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Calendar



January 10-19 Detroit Auto Show
February 5-8 SCCA National Convention, Topeka
February 22 Road Rally, Indy
March 6-7 Spring Training Seminars
March 21 Road Rally, Indy
May 8-9 Double Regional at IRP
July 3-4 National Races at IRP
Look for the Solo Test & Tune in March, and the Columbus Region Solo School in March or April.

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Where to start? Most of you know me already one way or another. If you don't, then I hope our paths cross sometime this coming year; there will be plenty of opportunities.

I am very excited about 2004 and looking forward to serving our club this year. Here are some of key points:

Finances – With the help of a strong suite of programs and support from the new board, I will ask the board to not allow the club to have another deficit spending year. We can achieve this without cutting our competition programs, which are all in position to do well in 2004. We must manage our expenses closely and find ways to reduce costs.

Involvement – This item isn't just about gaining members. This is about increasing the amount of effort and input we get from our members. This won't be easy, because there's no formula, but I have some ideas, some ways to build on momentum we gained last year. This is difficult to measure and report, but here area a couple of ways: let's shoot for more contested Board elections next year. And let's give away more year end trophies.

Solo – Good things are in store in 2004. Last year we made some upgrades to our regional series, and the plans for this year include leveraging what they have while improving further. Examples: a Cendiv series event at Grissom, the possibility of a good new site in the Indy area, and some new blood heading the program.

Rally – Candice Pope is really fired up and heading into the year with enthusiasm and great plans for the program. She took over the reigns last summer and hasn't slowed down. We can all look forward to a full slate of good

events, and I encourage all of you to come out and try this one time – because I think that you'll find out how fun a rally can be.

Race – I think Pete Hylton and the Indy Region race crew are geared up to take another big step forward, using the momentum from 2003 as a springboard. The program will benefit from Pete's wisdom and fresh ideas. I expect that we will see increased entries and more workers, two key measures of success.

Activities – There's more to do as a club than just race, rally and solo, and I think Lou Ann Linn will help to prove that this year. I hope you all will support these events, whether you participate with your family or friends. Let's have some fun together!

Our January board meeting is where we will install our at-large board members. If you are interested, please join us at the meeting. If possible, I would like to hear from you in advance via e-mail or a phone call.

The first 2 or 3 board meetings of the year are all about setting direction, firming up schedules, reviewing points rules, and locking in budgets. This is when your input might make the biggest difference, and I encourage you to participate in this process. If you have ideas or input, please either join us at the board meeting or contact me, any board member, or our program chairpersons.

Let's have some great fun together and make 2004 a year to remember!

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The 2004 General Competition Rules will again be available to our racing members (and other interested parties) through our Race Car Tech Inspector Jay Quinn. If you are interested, call Jay now so he can know how many copies he needs to order. Jay can be reached at 248-9626 .

2004 Annual Tech: Jay will be gone during January and February, but will be available by appointment after returning for 2004 Race Car Annual Technical Inspections. Call in March to get ready for the season.

Annual Awards Banquet 2003

By Dick Powell

Saturday, December 6th will be well remembered by about 100 Indy region members and guests, who enjoyed a fabulous dinner at the Kendall Inn for our annual awards banquet. Many Thanks and Kudos' to Lou Ann Linn for her work in acquiring the site and preparing for our banquet.

In addition to all her work before the meeting, Lou Ann also presided (along with our 2003 RE Steve Linn) in all the drawings for door prizes throughout the evening. A lot of people got nice prizes, leading up to the final drawing for the Hoosier Tires.

Our exiting Treasurer Chris McGuire gave his last report for the year, and then Dave DeBolt recognized our members who have attained milestone anniversaries during 2003, including Chuck Hanson at 35 years. These members are listed separately in the membership report.



After some more booty, Our new Race Chairman, and SCCA Historian Pete Hylton gave us a very neat presentation about the most historically significant racetrack in the world. As he went along and eliminated many of the more popular guesses, we finally found out that the correct answer was Brooklands in England. Aside from being one of the first permanent racetracks in the world, it also was the host of nearly every form of motor racing we know today. As a special note, Brooklands was also the home of Chitty-Chitty-Bang-Bang, which actually was a real race car, not just a figment of Ian Fleming's fertile mind. I very much enjoyed this historical presentation, and the applause tells me that everyone else did also. Thanks to Pete for some wonderful entertainment.

