

Clutch Chatter

Indianapolis Region SCCA



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Clutch Chatter Editor – Raleigh Boreen

On Saturday night, January 13th, Indy Region had their Annual Banquet and Awards ceremony at Mallow Run on the south side of Indy. 110 people had reservations and we had over 100 people inspite of the crazy winter weather. The photo above by John Wilmoth, shows enjoyment from the past with Jack Tovey who we lost this past summer. The Tovey Cup is the highest honor an Indy Solo Driver can receive. Charles Tashiro and Mike Young shared the Emcee duties for the night. Our 2024 Board of Directors was introduced and we all got a chance to Thank the 2023 Board of directors for a job well done. **2024 is upon us and I hope everyone has a great year!!!**

Great Lakes Spring Training Meeting

In Ft. Wayne on March 2nd. Registration is available on MSR. This is a great Spring meeting to attend for all members and specialties.

Visit a Car Collection

Saturday March 9th – Join Indy Region members visiting a couple of private car collections in the Indy area. Watch Indy Facebook for more details.

Indy Region

Monthly meeting at City Barbeque, 621 W. 11th St. in Downtown Indy near IUPUI on Feb. 13th at 6:30

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RE REPORT – MIKE YOUNG

Hello Fellow Region Members:

2024 has started out with some cold weather but it should make us much more appreciative of the good weather come spring to have “Fun with Cars” That is the theme for 2024 and the year is jam packed with fun things to do. The Spring meeting in Ft. Wayne on March 2nd is a great way to get the seasons started. There will be training and info about Rally, Solo, Time Trials, Rally Cross and Road Racing. Mark March 9th on your calendars. Join Raleigh, Charles and more club members for a Saturday to visit a couple of really neat car collections in the Indy area. These are private tours for Indy Region members. Watch for more info on upcoming Indy Region Rallies, Solos and Time Trial events.

Mike Young – Regional Executive

INDY REGION MEMBERSHIP REPORT:



Membership – Josh Kikta Membership Chairman

This is Josh's last report as the 2024 Membership Chair is Dustin Hitze.

We currently have 568 members! There are 7 new Indy members from 11/13/2023 (last date I used for the CC) to 1/13/2024.

| First Name | Last Name | City | State | SCCA Join Date | Region Join Date |
|------------|------------|----------------|-------|----------------|------------------|
| Alex | DaSilva | Carmel | IN | 12/01/2023 | 12/01/2023 |
| Michael | Haas | Plainfield | IN | 11/24/2023 | 11/24/2023 |
| Amanda | Wilson | Alexandria | IN | 12/10/2023 | 12/10/2023 |
| Weihao | Chen | West Lafayette | IN | 12/24/2023 | 12/24/2023 |
| Micheal | Halikowski | Indianapolis | IN | 01/01/2024 | 01/01/2024 |
| John | Mathai | Indianapolis | IN | 12/16/2023 | 12/16/2023 |
| Milo | Mossman | Columbus | IN | 03/16/2022 | 01/11/2024 |

Milestone anniversaries for January & February are:

Five Years – Gary Crispin

Ten Years – Stacey Andrews, Steven Andrews, Max Grau, Justin Tysdal

Twenty Years – Mark Manninen

Josh Kikta – Membership

*****Thanks, Josh, for a great job!! Welcome aboard to Dustin*****



Mandy Clyne, Thank you for the "Center Pieces" at the Banquet



Lots of trophies at the Banquet, highlighting a very successful season in Time Trials

SOLO UPDATE:

Two Solo reports this month, one for out going Chairman James DaPuzzo and one for incoming Chairman David Currey

Title: Great Solo Season in 2023

Our 2023 Solo Season was a blast, great points battle, and enjoyed honoring our Champions at the Season Ending Banquet. Here a list of those who we got a chance to honor:

