

**The Jack Tovey Solo Cup
Solo2 Series Championship
Indianapolis Region SCCA**

Jack Tovey was born on June 17, 1934. That makes him one of the few racers forced to collect Social Security. Jack has always lived in Indiana, mostly in the Columbus and Indianapolis area. He now resides in Plainfield, IN with his wife Sandy who is a language teacher. Jack has autocrossed just about everything:

1938 Plymouth, 1950 Chevy Bel Air coupe, Buick Roadmaster, Nash Rambler, Alfa Veloce, MGB, Triumph Spitfire, Peugeots, Saabs, Sunbeam Tiger, five VW Siroccos, Corvettes, Detamaso Pantera, Olds Toronado, Ford Station Wagon, four Ford Mustangs, Porsche 911 Targa, Toyota MR2, Dodge Colt, Olds Cutlass, Lincolns, Cadillacs, Volvos, Mazdas, Pontiacs, Ford Splash Pickup, Chevy Truck, Hondas, open wheel race cars such as a silver Super Vee w/ a Drake engine, Lola Super Vee, a Suzuki powered FC, a BMW M3 Lightweight, Fiats, Lancias, a Ford van, Renaults, Daewos, and even Telstar, Bart, and Chinook motorhomes! This eclectic groups surely is the most diverse imaginable.

Jack was educated at Indiana University and at the John Heron Art Institute. For several years Jack tried to support himself by art painting. He also attended Wabash College.

Jack became a Pedorthist, which is a form of foot appliance specialist, in 1970. At one time Jack owned six of his own Tovey Shoe Stores. But Jack claims to be slowing down. Jack also has an amazing deep baritone singing voice that has been showcased at SCCA events such as the Solo2 Nationals Talent Show. He studied voice at I.U. and sang at Carnegie Hall with excellent reviews. He also sang with a Religious "Masters Quartet" on WLW.

Jack first got interested in fast cars when his neighbor got a new 55 Corvette. He was hooked by "performance envy" and has never looked back. He started attending Rallies and Gymkhanas (gimmick autocrosses) in the 1950s. He remembers CSCC (Columbus Sports Car Club) events in the Public Service parking lot, and then at the Walesboro airport, which CSCC has since returned to. Some of these Gymkhanas even had "LeMans" Starts'. Ask a "Senior" what that is! Jack nearly took out both the timers and Warren LeVeques motor home with his Pantera in 1972. But Jack remembers his 1970 Corvette as being a notably good autocross car and his V6 formula car as being especially bad.

Other things we remember is how Jack had his red formula car shortened by Jim McKamey after hitting a curb. In the era of 8 ft. gates and 35 ft slaloms, short cars were supposed to be the fastest, so.... We remember how Jack used to carry two formula cars in his fabric-covered trailer. One of the cars was shod with slick tires and the other with rain tires. No tire changing required! Jack won two National Solo I Championships in his motorcycle-powered car. The third year he didn't attend the Championships and they sent him the first place trophy and jacket anyway. How's that for scaring the competition away?

When asked what he would do if he were absolute Czar of autocrossing, Jack responded: "I would make stock cars absolutely stock; tires, suspensions, everything. The current stock cars' preparedness and equipment level is not good for recruiting new people. If the money were somehow available, I would have permanent sites and permanently marked courses for comparing times for development."

Several years ago Jack had major heart surgery to replace a faulty valve. We missed him for a year but he came back strong. Jack intends to keep working and racing for a few more years. While you may see him in his current ride, an ASP Honda S2000, you are more likely to hear him first with his baritone voice and infectious laughter all over the paddock.

We're all watching Jack. The longer he runs, the longer we think we can run.

2002	Steve Linn	2005	Joe Kneisly
2003	Scott Dales	2006	Phil Wehman
2004	Matt Curry	2007	Kevin Kent