Steve Linn reminded all of us about the members we lost this year: Dale Baker and Larry Blackman. They both had many friends in our club, and will be missed by all. We also had some moments of thoughts for our members who are seriously ill or injured, and hope they are comforted by the knowledge of their friends in the Indy region SCCA.

Candice Pope gave us a Rally Report, and a pep talk for next year. She has a good start on the program, and strong plans for the rest of it. She then presented the awards for Novice and Experienced classes for the year, with top honors in Novice to Dennis Dunkman, and in the experienced class to Chad Stringer.

Darren Daubenspeck and Steve Linn started the Solo awards with a special award to Chuck Hanson for his help in providing a place to keep "da bus". Thanks to Chuck, the funds that would have been spent for storage can be utilized more effectively for the club. Then it was time for the infamous "Conehead of the Year" award. Darren complained that the traditional cone helmet normally used by the presenter would not fit, but he did hold it while presenting the award to Larry Harts. Larry also nearly won his class for the year; Guess you have to hit some cones to find out how fast to go! Continuing, the Steering Wheel Trophy's were given to 28 members for their success in 22 classes, and the competitors with CenDiv Solo2 Series Championships were recognized for their efforts.



The Spirit of Solo award was given to Chad Stringer for his work and efforts for the Solo program throughout the year. Thanks Chad, for making the Solo program a little better for all of us.

The Solo Competitor of the Year competition was very close all year between Scott Dales and Steve Linn, with Curt Bagley and Darren Daubenspeck staying close enough to keep them honest. In the end, Scott Dales topped the final points tally, and got to take home the special Checkered Flag for the award.



Time for more door prizes! I told you Lou Ann really got a lot of stuff lined up for us.

Our Race program awards were presented by Matt Curry, starting with our competitors in the Regional Series. According to the points standings, Pete Hylton in SRF was 5th, Bruce Shire in ITC was 4th, Bill Campbell in FP was 3rd, and Shane Benson in SM was 2nd. Topping the Regional Points was Michael Neal in his Spec Miata. Congratulations to Michael for his wins in a very tough class. Matt then recognized the competitors who won their class in the regional championships, and the others who finished in the top 5 in their classes.





Our National level competitors were presented with their trophies also, with Vince Ashton in GT1 at 5th, Terrence Garrett in S2000 and David Daughtery in SSB tied for 3rd, and John Larue in FF was 2nd. Ralph Porter took his SSC to the top of the points for Indy Region. Matt then recognized the competitors who finished well in their classes in the CenDiv National Championship Series.



Last Years Rookie of the Year Shane Benson stepped up to present the award to this years Rookie of the Year. For starting the year on a Novice permit, and going on to qualify for a National License in the same year, our Rookie of the Year is Vicky Otoupal in a Spec Racer Ford. Congratulations Vicky for a great first year in the sport!

Shane also was the 2002 recipient of the Hergenroether Award, and presented the cup to this years winner. The recipient of this award is selected by all the previous winners on the basis of attitude, sportsmanship, and competitiveness. Bill Campbell is the winner this year, and the award was accepted for him by his good friend Jay Quinn. Bill is still recovering from injuries suffered at a Race in September, and was not able to attend the banquet. He sent his thanks through Jay, and everyone in attendance sent their best wishes and congratulations to Bill.



Shane was also last years Competitor of the Year. This award is based on finishes in 2 or more of the competition categories for our region, counting the best 9 results with no more than 4 from any one category. The 2003 Competitor of the Year is Chad Stringer, who squeaked out a very close win over a strong group of competitors. Congratulations Chad!

Steve Linn presented Appreciation Awards for their support of our club and competition programs through the year to Shane Benson of AIM Tuning, Jason Baugh of Trackside Supply, Dave Garner of Hoosier Tire, and also to Indianapolis Raceway Park and Fastimes Karting Center. All of us need to remember those who support our club when we need goodies this year.