| Class | 1st Place | 2nd Place | 3rd Place | Honorable Mention |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| Jack Tovey Cup | Kevin Keys | | | |
| Rookie of the Year | Samuel Campbell | | | |
| Boreen Spirit of Solo | Lee Miller | | | |
| Super Street | Lou Savino | Michael Young | | Jim Johnson |
| A Street | Darren Daubenspeck | | | |
| B Street | James DaPuzzo | | | John Robbins /Jeff McGrew |
| C Street | Michael James | Jeff Luebker | | Lee Miler |
| C Street Ladies | Mickie Miller | | | |
| D Street | Cathy Kenny | Kevin Kirchoff | Matt Adams | Gary Crispin / Faythe Rush |
| F Street | Chris Wheatley | | | Milo Mossman |
| G Street | Jordan Allen | Matt Rogers | | |
| H Street | Vincent Taibi | Justin Lawrence | Anthony Cope | Rex Little |
| Street Touring Ultra | Dale Brier | | | |
| Street Touring Xtreme | Kevin Berba | | | Aldrin Natividad |
| Street Touring Hatch | Bradley James | Samuel Campbell | | |
| Street Modified Street Tire | Dustin Hitze | | | Jacob Ross |
| D Prepared | Curtiss Malicoat Jr | | | |
| F Prepared | David Currey | | | Norm Currey |
| D Modified | Stephen Brinkerhoff | | | |
| D Modified Ladies | Wanda Brinkerhoff | | | |
| E Modified | Jeff Alexander | | | |
| CAM-C | Lyle Linville | Chuck Nienhouse | John Clyne | Seth Fultz |
| CAM-T | Raleigh Boreen | Velma Boreen | | |
| CAM-S | Kevin Keys | | | |
| Pro Class | Dallas Reed | | | |

Here is quick look at the participation on 2023 Vs. 2022. Overall numbers were flat. One call out is the School and Fun Events category showed the most growth this year.

| | Points | Driver School & Fun Events | Total | Members | Non - Member |
|---------------------------|--------|----------------------------|-------|---------|--------------|
| 2023 Hosted Events | 5 | 6 | 11 | | |
| Drivers | 442 | 378 | 820 | 80% | 20% |
| Avg | 88 | 63 | 75 | | |
| 2022 Hosted Events | 6 | 5 | 11 | | |
| Drivers | 529 | 282 | 811 | | |
| Avg | 88 | 56 | 74 | | |

Next is a thank you once again to our Chiefs that gave of their time and talent to ensure our members a great time at:

- (7) Points events
- (3) Fun events
- (4) Different sites (Grissom, Fairgrounds, Speedrome, & Seymour)
- (2) National Events @ Grissom (National Tour & CAM)
- (2) Showdown Events with Columbus ... we tied (1) each
- (2) Events in Indianapolis (Fairgrounds & Speedrome)
- (1) Night Event ... a first time event under the lights at the Indianapolis Speedrome

Looking forward to the 2024 season!!!

James DaPuzzo – 2023 Solo Chair

David Currey's 1st Solo Report

Greetings everyone! This is my first of many entries in the Clutch Chatter. I'm looking forward to the excitement of the start of a new season! To kick things off I have organized a Training Day for anyone interested in filling great volunteering roles at events. A big thank you to Chris Brake for taking his time to give instruction and Joe Hirsch for hosting the event at his shop. Everyone is welcome to attend. A good knowledge base of event operations is crucial to our race day flowing smoothly.

Due to their popularity last year, we have some returning events from last season. The showdown with our sister region, Columbus will be held at the Fairgrounds and our final points will be hosted by them. Columbus took the bragging rights away from us at the end of the season, so we need to bring the speed if are to take it back! Another return that was new last year was our Friday Night Lights event at the Speedrome. Everyone at that event loved the spectacle of the quick course around the oval under the lights.

A new event to begin the season will be a return to Lincoln Tech. We are helping Activities with a program called Street Survival. This is a non-competitive school meant to teach young drivers about how the car handles in adverse conditions and give them an understanding of how tractor trailers see the road as well. Street Survival is a defensive driving school not a Solo school. Members are encouraged to give it a look if they have teenage to young adults that could benefit from such knowledge. Registration for Street Survival is already open on Motorsportsreg. The next day, we are hosting an autocross event at Lincoln Tech. It is sure to draw some attention being in the middle of a commercial area in Indy!

There are some class changes as well. National office has added some Spec Classes for you to try out: Club Spec MX-5 and Mustang. Returning to our Region is the once popular SMS class. To help the newcomer who may be daunted by sifting the rules, it was decided that ZF class could encourage those to just "run what they bring."

Indy Region is hosting the Hoosier Challenge this year. Those Columbus folk are fast, so let's do our best to bring the trophy back to Indy! Cam Challenge and National Tour have swapped their usual dates this year, but of course we would love to see you at these events in any case. Participating in the National events is very important to the health of our Solo program. Make sure you run one or both of those events.

