vincennes University while they were both pursuing an undergraduate degrees. They both went on to get Master Degrees, Stephen from Indiana State and Wanda from Ball State. They got married in 1972 and both are now enjoying retirement.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

We joined the Indy Region in 2000, Our first Solo car was an 89' MR2, that soon changed to Suzuki Swift GTI, then to a Lotus and then to our D/Mod car. Our first trip to the Solo Nationals was in 2002. We hope to go to the 50th Running of Solo Nationals this year.

What activities do you participate in with Indy Region?

Solo is our main interest. We are so busy in retirement it is hard to find time for other activities. We enjoy seeing the people at the Solo events and always have time for meals afterward.

What was your first car?

Stephen's first car was a 1962 Corvair Monza. Year to date we have had over 160 cars, trucks and motorcycles since we both started driving.

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

My Dad took me to the Indy 500 in 1957. After that all I could talk about was race cars. I have always loved working on cars. My Dad had a 1955 Chevy that overheated after we pulled a trailer out to California and back. I had grease up to my elbows helping him do a valve job on it after that trip I have never looked back.

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

I hope we can find a good Solo site closer to Indy. Grissom is great but it would be nice to have a quality site closer to Indy. We also hope more people will come to the Annual Banquet for the club. Those are always fun nights see everyone.

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

We love to travel. We have ridden motorcycles through 47 states together. We love doing car trips visiting our kids and friends in California and Florida. We have traveled to Mexico, Scotland, England, Germany, Luxemburg, Belgium and France. We are very active with our church. We both sing in the Church choir and occasionally do Solos or sing in a quartet group. We also haul food in our car trailer every week for our church's food pantry. Retirement is keeping us busy.

Sitting in the Garage with:

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

This month's conversation is with Josh Kikta.

Velma and I have gotten to know Josh and his family thru the club. We have shared lots of good times at events over the years. Josh is the current Membership Chairman for the Indy Region. Josh, his wife Missy and their three boys live in the Cicero area on the north side of Indianapolis. Josh grew up in Hanover, IN. in the southern part of the state. After high school he enlisted in the Marine Corp. and spent 5 years in active duty. After getting out of the service he went to college at Purdue University in Lafayette, IN.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I joined Indy Region in 2010. A buddy in college was going to an autocross and invited me to join him. Both of us have Subaru STI's at the time. I went to the autocross at Grissom and was hooked. I bought a new helmet the next week. I joined the club right away. I now have a family membership so all 5 of us are Indy Region members.

What activities do you participate in with Indy Region?

I am very involved with the Solo program. I try to help new people to our club and the novices as much as possible. I have helped with the Solo drivers school the last two years. I have been on the Indy Region board for the last three years. I was the editor of the Clutch Chatter for three years several years back.

What was your first car?

My first fun car was the Subaru STI.

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

I have always loved racing. I am an Indy Car fan and enjoy the Indy 500 each year. I started to like cars when an Uncle of mine bought a 944S Porsche. He wasn't a great driver but it was fun to ride in. My STI helped me catch the Solo bug. I have now driven several different cars to have fun. My current ride is a B/Mod 2008 WFI Stohr. It is a learning process but I am really excited about the car. One of my best friends, Will Lahee got me turned on to Mod cars. We drove his F/Mod together and had a blast. Now both Will and I have B/Mod cars so we are racing against each other again.

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

I just hope we can continue to grow the Solo program, the Rally Program and the Time Trial program. Bringing in new people is the life blood of the club. I hope we can continue to put on quality events.

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

I am very busy coaching soccer for the boys. I coach at least on team in the Fall and one in the Spring. Missy and the boys keep me busy. We also love running go-karts with the boys. They love to race. They were very disappointed when SCCA stopped the Jr. Kart Program. Doing things with the family keep me very busy.

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?



Mustangs as Movie Cars from the Hagerty Newsletter

Ford Mustangs have been used over 500 times in Movies. Here are some of the more famous ones:

1. 1967 Shelby GT500 - Eleanor in Gone in 60 seconds (1967)
2. 68 Fastback - Bullitt
3. 69 Fastback in John Wick
4. 1971 Sportsroof – Gone in 60 seconds (1974)
5. 1971 Mach 1 = Diamonds are forever
6. 1967 Fastback = The fast & the Furious – Tokyo Drift (2006)
7. 1968 Shelby GT500 – Thomas Crown Affair
8. 1966 Shelby GT350H – Grand Prix
9. 1991 Ford Mustang GT Convertible – Basic Instinct



A 2008 Bullitt Mustang



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 July 2023

Another busy month with plenty of Zoom calls as well as trips to events. While Zoom calls are an effective tool to communicate with folks, nothing beats going to an event and interacting face to face. Whether its meeting new folks or reconnecting with old friends, getting out to the race track is the reason we're in this club, right?