Dave DeBolt again took the stand (with his able assistant Alicia) to present the Involved Member Awards to those members who accumulated more than 800 points in two or more disciplines for the year. Lou Ann found some very handsome jackets, and got them embroidered for each recipient. Receiving the jackets this year were: Steve Linn, Jim Lin, Ian Linn, Lou Ann Linn, Scott Dales, Candice Pope, Matt Curry, Dick Powell, Jay Quinn, Jeannie Spellman, Dave DeBolt, and not in the picture Chad Stringer.



Look in the February issue of Clutch Chatter to review the points system for this award, and start to plan how you might participate next year and get an Involved Member Award.

The Worker of the Year award was again this year presented to two workers. For their tremendous efforts to make a

successful Racing Program for our region in 2003, the winners were Jason Baugh and Matt Curry. Thanks to these guys, we had some innovative new ideas for our program (such as the Steering Wheel Trophy's) that were very well accepted and liked by all, and we had their many hours of Hard Work to organize and present the Regional and National Races.



The John McGee Member of the Year Cup was presented by Steve to (a very surprised and almost speechless) Alyson Kunack for her dedicated efforts in making contacts and getting track workers for our racing events, and for serving as our club secretary for another year. Thanks Alyson, and congratulations.

The final door prize drawing for the evening was for the set of Hoosier Tires, given for the occasion by Dave Garner. Thanks again Dave for your support of our club. Matt Curry (the lucky dog), who won the tires, especially Thanks You!

Our Election Chairperson Mary Jo Linn (Yes, she is Steve's wife) gave us the results of the election of officers for 2004: Matt Curry, RE; Jeannie Spellman, Assistant RE; Frank Pope, Treasurer; Alyson Kunack, Secretary; Ian Linn, Membership Chairperson; and Lou Ann Linn, Activities Chairperson. Additional members of the Board of Directors will be voted/appointed at the January 13th meeting at Fastimes. Our new RE accepted his position, and closed the activities for the evening.

Thanks again to Lou Ann Lin for organizing the banquet and making it a huge success.

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The Annual Central Division Spring Training and Seminars for Workers and Stewards is scheduled for March 6-7, 2004. This year it will be held at Brickyard Crossing; very convenient for all the Indianapolis Region folks! For workers wanting to refresh their memories, and for those who would like to start working in one of the race disciplines, this is an opportunity that should not be passed up. Keep watching in future issues, on our website, or on CenDiv website for more information as it becomes available.

THANKS AGAIN, WORKERS (Our All-Volunteer Core)

See YOU at the Board Meeting... Share the FUN...

Lou Ann Linn is trying to get a group together to travel the Detroit Auto Show on Saturday, January 17th. With a group of 25 or more, we get a price break on admission. Right now it looks like we could go for \$15 each including transportation (\$20 for non-members). If you want to go, call Lou Ann Linn at 317-840-9915 or Email to louann70@netzero.net. Sounds like a great trip!

Membership Report

At the Indianapolis Region's Annual Awards Banquet on December 6th, our 2003 Membership Chairman Dave DeBolt introduced the individuals who have achieved milestone anniversary marks of membership with the Indianapolis Region and the Sports Car Club of America. Those members with 20 to 45 years membership were honored for their continued support and commitment to our sport.

Celebrating 45 years of membership —

Sophia M Payton, Clearwater, Fl, Feb

Honored for 35 years of membership were —

Gloria Blaha, Keaton, Ky, Jun
Richard H Bunce, Altamonte Springs, Fl, May
Charles G Hanson, Indianapolis, In, Nov
James D Thompson, Indianapolis, In, Oct

Achieving 30 years of membership were —

Janet Henricks, Kokomo, In, Mar
Robert P Sweet, Noblesville, In, Apr
Richard Teagar, Indianapolis, In, Feb
Sheldon Wilde, Indianapolis, In, Mar

Achieving 25 years of membership were —

Brent Alan Cary, Indianapolis, In, Jun
Ricke D Katko, Martinsville, In, Feb
Michael J Martz, Pittsboro, In, May

Achieving 20 years of membership were —

Mary Cary, Indianapolis, In, Jan
Anton H George, Speedway, In, Aug
Erik J Kassig, Indianapolis, In, Feb
John Mick, Pensacola, Fl, Mar
Ralph A Porter, Kokomo, In, May
Gary Clayton Strebin, Kokomo, In, May

We also had a number of members who reached the 15 year, 10 year, or 5 year anniversaries. We congratulate them, and encourage them to continue to be the next group of 20 to 45 year members.