The 2024 Solo Event Schedule:

| | |
|----------|-----------------|
| 04/20/24 | Street Survival |
| 04/21/24 | Fun #1 |
| 05/04/24 | Driver School |

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|----------|--|
| 05/05/24 | Points #1 @ Grissom |
| 05/31/24 | Cam Challenge @ Grissom |
| 06/01/24 | Cam Challenge @ Grissom |
| 06/02/24 | Cam Challenge @ Grissom |
| 06/15/24 | Points #2 – GLDS @Grissom |
| 06/16/24 | Points #3 – GLDS @Grissom |
| 07/13/24 | Indy Vs. Col Points # 4 – Fairgrounds |
| 08/03/24 | Points # 5 @ Grissom |
| 08/04/24 | Points # 6 - Hoosier - Grissom |
| 08/09/24 | National Tour @ Grissom |
| 08/10/24 | National Tour @ Grissom |
| 08/11/24 | National Tour @ Grissom |
| 08/24/24 | Test & Tune |
| 08/25/24 | Test & Tune |
| 09/13/24 | Friday Night Madness Fun # 2- Speedrome |
| 09/28/24 | Fun Day #3 @ Grissom |
| 09/29/24 | Points #7 @ Grissom |
| 10/13/24 | Indy Vs. Col Points # 8 - Seymour / Walesboro(?) |

Thank you to James DaPuzzo for his leadership in the Solo Program. Best of luck to the new Solo Chair – David Currey



Lee & Mickie Miller, Lee was awarded the “Boreen Spirit of Solo Award”, Mickie won CSL for Indy Region and both won their classes in the Great Lakes Solo Series. A good night for the Millers.



Darren and Jill having a good time at the Banquet. Darren took home 1st place in AS for the year in Solo.



The Kikta family having a good time at the Banquet



Lou Savino, the SS Champ in Solo for 2024



Jeff Alexander the EM Champ for Indy Region and the Great Lakes Solo Series.



Our fearless leader – Mike Young

ACTIVITIES REPORT:



January Activities Report

Happy belated New Year, fellow Clutchers!

I hope your Holidays were pleasant and you're looking forward to the New Year with all kinds of fun with cars! Personally, I'm looking forward to participating in all of our programs this year, especially with a new car to play with!

We had over 100 people sign up for the Annual Banquet, but had about 85-90 show up. There was bad weather and folks coming from Kentucky didn't want to chance it, which was quite understandable. Regardless, we had a really good showing. Congratulations, too, to all of the award winners! For next year and since we're anticipating a big year for our club, we're looking at increasing the capacity to 125 or so. Be looking for that again next January. And for all those who came, thank you! We had a really good time!

Winter is slow for our club, with only the Winter Karting League going on right now. Events #4 and #5 are upcoming with dates being 2/18 and 3/17, respectively. Please see registration and information through MotorSportReg.com.

On March 9th Raleigh is setting up a tour of a couple of private car collections here in the Indianapolis area. Stay tuned for more information. We probably will be limited to 50 people or less for the tour.

On March 22-24 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, we will have four cars representing our club on display at the World of Wheels. As of now, those cars will be Dave Currey's Honda Civic, Chuck Smith's Tiga FFA-81, Mike Young's new C8 Z06, and my 2023 GR Supra. There will also be a booth to represent our club, so we'll be asking for volunteers to be there, about two to four people at a time so that it's not too crowded, to take questions and create interest about our programs.

On April 20, the Tire Rack Street Survival at Lincoln College of Technology will return after being absent for a few years. Capacity is limited to 24 and as of now, 11 have registered. Please see the event for more information and registration at MotorSportReg.com. The program is designed for young/new drivers (16-21 years old) with the primary emphasis being a hands-on driving experience in real-world situations.

And once again, we plan to have a presence at different Cars and Coffee gatherings to take questions and create interest about our programs. But instead of making hard plans to be at organized C&C events, we will make presence at the fluid or independent shows by creating a caravan or have a grouping of cars. Dates will also be fluid, so please be sure to check on social media pages for announcements.

Yours truly,

Charles Tashiro – Activities Chair



Charles and his wife Kelley. Charles was our main organizer of the banquet and one of two Emcees



Sam Campbell enjoying himself. He took home 2nd place in STH for the Solo Season



Greeting everyone as they came in to Mallow Run, were Kevin Burns and his fiancé Jackie. We could not have picked better greeters!! Congratulations to Kevin and Jackie on their engagement.

ROAD RALLY UPDATE:



Thanks for participating in the 2023 Indy Region Road Rally Series of events.

