

Clutch Chatter

Indianapolis Region SCCA



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Solo Season

8/26-27 – Nationals TnT at
Grissom

9/15 – Solo Under the
Lights

Halloween Rally

October 28th

Great fun. You can have more
than 2 people in the car.

Clutch Chatter Editor – Raleigh Boreen

Have you ever been to a Cars & Coffee in Indy? If not, you need to attend. N. Charles, our Activity Chairman has done a great job setting up an Indy Region booth at several Cars & Coffee events this year. The above picture was taken at the Cars & Coffee off 96th St. and Hauge on the north east side of Indy. Watch for more info on the up coming Cars & Coffee events.

Indy Region put on one of the biggest Muscle Car events in the country on August 11th – 13th. We had 181 cars at the Grissom event. John Clyne and his team of Indy Region members put on a great event. Plans are already in place to have an event in 2024.

Indy Region

Monthly meeting at
Dawson's in Speedway
Sept. 12th at 6:30

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RE REPORT – MIKE YOUNG

Hello Fellow Region Members:

Where has the summer gone? 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. September and October will be very busy for the SCCA and Indy Region. Two special events coming up are the Solo Under the Lights on Friday Sept. 15th at the Speedrome and the other is the Halloween Rally on Oct. 28th. Hope to see everyone soon.

Mike Young – Regional Executive

INDY REGION MEMBERSHIP REPORT:



Membership – Josh Kikta Membership Chairman

We currently have 601 members! There are 9 new Indy members from 7/10/2023 (last date I used for the CC) to 8/6/2023.

First Name	Last Name	City	State	SCCA Join Date	Region Join Date
Vickie	Bellamy	Indianapolis	IN	08/02/2023	08/02/2023
Jeff	Ealy	Carmel	IN	07/26/2023	07/26/2023
Anthony	Edwards	Greenwood	IN	08/05/2023	08/05/2023
Will	Edwards	Greenwood	IN	08/05/2023	08/05/2023
Bob	James	Franklin	IN	07/21/2023	07/21/2023
Kevin	Rairdon	Pittsboro	IN	07/18/2023	07/18/2023
Barri	Rairdon	Pittsboro	IN	07/18/2023	07/18/2023
Alan	Thompson	Carmel	IN	08/02/2023	08/02/2023
Craig	Ulmer	Zionsville	IN	07/18/2023	07/18/2023

Milestone anniversaries are for September.

Five Year – Gwen Faucett, Robert Kennedy

Twenty-Five Years – Ted Drummond

Thirty-Five Years – Todd Houtz

Forty Years - - John Bettinger

Josh Kikta – Membership



Cars & Coffee in Brownsburg, IN. Charles and Velma showing off some Solo cars at the Indy Booth

SOLO UPDATE:



September 2023 – Indy Solo

Title: Home Stretch!!!

By: James DaPuzzo

August has been a busy month. John Clyne was our Event Chair for CAM / XS Challenge on 8/12-13/23 @ Grissom Aeroplex. His team of Chiefs and Indy members who supported put on a wonderful event with great competition throughout all of the classes.

To close out August on 08/26-27/23 we have the Test & Tune Event @ Grissom Aeroplex. 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.

Looking forward to more the fun with cars in September. We will start with Friday Night Madness @ Indianapolis Speedrome on 09/15 ... a unique event Fun Event with a chance to run under the lights at a local site. We need to take back the Hoosier Challenge Trophy on Sunday 09/17. We close out the month with our last Fun Day on 09/30 and Points # 6 on 10/01 @ Grissom Aeroplex.

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



Solo Grid before the action starts at an Indy Solo at Grissom.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:



Hello, fellow Clutchers!

We had an excellent presence at the Cars and Coffee, hosted by Knowledge Services + The Club at Crosspoint back on July 29. We had many people stop by who were interested in our club. It was probably the most traffic since the beginning of the season!

We will also have a small presence at Motorsports Mania at Brownsburg Farmers Market on Thursday, August 24, from 4-7 PM. Please come and see the event!

Hope to see you at events that the Indy Region is involved in. Enjoy the long Labor day weekend.

Yours truly,
Charles Tashiro – Activities Chair



This MGB won the Vintage class in the 2023 One Lap of America.

ROAD RALLY UPDATE:



Sept. Road Rally Report

Fall is almost here and to help us get in the spirit, Rallymaster Jeff Alexander has been working on “**Ghoul Days**” - our October 28 game/adventure RoadRally. Assembly starts at 3:30pm and graduation ceremonies will be around 8:30pm

As a participant in this fun adventure, you will be seeking clues of past inhabitants in old schools, cemeteries and other spirited places. Using a map and a list of questions you plot the best way to get as many answers and to the end point within the 3 hour time limit.