Reaching 15 years of membership were —

Theresa Best, Yorktown, In, Mar
Matt Chitwood, Bloomington, In, Feb
Larry W Ellis, New Palestine, In, Aug
Gregor W Henricks, Chicago, Il, Feb
Todd Houtz, Indianapolis, In, Sep
Michael D Hurst, Pendleton, In, Mar
B Ron Jones, Fillmore, In, Oct
Richard A Randall, Muncie, In, Mar
Richard E Swarts Jr, Indianapolis, In, Jan

10 years of membership were —

Don and Linda Baker, Bedford, In, Nov
Donald E Browning, Greenwood, In, Nov
Lori, Ross, and Ryann Chitwood, Bloomington, In, Jan
Gregory Dana, Avon, In, Jun
Dan E Green, Aurora, Il, May
Robert and Kimberley Hoppes, Indianapolis, In, May
John and Sharon Larue, Muncie, In, Apr
Darold E Rude, Avon, In, Jul
Benjamin and Renita Watkins, Frankfort, In, Jan
Chelsea Whikehart, Findlay, Oh, Mar

5 years of membership were —

Glenn Andrew, Farmersburg, In, Apr
Kendall Baten, Indianapolis, In, Apr
Paul Dana, Indianapolis, In, Apr
Scott and Sherri Decoursey, Martinsville, In, Feb
Ted Drummond, Indianapolis, In, Sep
Robert F Fike, Indianapolis, In, Dec
David Garner, Clermont, In, Apr
Harold Hammerly, Brownsburg, In, Apr
Chris, Kristie, Adam, and Alexandra Jennerjahn,
Hartford City, In, Jun
Charles P McBride, Indianapolis, In, Feb
Andrew Miller, Dearborn, Mi, Oct
Don Munday, Avon, In, May
Wendy J Munday, Avon, In, Jun
Deborah, Glenn, and Ian Reisert, Bedford, In, May
Alex Timmermans, Zionsville, In, Jul
Stephen and Vickie Van Vlymen, Martinsville, In, Mar

Dave DeBolt is stepping down from being our Membership Chairman for 2004. He has served the Indianapolis Region as Membership Chairman for quite a few years, and has also served the Region by filling many of the other Officer positions through the years. Dave will continue his membership (35 years in 2004), and will continue to race his Formula Vee, but needs to spend more time with his Children as they grow more active with their local 4-H group.

Thank You Dave DeBolt for many years of service to the Indianapolis Region SCCA. We are proud to have you as our Friend, and look forward to our continued activities.

Ian Linn has been elected to the position of Membership Chairman for 2004, and will be working closely with our Activities Chairperson Lou Ann Linn (who happens to be his wife) to help us grow our membership and increase local awareness of our club and activities.

New Members for Indy Region SCCA

New SCCA Members: Please welcome the following new members to the Indianapolis Region of the Sports Car Club of America for the month of November:

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Notes From A Nut - Starting another year

By Dick Powell

We finished the club activities for the year with a fabulous awards banquet at the Kendall Inn. What a way to wrap up a season. Of course, even though all our officers and chairpersons got a rest from club activities for a little while, I am sure everyone had plenty to do through the Holidays! I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

We are now ready to start the year for our club. I am continuing on as Editor of our newsletter, and hopefully can keep it interesting for all our members. I also anxiously await the start of our competition activities. I know we will be having the annual Solo Test and Tune in March, and the Columbus Region will also be putting on a Solo School sometime in March or April. I plan to have some major FUN with these activities, and to continue the FUN with the start of the racing season in late April for CenDiv and May 8-9 for our own Indy Region Double Regionals. Looks like another busy year, and I plan to enjoy as much as I can.