2023 RoadRally Championship

Congratulations to 2023 Indianapolis RoadRally Champion VELMA BOREEN!! Velma competed in three rallies in 2023 and won most of them. She was awarded a trophy and shirt at the Awards Banquet on January 13. Raleigh Boreen was awarded a trophy for second place. Excellent job, Velma and Raleigh!!

2023 Holiday Shopping Shuffle Recap

Five teams competed in this year's Holiday Shopping Shuffle, then gathered to celebrate at Wings Etc. after the event. The food and toys gathered almost filled the trunk of my car (see picture below.) A food pantry in downtown Mooresville was very appreciative of the donation. They sponsored a Christmas Store for their clients in December and were happy to take the toys in addition to the food.

This is a tough rally to run since it involves a lot of strategy, night driving, and some hard decision making. Congratulations to Raleigh and Velma Boreen for their first-place finish and very high score. Below are all the teams that competed.

| <u>Place</u> | <u>Car #</u> | <u>Driver/Navigator</u> | <u>Net Bonus Points</u> |
|--------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 4 | Raleigh Boreen/Velma Boreen | 76 |
| 2 | 2 | David Greenburg/Alice Greenburg | 54 |
| 3 | 3 | Charles Nienhouse/Catharine Nienhouse | 50 |
| 4 | 1 | Benjamin Drexler/Ken Drexler | 43 |
| 5 | 5 | Jeff Alexander/Marcia Alexander | 21 |

Saturday, December 2 is the date for this year's Holiday Shopping Shuffle. We will once again be gathering toys for children along with food to stock a local food pantry on this crazy adventure-style rally. Feedback from contestants last year indicated that the rally would be more fun with some daylight, so we will be moving the start time to 4:00pm this year. Gathering for the event will start around 3:00pm and we should be done by 7:30pm. We will still finish in the dark, but it's hard to avoid that in December. Besides, the light displays look better at night!

Happy Rallying!!! Wendy Harrison



Here is the food we gave to the shelter from the December Rally.



Velma Boreen getting her Road Rally Championship Award from Chuck Hansen

SECRETARY REPORT – CLUB MEETING MINUTES:



11-14-2023 – Indianapolis Region Board Meeting

Dawson's on Main - Speedway

Present: Ben Drexler, Vinnie Taibi, Chuck Nienhouse, Josh Kikta, Lee and Mickie Miller, Chuck Hanson, David Currey, Jim DaPuzzo, Kevin Burns, Wendy Harrison, Mike Young, John and Mandy Clyne, Chris Wheatley, Faythe Rush, Raleigh and Velma Boreen.

Via call in: Kitina Young

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

Motion to approve the October minutes made by Jim, seconded by Kevin. Motion passed. Minutes will be published in the next issue of the Clutch Chatter

RE Report – Mike

- December meeting will be held at Mike and Kitina Young's home.
- January meeting will be held during the annual awards banquet.
- Work is being done on the schedule for next season for all programs.
 - New chairs will be working with current chairs
 - Encourage more people to come and step up to help.

Membership - Josh

- 585 members, 4 new members, 10 expired and no weekend members.
- Josh will not be continuing as the membership chair.

Treasurer Report – Kitina

- Payment has been made to Mallow Run for the January banquet
- Still waiting on funds coming in from Time Trials

Website – John/Ben

- Updates will be sent to John at the end of the week to update the website.
- Routing issues have been fixed.
- Mike will have a discussion with John Wilmoth regarding updating the look of the website.

Clutch Chatter - Raleigh

- Clutch Chatter for December/January will be out the week of 11-20. Raleigh asks that program chairs get articles to him by 11-17.

Activities – Charles

- Indoor Karting begins 11-19.
 - Registration open and is on Indy Region website.
- Banquet is scheduled for January 13 at Mallow Run
 - Registration is open and can be found on MotorsportsReg.
- Work continues with Lincoln Tech for the Tire Rack Street Survival event on April 20, 2024.
 - We will need to get members to go through the online training to become instructors.
- Finalizing plans for the World of Wheels in March.

Road Rally – Wendy

- Ghoul Days Rally was successful with 11 cars and 30 people
 - Wings, etc. was the final destination.
 - Several surveys were returned.
 - Email and Facebook were where people found out about the Rally.
- Christmas Shopping Shuffle is scheduled for 12-2, starting and ending at Wings, etc.
 - Registration is open for that event.