Please note that if you take the full three hours you WILL be hunting after dark, so a good flashlight is necessary. This is a family-friendly event that ends in Camby. IN. Bring a friend, your spouse, your family or anybody else that wants to have an adventure and happy hunting!!

Details and registration can be found at msreg.com/GhoulDays

Happy Rallying!!! Wendy Harrison

SECRETARY REPORT – CLUB MEETING MINUTES:



7-11-2023 – Indianapolis Region Board Meeting

Dawson’s on Main - Speedway

Present: Ben Drexler, Vinnie Taibi, Chuck Hanson, Kevin Burns, Josh Kikta, Charles Tashiro, John Clyne, Wendy Harrison, James DaPuzzo, David Currey, Lee and Mickie Miller and Raleigh and Velma Boreen

Mike and Kitina Young via Zoom

Meeting called to order by Ben at 6:39 PM

Motion to approve the June minutes made by Charles, seconded by Josh. Motion passed. Minutes will be published in the next issue of the Clutch Chatter

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

- 611 members, 13 new members, 20 not renewed and 41 weekend members. Josh continues to communicate with the new members and those who have not renewed.

Treasury – Kitina

- No new major expenses
- Second half of the Fairgrounds payment is due
- Jim will be making a deposit for the June National Tour test and tune funds. Still waiting on payment from SCCA for National Tour event.

Website – John/Ben

- Ben continuing to work on the website

Clutch Chatter - Raleigh

- August issue of the Clutch Chatter will be out by the end of next week. Please get information to Raleigh by 7-17
- Discussion continues re: emailing CC to members.
- Charles offered to work on a spread sheet with member email addresses.

Activities – Charles

- Cars and Coffee scheduled for 7-29
- Subaru Challenge is scheduled for 8-19
- Discussed the Brownsburg car show prior to the US Nationals in Brownsburg on 8-24
 - Velma will contact them to get more information and find out if Indy Region is able to put a tent up at that show

Road Rally – Wendy

- The Putnam Purple Cow Road Rally was a good learning experience.
 - 3 cars ran and had a good time
 - Wendy realized that more free time is needed to host a Rally of this nature – perhaps during a Cars and Coffee with the end destination being a spot for lunch?
- The Halloween Rally is scheduled for 10-28. We are starting and ending an hour earlier.
- Wendy will be checking out alternative printing options, as FedEx is not giving any discounts

Solo – Jim

- The Fairgrounds event went well, considering the issues with weather.

- Big shoutout to the Fairgrounds personnel for helping with cleaning the course after the monsoon
- We had 85 competitors – Vinnie Taibi won the final challenge – bus ran well
- Jim would like to have a social after that event at Speedrome
- ProSolo at Grissom on August 4-6, hosted by Saginaw Valley Region
 - They can use any help that we can give them
 - They will pay separately for the dumpster
- CAM event at Grissom on August 11-13
 - Chiefs are in place
 - Tent/tables/chairs, dumpster and food have been finalized
- 50 new cones were received and are now in the bus
- Discussed the Jack Tovey Award and the process to ensure that award will be given out through at least 2034.
 - It is not a description that goes into the By-Laws
 - It should be part of the Solo program ops manual and will be added before the beginning of the 2024 season. This allows the new board to review and vote on change.
- Discussed using MSR for texting during an event.
 - Cost is \$40 for 3,000 texts

Time Trials - Vinnie

- The Putnam event went well with 75 entrants
 - Catering was well received
 - 4-5 new records were set at Putnam
- 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
 - Chris Carson has offered to help with project

Old Business

- Nothing

New Business

- The annual banquet is 6 months away
 - Mallow Run on January 13th.
 - Payment has already been made
 - Potentially use the Zionsville Bakery for catering
- David Currey will continue to shadow James DaPuzzo for the balance of 2023

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Next meeting is August 8th at Dawson's.

Velma Boreen – Secretary



Velma's helmet ready to go to Solo Nats in Lincoln

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 Lee Miller.

I have known Lee since 1983. By 1983 Lee had been a member of SCCA for over 10 years and had been involved with Solo for 19 years up to that point. Lee has been an active member of Indy Region for 48 years. Lee was born in Kentucky but his family moved to Central Indiana when he was just 3 years old. He

and his wife Reba were married for 58 years and had two daughters. Reba passed away in 2019. Lee remarried in 2020 to Mickie Norris, a lady he met through his and her daughters.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I went to my first Solo in 1964 in a VW Beetle. I saw the event running in a GM parking lot in Anderson. I tried it and I was hooked. I joined SCCA in 1973 so that I could be a member of the club and so that I could go to the Solo National Championship. I went to the Solo Nationals in 1974 in Columbus, OH. It was the first of 32 trips to the Solo Nationals for me. I hope to make the Solo Nationals this year in Lincoln, NE.

What activities do you participate in with Indy Region?