Are YOU ready to join the fun with the rest of your club? There is plenty of FUN available for anyone who wants to come out. Our new Rally Chairperson Candice Pope is preparing for a big year in 2004; get a partner and get out to the rallies. The Solo folks are going to have a big year in 2004, and YOU can get out there with all the others enjoying Your Club. And our new Race Chair Pete Hylton has really got 2004 off to a running start, with confirmed race dates for the year on hopefully a more weather friendly schedule. There is always room for more people to get on the corner stations at the races, or to help with Timing and Scoring in the tower.

YOU can contact the people who chair the events by finding their contact information inside the front cover. Each one of them will be more than happy to point you in the right direction to get you involved.

This is YOUR club, come on out and join the FUN with the rest of us! LET'S DO IT!

The banquet was a great time for all, and lots of fun from the solo perspective. Thanks to all who joined us for the evening, and congratulations to all the trophy winners! I would also like to thank David Burkhead for volunteering to take the other Solo Co-Chairman position. I look forward to working with him this season, and I'd like everyone to thank him for stepping up to the plate. The co-chairman position is voted on by the Board of Directors, and is confirmed at the first meeting of the new Board on January 13.

Ian Linn revealed a donation for the bus at the banquet – a new PA system! Ian will also donate his expertise in the coming months to permanently mount the speakers and wire up the new amp. The club was sorely in need of a better solo PA system, and Ian's definitely come through for us. Any volunteers out there to lend Ian a hand.....?

Speaking of the bus, the club has had several workdays on the bus so far, and it's coming along nicely. A big thanks to Larry Harts, David Burkhead, Jim Lin, Chad Stringer, and Steve Linn for their hard work. So far the bus has been winterized, with a lube and oil change, and the floor has been repaired and leveled. Larry Hart's machinist expertise was greatly appreciated in removing the broken tranny shift linkage bolts. The bus shift lever now feels right, instead of like a spoon in a bucket of mashed potatoes, AND park holds the bus in one spot! Larry's labor gave us some major cost savings, as I had visions of a transmission rebuild bill dancing in my head. Please give him a pat on the back for lying on his back under the bus to do that work.

There are still a few more tasks to tackle. There's a) helping Ian with the speakers, b) replacing the front brake calipers and pads, and a total brake fluid flush, c) realigning the steering wheel, d) changing the battery terminals, and e) repairing the power steering hose leak. Please contact me (Darren) if you have a weekend day or two to volunteer for the cause.

There is one MAJOR repair item we've found on the bus, that all who have worked bus duty so far think may be out of our league. There seems to be something leaking down the passenger rear wheel brake backing plate. Either we have a leaking brake cylinder, or maybe an axle shaft seal leak. Both possibilities mean we probably have contaminated brake shoes. This is on a '89 Ford E-350 chassis-cab with dual rear wheels. The dually wheel brake system back there is different than anything we have experience with. The manual shows the axle shaft has to be removed, and there's some manipulation of wheel bearings and a multiple-piece brake drum. It's pretty different from the norm for us little sport car guys. For continued use of the bus, we need someone who has done a brake job on a vehicle like this to volunteer to help out with this repair. Otherwise, we'll be looking for a auto repair garage to do this work for us. We would preferably swap some Clutch Chatter advertising or season sponsorship for this heavy-duty truck brake work. If anyone knows of a repair shop that would be open to the advertising swap for the work and some money for parts, please let Darren know.

It takes the dedicated efforts of Co-Chairmen, Event Chairmen, Event Specialty Volunteers, and an Uncredited Cast of Thousands (well, maybe not that many) to pull off our events, so please step up to give back!