Solo – Jim

- Jim and Kevin will be finalizing the year end trophies.
- Bus issue continues to be a topic of discussion
 - New board will be making financial decisions on what needs to be done.
- Jim and David would like to have the 2024 schedule set by the banquet, but at the latest the World of Wheels.
 - There will be a couple of changes in the National schedule at Grissom
 - Jim would like to have a combined time event at Grissom, run more like a National event.
- Jim is working on a third Indy site, in addition to the Fairgrounds and Speedrome
- Indy Region is the host for the Hoosier Challenge in 2024.
- Scheduling all of Indy Region events needs to be a concerted effort by all program chairs.

Time Trials – Vinnie

- The Region has had good growth this year.
 - Ben will be co-chair with Vinnie in 2024.
- Indy Region will have three Time Trial weekends and will partner with other Regions.
 - May 18/19 – NCM, partner Kentucky Region
 - June 29/30 – Putnam
 - August 17/18 – Putnam, partner with Kentucky Region
 - October 4/5 – Gingerman
 - October 23/27 – Time Trial Nationals at NCM
 - Need to work on getting the Time Trial schedule on the Divisional website
- Call goes out again for more volunteers.

Old Business

- Mike wants to have a review of the By-Laws.
 - He will contact Bruce Faucett to assist with that project
- Indy Region 2024 Election of Officials
 - Raleigh, Mandy and Chuck have contacted approximately 85 people to fill out the ballot.
- Area 4 Elections are open until November 15th.

New Business

- No new business.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM. December meeting will not be at Dawson's. Date, place and time to be announced by Thanksgiving.

Velma Boreen – Secretary

***** Thank you to Velma for being our secretary for the last four years and best of luck to our new secretary Faythe Rush.*****



Come join us at Fast Times for our Indoor Kart Series

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 Heyward Wagner, Senior Director, Rally/Solo and Experiential Programs.

Heyward Wager is part of the SCCA National Staff. Velma and I have known Heyward for over 15 years. Heyward, Tiffany and their three children live in Weaverville, NC just outside of Asheville, NC. As with many of the SCCA staff he lives remote from the office in Topeka, KS because he is on the road for events constantly.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I have been a member of SCCA since 1989 with an individual membership. When I was born my parents were SCCA members and race workers. I grew up at Road Atlanta going to the races and if I wasn't at Road Atlanta, we were going to Chimney Rock for Hill Climb events. I was on a family membership with my parents starting in the early 70's.

What activities do you participate in with SCCA?

I have been a worker at races and have driven in Time Trial and Track Night events. But the majority of my participation has been as an autocrosser over the years. I got hooked on Solo in the late 90's. I loved seeing the Honda CRX's run in Road Racing. I needed a car and was going to get a CRX with the SI package.

Instead, I was shown a Honda Civic with the SI package. It was more practical and became a good everyday car and a great Solo car. My position at SCCA now allows me to go to all of the National Championship events and many of the National events throughout the year. I do not get to participate as much as I would like to but I really enjoy watching our members enjoy SCCA events.

What was your first car?

It was 1996 when I was purchased my first new car. It was going to be either a Jeep Cherokee or a Honda Civic SI. I purchased the Civic and the rest is history. I have had one Civic or another for the last 26 years.

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

As I said my parents were huge SCCA members and fans of Road Racing. That is what got my interested. As soon as I was old enough to work corners at races I was hooked. My father was a professor at Clemson University when we went to Road Atlanta all of the time. By the time I was ready for college we were living in Hickory, NC., so now I went to other tracks in the Southeast. I started doing autocross events in College at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. When I got the Civic SI in 1996, I decided to get serious about Solo with SCCA. My interest in the Club and my experience in various programs opened the door for me to work for SCCA. I hired on in 2014 and it has been an interesting ride. I love working for the club and interacting with so many interesting people.

What would you like to see SCCA do in 2024 and coming years?

I love looking for "What's Next" for the club. I am excited about the two new Spec Classes for Solo and Time Trials. I am excited to see the processes that we have put in place with the Club work. I want all of us to have good experiences as members and as staff. I am hoping that the things the Club puts in place are sustainable. We do not want to have quick fixes to issues; we want well thought out sustainable fixes to our problems as they arise.

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

Tiffany and I love spending time with the kids. It can be a struggle in Motorsports as I am gone many weekends. I love to hike and mountain bike with the kids. We take a family trip to Maine each year. We love hiking and biking in Acadia National Park, hence my daughter's name. There are always projects on the house to do, so that keeps me busy in my spare time. I enjoy cooking. I just do not find enough time to do it as much as I would like to.