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

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (6/6): After the Town Hall meeting on 5/16, the consensus was that the driver corps did not want to see changes in the qualifying schedule. Changes in the Club Racing program are in the offing so we would make plans to present options at our face to face meeting I Kansas City in August. The data on the BSpec adjustments looked good. The group ran through the letters. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (6/14): With several members unable to attend, we decided it would be judicious to cancel the meeting.
- The EVAC had come up with some recommendations that would require input from Topeka about licensing, training, etc. We needed to chat with some folks there to make sure we were all on the same page. As a result, I sat in on a Zoom call with Aimee Thoennes, Chris Robbins and Abby Scher. We discussed a variety of topics (training, licensing, membership, etc.) and left with an understanding of how each of us could move forward.
- Board of Directors (BoD) (5/22): The dust has settled on our external audit and financial parameters look pretty good. We also discussed several other topics (liaison reports, GCR revisions, etc.). The good news is that we did not have to set aside time for "members behaving badly". It was a light agenda, so we finished pretty quickly for a change.
- GLDiv BoD (6/27): The GLDiv BoD, along with folks from other divisions, sat in on a Zoom call to discuss support from the National Office for divisional conventions in 2024. to discuss next year's divisional convention. As I mentioned last month, since there is no national convention in 2024, we fully expect to have more support from the national office. That means financial support as well as national Office personnel coming from various points. Updates on this to follow.

SCCA Events:

- Track Night in America (TNiA) at GingerMan Raceway (6/15): A friend of mine had finished building his track day car and he asked if I would come out to GingerMan to help him. Of course, I accepted his invitation. TNiA are REALLY fun events. If you haven't been to one yet, I highly recommend that you bring your car out to one. It's a low stress, good time on a racetrack. What else could you ask for? The SBR folks do a wonderful job running these events and are to be commended. My buddy had not been to a TNiA event before so not only was this his maiden voyage in the new car but this was also his first taste of speed at GingerMan. Unfortunately, there were some teething issues with his car and he had to skip the last session. But he was pleased with his performance.
- Formula SAE at MIS (6/16, 6/17): Last year, I was able to attend a portion of the FSAE event at MIS but missed the competition portion of the event so I could flag a regional race weekend at Grattan. This year, I would attend both days of the FSAE competition and skip one day of flagging at Grattan. This year's FSAE was all EV as there were 60+ teams from around the globe in attendance. It still amazes me how these collegiate teams can produce such great cars. It should be no surprise that many manufacturers (Nissan, Honda, GM, Ford, Tesla, Rivian, etc.) were there recruiting the students.

I was also asked to present an award at the closing ceremonies. The SCCA bestows the Carroll Smith Award to the team advisor for outstanding contributions to the team. I decided to speak for a couple of minutes about the SCCA/FSAE relationship. Carroll Smith wrote many books that are 'must reads' for new racers even today.....decades after their publication. It was an honor to be asked to present this award on behalf of the SCCA. I thank Raleigh and Velma Boreen for considering me worthy of this task.

- WMR Double Regional at Grattan Raceway (6/18): As I mentioned above, I was able to go to Grattan to support my region (WMR) by flagging Sunday at T7. And what a great day it was.....the weather was perfect, the racing and car count were pretty good, there were no incidents on track and we were on our way home by 3:30.

Non-SCCA Events:

- First Responder Training (GM Proving Grounds, Milford, MI) (6/2): I was invited to sit in on a GM training class for first responders. This was specifically for responding to EV incidents. There were almost 100 attendees at this session. Most of the attendees were unfamiliar with how EVs worked and the training did some basic schooling so they would understand the differences when it came to attacking an incident. You just can't approach an incident the same way as you would for an internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicle. GM had a un-VIN'd car there for the pupils to cut apart. It was going to go to the crusher anyway so why not use it as a test scenario for the students. GM is to be commended for hosting these types of training sessions. As more and more EVs get on the road, more incidents will occur with them and first responders need to know how to support the public properly.

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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.

Dayle Frame

***** Indy Region Members, watch for more info 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.