During the 2004 season we will be REQUIRING Event Chairman for each Solo event. This will allow members to get more of a feel as to the actual running of individual events while the Solo Program Chairmen will concentrate on the program as a whole. The duties of an Event Chair are all the things you already see us do at an event:

Arrive early, set the course, run registration, run the drivers meeting, assign run groups, oversee the running of the event, and hand out trophies at the end. By working as an Event Chair, you will get a good idea of all that is involved in running a successful event, plus you can qualify those year-end class trophy points. Don't worry, the Solo Chairs will still be there to guide you along. We will be posting the names of those that have volunteered to be an Event Chair (see the Solo Schedule in this issue) in both the Clutch Chatter and on the website. It's easy to volunteer – just contact us!! Solo Events without a designated Event Chair will be cancelled. Remember – this is YOUR club!

I urge those of you that have email to sign up for the Indy SCCA Yahoo email group to receive the latest updates and information. There are different contact options available so that you can choose to receive individual emails, digests, or special notices only. It's a relatively low volume list and it is a great way to keep in touch with the latest news about the Indy Region. A link to the group site is located on the main page of the www.indyscca.org website or you can go directly to:

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And lastly, some hints about the 2004 season. The event schedules will not be finalized until about February or March, so ya'll will have to wait a bit longer to plan out your weekends at this point. However, it appears that we will most likely (it's not official as of yet) be the host region for a 2004 CENDIV Divisional Solo II at Grissom on June 26-27. Please congratulate Raleigh Boreen for volunteering to take the lead event chair seat, and he is looking for a co-chairman for the CENDIV. Please contact either Raleigh or myself to step up for that necessary duty.

A final clue about the '04 season is that we MAY have secured a great new site, which is a large parking lot near the airport. It's not a done deal yet, so I can't give specifics, but dealings with the owner have been very positive so far, and they seem to be "car people". I'm hopeful about it, and we expect to know for certain in January. Please thank Don Kline for his networking skills for sending us this opportunity when you see him next.

As always, the solo chairs can be contacted at:

Darren Daubenspeck
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I just recently got my "small" race car painted and striped and was fairly proud of the result for a competition car. This is also a "show and tell" project within clubs.

Sanctioning bodies evidently don't like paint jobs and try to cover the new paint with their identification, even though some have rules requiring nice paint jobs. Of course the new car had to have identifying numbers and letters. Since the SCCA has made it very clear recently that the numbers and letters have to be very visible I ordered vinyl to fit all of the available space on the doors. Some race tracks also have to have numbers on the top surfaces also; so more vinyl. I may have guest drivers, so need more magnetic vinyl.



The SCCA also requires SCCA decals on the sides and front; more paint covered. The championships also require that sponsor's decals be displayed on the front and sides. The front decal is for the upper portion of the windshield and is huge. I have no window; so there is more paint covered. The Central Division championship series requires identifying decals on the sides. The tire companies and other contingencies require decals; shocks, cams, oil, etc. The marque club also requires a visible decal. The racing team ferocious logo has to go somewhere. The drivers and team members must be identified. Driver's school requires novice stripes. A little thanks for spiritual assistance is of course included. My business and other sponsors have to be shown, I don't have big money or big decal sponsors, like beer, tobacco, soap and Viagra; thank goodness or I wouldn't have room left for any pylon marks.



I used to like the small decals of cams, STP, and fuel on the NASCAR cars between the front wheels and the front doors (remember doors?) as rather interesting and tasteful. When you go to buy a NASCAR collectibles model, the car bodies are exactly identical, and can only be identified by the totally encompassing sponsor paint job. So

you aren't collecting cars, you are collecting sponsor's graphics. Some autocross cars have enough magnetic decals to add 50 pounds to the car. I guess that they can be used to cover up rust and dents.

So obviously, not everyone feels the negative way I do about over labeling. We were taught in our fraternity to place our Greek pins on our shirts, just under the suit lapel. Any one who needed to know about our allegiance would easily notice the pin without our flaunting it. As I was passing a truck the other day I noticed a small decal of "Jeggs" on the tool box. He was tastefully showing that he was or wanted to be a part of something. When we pass a car and see SCCA or CORSA tastefully displayed we say "ah ha, one of us!" "we're not alone!"

Racing cars can't be discussed in polite company so we identify each other in subtle ways. It could be worse, in ancient times Christians identified each other with the sign of the fish: political and religious leaders wouldn't chop their heads off as long as they knew where their allegiance lied.