Sitting in the Garage with:

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

This month's conversation is with Indy Region Member Norm Currey

Velma and I have gotten to know Norm and his son David over the last couple of years seeing Norm at Solo's and Road Rally's. Norm was born in Toronto, Canada and his family moved to Atlanta, GA. when he was three years old. Norm became a Naturalized US citizen in 1973. Norm's college degree is in Industrial Engineering. Norm and his wife Clair moved from the SE part of the country to Marion, IN. in 1997. They now live in Lafayette, IN. and have been there for the last 9 years. Norm retired in Sept. 2022 as a Safety Manager for Indiana Packers in Delphi. He now works part time at a Menards Store in Lafayette to help pay for his car hobby.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I became a member of the SCCA in 2018. I purchased a 2005 350 Z in 2015 and wanted to do some type of racing with it. I loved driving it on the street. I took it to a Solo at Grissom in 2018 on All Season tires and I had a blast. I immediately knew I was destined to buy better tires so I could Solo and do Track events with the Z.

What activities do you participate in with Indy Region?

My son, David, and I have been involved with Indy Region events since 2018. I have run as many Solos as possible since beginning in 2018. David and I have run Time Trial events also since 2018. We really enjoyed the Halloween Rally in 2023. It was our first Rally ever. We plan on participating in more Rallies in 2024.

What was your first car?

My first car was a 1962 VW Beetle. It needed a lot of work to keep it running. My next car was a 1974 Capri. After the Capri it was family cars until 2015 when I got the Nissan 350 Z.

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

I have always liked cars. My roommate in College also had a Capri. Several of my friends in college had muscle cars so it was fun riding around with them. I enjoyed working on my cars both the VW and the Capri. I even helped a friend build a Dune Buggy out of an old VW. Once we moved to Marion, IN., I was hooked on seeing the Indy 500. I have been to the race and Carb Day many times since we have lived in Indiana. I love the whole month of May.

What would you like to see Indy Region do in 2024 and coming years?

I want to support the Solo program and my son, David, who will be Indy Region's Solo Chair in 2024. My plan is to be at every Solo event. My plan is to run as many Indy Region events as possible in 2024 with Solos, Rallies and Time Trial events. The club is so welcoming and friendly. I hope that never changes. One thing I would like to see is more people staying around for trophies at Solo events and even going out for a late lunch with people from the event.

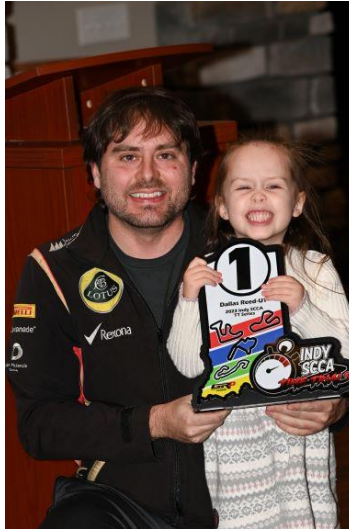
Outside of SCCA, what is something you really enjoy doing?

Clair and I love to travel. Our goal is to get to all 50 states. We have been to 28 so far. So far, I have done Track events at four (4) different tracks. I am hoping to add some more to my list over the next few years. I have been involved with Scouting for most of my life and I want to write a book about my experiences in Scouting. From Webelo's to Eagle Scouts I have a lot of things to share and talk about. I also love to do handyman projects around the house. My retirement is very busy.



Father & Son at the Banquet. David giving his Dad, Norm his Solo trophy





Dallas Reed and his daughter picking up his 1st Place trophy in Time Trials



Cathy and Kevin getting 1st and 2nd trophies in DS. Cathy beat all of the guys this year.



Jim DaPuzzo and Sandy Tovey taking about the Tovey Cup winner, Kevin Keys

Training Day 2024

Indy Region Solo

For anyone interested in learning how Solo operates day of events or looking to contribute more to the club.

Lunch will be provided!

Highly recommended for Solo Chiefs.