I have run a lot of Rallies and Solo's over the years. My real love is Solo. I have been on the Indy Board of Directors and enjoy helping the club.

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

I have always loved cars. I built "Stock Cars" in the 50's and 60's that ran at Sun Valley Raceway. The most interesting one was a 1959 Dodge that we took the top off so that it became a convertible. I painted it white with blue tail fins. It looked to be 3 miles long. It did well and we had some fun. I have run a bunch of cars over the years including VW Beetles, cars with motorcycle engines in them, a Renault SR5, a Dodge Dart, a GLH Turbo, a couple of Fiero's, a Low Cost Super 7, an SSC Toyota and even a GT40 kit car. The GT 40 was not my finest hour. It was so low and the windshield was so little you could not see out it once you got in. I used it at one event. Today Mickie and I run our 2019 Camaro in CAM C. We are looking forward to the 2021 Solo season.

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

I love spending time with my family. In fact, Mickie and I watch our great granddaughters 3 days a week. I worked for GM for over 30 years and I am enjoying retirement. I enjoy spending time with my SCCA friends.

Sitting in the Garage with:

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

This week's conversation is with Mike Cobb. Mike Cobb is the President and CEO of SCCA. He lives in Colleyville, TX. just outside of Dallas.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I joined the SCCA formally in 2007, although I met the SCCA many years ago as a youngster, when my Dad was participating in SCCA autocross events in the metropolis of Amarillo, Texas.

What activities do you participate in with SCCA?

My SCCA Region Home is the Texas Region. I started out running Solo events with TR but have also run Time Trials with them and have participated in several Track Night in America events out at MSR – Cresson. Across the past couple of years, I have also been fortunate to get my comp license in addition to my F&C license for Road Racing and look forward to competing locally one day soon.

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

As mentioned above, I met the SCCA many years ago as a youngster, when my Dad was participating in SCCA autocross events in Amarillo, Texas. In addition, my grandfather on my Mom's side ran a body shop while I was growing up, so I was surrounded by cars since my youth. So, through a family lens, I was always around cars and I have always loved the sense of freedom and speed that cars, motorcycles (anything that could go fast!), provided.

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

I want people to have "Fun with Cars", that is my goal. We just passed the mark of 65,000 members so we have seen some great growth over the last 12 months. I am looking forward to our Championship months with the 50th running of Solo Nationals in Sept., the 60th running of the RunOffs in Oct., the Rally Cross National Championship in late Sept. and the Time Trail Nationals in oct. We have some busy months ahead of ourselves.

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

Well, I'm still attracted to anything that goes fast i.e., motorcycles, downhill skiing, etc. But I'm also very family oriented and these days, I enjoy spending time with them doing anything or nothing at all. (And then I might sneak out to a SCCA event! 😊).....

Thanks Mike!!



Summer car shows are always fun

TIME TRIAL PROGRAM



ROUND 1
NEM 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?



Q: Who opened the first drive-in gas station?



See the back page for the answer



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 August 2023

July was a bit of a slower month for me. It'll pick up in August as I have three consecutive weekends that will have me on the road. First are the face to face meetings with the CRB and BoD in Kansas City (8/1-8/6). The following weekend, I'll be at the CAM Solo event in Indiana (8/11, 8/12) as well as a Club race at Mid-Ohio (8/13). That will be followed by flagging a Club Race at Grattan (8/18-8/20). Whew....no rest for the wicked, right?

All that said, my hip is scheduled to be replaced on 10/5. I'm not sure which, if any, of the championships I will attend.....or be allowed to attend. I'll keep everyone updated.

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

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (7/5): The CRB discussed a variety of topics as they prepare for their face to face meeting in Kansas City in August (8/3, 8/4). They reviewed the letters that came through the portal, discussed responding to a member about leaded fuel and worked on an F&C update about licensing. There was also a presentation by Eric Prill about an in-car flagging system called Flagtronics. With corner worker staffing declining, the Club needs to work on other methods to maintain control of the field on track. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (7/12): With last month's meeting cancelled and some question about the role EVAC has in the Club, we held a meeting with updates about our own action items (SCREV updates, training, decals, etc.).
- EVAC (7/18): The Solo Events Board (SEB) had come up with some questions about the SCREV and Solo. As a result, a small group of us walked through those questions with Nick Dunlap. He would report back to the SEB and get them prepared for the face to face BoD meeting in Kansas City in August.
- Board of Directors (BoD) (7/24): As we are having a face to face meeting in August (8/4, 8/5) we decided to cancel this meeting.

SCCA Events:

- None (for a change)

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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



Dallas Reed, an Indy Region member, getting the 1st Place trophy for winning the XS Challenge for the 2nd year in a row at the 2023 CAM/XS Challenge event at the Grissom Air Base. Hope he does well in Lincoln.

***** 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.

A: Gulf Oil opened up the first station in Pittsburgh in 1913.