Have you thought about the many ways that we Americans display our belonging to something: Flags, pendants, tattoos, piercings, Harley paraphernalia, T shirts of every description, some anatomically correct, religious icons, sign of the fish, baby on board, children's school performance, political opinions, belt buckles, sweat shirts, jackets and windows with NASCAR numbers on them, rings, car earrings, haircuts, pendants, flags, hats galore, sunglasses (are we belonging to Oakley?), license plates, bumper stickers, contact lenses, wheels, tires, drag strip dial in times, autocross classes, raised white letters, extensive graphics to hide bland styling, shoes, shark teeth in grills, etc.

Are we so far from war paint, neck rings, lip stretching, scarring, and bones through noses?

There's hardly any room left for driving lights, fender lights, stone guards, and bras.

Ah, for the days of "the plain brown wrapper".



According to Webster: Patina; The sheen on any surface produced by age and use. A change in appearance produced by long standing behavior.

While visiting a car builders shop the other day and admiring a beautifully refinished (in black paint and carbon fiber) 80's Lamborgini Countach, I was awed by the owners remark that it was not good enough to show. Apparently it was allowed no flaws at all.

This reminded me of the days in my youth when I visited car shows. I would walk right by the cars that were jacked up with mirrors, lights and fur underneath to show off chassis that were obviously never driven nor meant to be. Then I would walk straight to the cars that were obviously driven but well taken care of.

I specifically looked for signs of use but not abuse.

In the case of the above Lamborgini I would expect to find abrasion on the front surfaces caused by 200 miles per hour bugs and sand. I would expect to find abrasion on the inner rear portions of the fender flairs. This would indicate that it was no trailer queen and had been used as designed.

Just like in my dreams I would want to find Jimmy Clarks Indy Lotus displayed with Parnelli Jones's oil on the nose.

On a displayed vintage or current race car , I would expect some wear on the inner edges of the racing slicks and perhaps some paint slightly singed by super hot exhaust and burning oil . There would be tool marks on the Dzus fasteners and the lug nuts would show signs of impact tool wear. The jacking and towing points would have the paint worn off. The front would look sandblasted by the overtaken car throwing rubber grit and asphalt rearward. Even a nice round tire mark or a Darlington stripe would be nice on the sides.

What a shame it would be to clean up or sanitize the famous drivers' helmets gloves, steering wheels or race harnesses. It would be like an Elvis fan dry cleaning one of his scarves thrown from the stage.

If you had ever been involved in racing this above "patina" would be instant Deja vu.

Having grown up in the days when "hot rods" were just being developed, I would expect to find 32 Ford Roadsters with flat head V8s running triple Stromberg 97 carbs, 3 port headers, 3 speed shifters, and fat white walled street tires. I wouldn't expect to see an aluminum, 4 cam, fuel injected V8 with automatic, tilt wheel , street pseudo slicks, and air-conditioning in a car prepared to look like the 50s era.

Cars in that era had either painted wheels or moon caps, not billet 17" alloy wheels.

If cars are to depict a certain era then, the ambiance is improved by other objects of the time such as drive in trays or movie speakers; dare I say porta-wall white walls, spinner hubcaps, and lakes plugs.

The patina for an autocross car could be a crunched pylon under the car and some pylon marks on the fenders. I once displayed my autocrosser with a crunched pylon and NO one got it!

To provide entertainment for persons (most persons) with opinions different than mine, we could display the cars in categories to more accurately depict what is being presented.

1. What was. See above.
2. Unrestored
- 3.. What we thought it was. Reflecting our dreams of our past perfect life.

In this category, I would put cars that are restored way beyond what the factories produced.

4. What we want it to be. Dreams of perfect future cars; maybe some that don't ever touch the ground and get dirty; like Star Wars vehicles.

5. Never were. Customized
6. Worship. Idolized cars. Driven by famous people. We can only bring the cars back to life.
7. Patina. Cars that reflect their intended usage; warts and all.