Instructed by Chris Brake

March 16th -- 9am till around 3pm

1719 English Ave -- Hosted by Joe Hirsch
Indianapolis, IN



TIME TRIAL PROGRAM



Time Trial 2024 Schedule

INDY SCCA TIME TRIALS

ROUND 1
APRIL 13-14
INDY NATIONAL TOUR

ROUND 2
MAY 18-19
KENTUCKY NATIONAL TOUR

ROUND 3+4
JUNE 28-30

ROUND 5
AUGUST 9
W/DVR

ROUND 6+7
AUGUST 17-18
INDIANA VS KENTUCKY

ROUND 8+9
OCTOBER 5-6

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RECAP of 2023 Indy Time Trial Season

2023 was the great year for the Indy SCCA Time Trials program! Growth from 2022 rolled over into 2022 with the addition of new partnerships and tracks. Kentucky Region brought NCM to our schedule and OVR partnered with us to bring the first and only standalone Time Trials event to the world famous Mid-Ohio! We had our biggest Putnam event ever, despite very poor weather conditions on Saturday morning. The track dried out and we still managed to set 6 track records. That is a huge amount of success for sub-optimal conditions with over 5 years of data collection. Gingerman, Mid-Ohio, and Putnam Park were 3 of the top 4 largest attended SCCA Time Trial events of 2023, losing only to the VIR National Tour event (Virginia International Raceway). We would also like to thank Graham Rahal Performance (GRP) for sponsoring our Putnam Park weekend and allowing us to spread the joy of amateur motorsports into the community at their Cars and Coffee events! 2023 was great, but we look forward to an even better 2024!

SEASON AHEAD 2024

2024 will be our biggest season yet! We have expanded to 9 rounds over 6 weekends. We have more points events than the Time Trials National Tour and our autocross program for the first time. We will return to NCM and kept our traditional Putnam weekend. Our Mid-Ohio collaboration with OVR will continue into 2024 and we will return to Gingerman for a standalone Indy event. Kentucky Region has partnered with us for a 2nd Putnam Park weekend for a special Indiana vs Kentucky event, similar to the Hoosier Challenge. NCCC (Corvette Club) will also be hosting an event within our event for one of our Putnam weekends. If you're a Corvette owner, this is a great chance to get involved in both great clubs. Gingerman will also feature a new bracket racing format on Sunday to spice up the end of the season. Our TBA event was also announced at our banquet as ROAD AMERICA! Despite talks with Milwaukee and Chicago Regions breaking down to split the rental, the national office has offered to pick up the tab and we will host the event with our regional staff. We couldn't be happier for the success and attendance numbers that regions all across our club have tried to emulate. As always, we're looking for more drivers and volunteers to get involved, reach out to me at IndySCCATT@gmail.com or visit our website at IndyTrackDays.com for more info.

Watch for more information to come on the 2024 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



Natalie Corder receiving her Time Trails 3rd place trophy from Tyler Rush. Natalie is on the 2024 Indy Region Board Directors.

DID YOU KNOW?



SCCA Hall of Fame

What is the SCCA Hall of Fame? When did it start? Who is in the Hall of Fame? How do SCCA members get chosen to be inducted into the Hall of Fame? Is there a way that I can get involved?

All of these are very good questions and since we are midway through the SCCA National Convention, perhaps this is the time to answer some of these questions. And I will go directly to the source – the SCCA website – to answer some of these questions.

What is the SCCA Hall of Fame and when did it start?

The Hall of Fame formation was announced February 7, 2004 at the National Convention. The purpose of the Sports Car Club of America Hall of Fame is to preserve, protect and record the history and accomplishments of the Club for current and future members by recognizing those members who have had a significant impact on the Club and the sport. This may be through service to the national organization, achievements in competition, advancement of the sport, or bringing recognition to the SCCA that inspires enthusiasts to seek out and become members of the SCCA.

The Hall of Fame Inductees listed below were chosen by the Hall of Fame Committees from nominations received from the SCCA membership.

(I'm not going to list all of the Hall of Fame inductees here. Currently there are over 100 people in the SCCA Hall of Fame. Check out the SCCA website for that complete list.)

How do SCCA members get chosen to be inducted into the Hall of Fame?

Any SCCA member may submit a nomination for consideration of induction into the SCCA Hall of Fame. This submission should describe in enough detail to paint a picture of how this nominee impacted the development of the SCCA in the ways noted above. The deadline for submitting a nomination is June 15.

Four committees operate the SCCA Hall of Fame in conjunction with the SCCA Executive Management Team.

1. The Steering Committee oversees the general operation of the process through seeking candidates to serve on the committees, reviewing procedures periodically, and making recommendations to the SCCA.
2. The Legacy Committee researches and seeks out nominations for SCCA members that impacted the SCCA's development in the first one third of its history, annually submitting up to five names to the Selection Committee for induction consideration.
3. The Nominating Committee reviews nominations received from the SCCA membership and annually submits up to ten names to the Selection Committee for induction consideration.

4. The Selection Committee reviews the names submitted by the Legacy and Nominating Committees and then decides on those chosen for induction by late November, with a portion of the Inductees coming from each Committee.

Once the SCCA President/CEO has contacted the Inductees or their families, the names of the Inductees are formally announced. The induction ceremony is conducted at the Hall of Fame Banquet portion of the annual SCCA National Convention.

I have served on two of the committees over the past several years. All of the committees have term limits of 3-4 years. The first committee was the selection committee and most recently, I served on the nominating committee. Both committees present their own set of challenges and rewards. There is a list of all members who have been nominated and that list stays active until the person “gets the nod” that they will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. There are some pretty interesting nominations. Everything from multiple pages (like 36 pages of nomination!) to something as simple as “Member XYZ – ‘nuff said.” There is a happy medium but “ ‘nuff said” will most assuredly not make the cut. If you chose to nominate someone, make sure you have enough of their SCCA history to make the nomination stand out. Talk to other people who may know the nominee and ask them for information or to write a nomination.

We do have an Indy Region member in the Hall of Fame – Peter Hylton. Take a few minutes to look at the list on the SCCA website. There are very notable people on that list and we should be proud to have them in our Hall of Fame.

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Notes from the Director’s Chair

Area 4 Director Update for December 2023

This is a bit late this month but that was deliberate for a change. I wanted to include details about my trip to Kansas City for the BoD meeting. I drove out on 11/29, visited some family who live near there and went to the site on 12/1. We met on 12/2 and I drove home on 12/3. Whew! 1767 miles in five days.

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

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (11/7): The CRB reviewed the strategy for data collection for 2024. Which tracks, what races, etc. They also had an involved discussion on the future of the Club Racing program. In the end, it was obvious that we need to have a strategic planning meeting in the spring. This will allow us to focus on the long-term planning of the program. I have already started working with John LaRue (CRB Chair) on this. Like every other monthly meeting, the open letters were reviewed as well. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (11/8): Final revisions of the latest SCREV update were discussed. These would be passed on to the BoD for review and promulgation. We reviewed pending letters. We also discussed hosting a town hall type meeting for our December time slot so folks could query us about the committee and its work.
- Board of Directors (BoD) (11/27): With a face to face meeting coming up next week, we cancelled this particular meeting.

SCCA Events:

Board of Directors (BoD) (12/2): Once again, our face-to-face meeting was very productive. Just so you know, I'll share a bit about how they work. We receive updates and forecasts from all the senior national staff. This includes Mike Cobb (President), Eric Prill / Deanna Flanagan (Club Racing), Heyward Wagner (Experiential), Jeff Dahnert (Business Operations), Robey Clark (SCCA Enterprises), Kristen Poole (Marketing) and Chris Robbins (Regional Development). During each report the members will pepper the presenter with questions, so we have a better understanding of the topic. These presentations take most of the morning and may drift into the afternoon. After that, we then hear from the various program board liaisons and act upon any rules changes that may be pending.

Mike showed us his proposed budget for 2024 and it looks very encouraging. We are in a pretty good financial position. We will be able to take on new personnel and work on new projects for the members. In addition to updates about Solo, RallyCross and Hill Climb, Heyward gave us more details about the Club Spec idea. It looks very promising with the S197 Mustang and NC Miata as options. I encourage everyone to investigate it by clicking [here](#) for more details.

This particular meeting also had a wide ranging discussion about various SCCA yearly awards (Wolff Barnato, Member of Excellence, etc.). We concluded the day by closing the 2023 meeting and opening the 2024 meeting. This involved welcoming the two new members, selecting officers for the 2024 Board and making committee assignments. As for me, I will continue to be a liaison with the CRB as well as Chair the EVAC.

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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



Jessy Plant getting his 1st Place trophy in the Time Trials



Jacob Hirsch getting his 1st Place trophy for the Time Trial season.



Kitina Young our Treasurer giving her 2023 report. Kitina is stepping down and John Clyne is our new Treasurer for 2024. Thank you to Kitina for being our Treasurer for the last four years.



Vinnie Taibi announcing the Time Trial Trophy winners. He is the Chairman for the Indy TT Program.



Good friends, Ron Conrad and Norm Currey sharing a moment at the Indy Awards Banquet

I leave you with this thought. In SCCA we all came for the cars and stayed for the people. We all have a lot of good friends through our years in the SCCA and with Indy Region.



*****Next Issue of the Clutch Chatter will be early March as the March/April issue. After that it will be once a month for the rest of the year. *****

FOR SALE

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