I much appreciate and love to look at cars in all of the categories, and admire and respect the effort involved in preparing them, but my heart and emotions are with the cars that have "patina".

I received sad news this evening and wanted to share. Allen "Hawkeye" Pierce passed away last Sunday December 28th after battling pancreatic cancer these last few months.

For those of you who hadn't met Hawkeye and/or can't remember now...Hawkeye lived near Dayton (Englewood, Ohio), was a member of Western Ohio Region and Lake Erie Communications, and has been coming over to IRP and Flagger for many years. And THANKFULLY TOO...speaking from actual personal experience. Hawkeye was one of the F&C workers instrumental in helping Terrence get my FV turned right side up when I went upside down under the water at Turn 1 during the INR National in April of 1991(?). His son races or did race a Spec Racer Ford at one time. Hawkeye was a real witty character and use to stay/camp at Harold and Myra Kulke's house a lot. He canceled working this year's runoffs because he figured the days would be just too long for his condition. However he did work this year's US Grand Prix a week or so later and was captain of the flag station on the front straight just a few feet from the yard of bricks. He had Bob Kosky as the blue flagger...and there they were...right there...#1 prime spot for checking out all the F-1 babes as they paraded out onto the front straight. What a pair! I mean Hawkeye and Bob. Ha ha ha! Needless to say I gave them a hard time about that and they loved every minute of it. Hawkeye will be sorely missed by his family and many friends.

Good bye Hawkeye! THANKS again!! We'll never forget you!!!

Jan Castelluccio

Well the banquet was wonderful. We had a great deal of fun. I am sorry that not everyone could make it. Lou Ann did a fantastic job. She has some great activity ideas for this year.

The 2003 Rally program ended on a very good note. Julie & Bill Partridge made gambling fun. Their event was run on November 23rd and believe it or not it decided who the Competitor of the Year was!!! Needless to say it was very exciting.

Candi's "Top Ten" thoughts for the 2004 Rally program.

1. Make it fun (my thought is if it is fun they (meaning you) will come)
2. Make it a "family" sport (at least on 90% of the Rallies)
3. Have many different types of Rallies.
4. Get people that have never run a Rally to do so. (remember, this is the sport where we even had a taxi run a rally)
5. Bring out the old timers. (I know you are out there, I challenge any person that ran rallies in the 70's and 80's to run at least one rally this year.)
6. Get new Rallymasters (I know that it sounds very dif-

ficult to be able to come up with the route, but keep in mind we have some knowledgeable members that are ready to help)

7. Keep the old Rallymasters !!
8. Provide trophies at the Rallies.
9. Run 11 events this year (work with the Solo program so our Rallyies and Solos do not fall on the same day.
10. Partner with Columbus Region.

We have 2 events already scheduled for 2004

"Cruisin' with Cary"

Rallymaster: Brent Cary (an old timer)

Date: Sunday - February 22

Registration: 12:00 pm

Driver's Meeting: 12:45 pm

1st car out: 1:00 pm + car number

Starts: Near Bloomington IN, at intersection of 46 and 446. Look for the checkpoint sign.

Type: Modified Regularity Run (no gravel)

The great thing about this rally is you determine what speed you want to run. The challenge is doing it the same way twice. You will run one 20 mile loop and then be expected to run a second 30 mile loop at the same average speed. There will be no hidden controls on the rally, and all controls will be passive (don't have to get out of car). Weather will not be a factor. If you want to run the rally at 10 miles per hour that is up to you.

"March Madness Rally, aka MORE (March on Regardless)

Rallymaster: Vic Brunamonti (another old-timer)

Date: Sunday – March 21

Place: I-65 South, Exit 76B

Registration: 12:00 pm (near McDonald's at Edinburgh Outlet Mall)

Driver's Meeting: 12:45 pm

1st car out: 1:00 pm + car number

Type: TSD

Quoting the Rallymaster "This is an 80 mile, all-paved, easy, TSD, trap rally...." It will end at approximately 430 pm (back at the Mall)

I have renamed my column this year. The first person to email me with the correct meaning of "POR" will get a free entry !!!!!

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DATE	DRIVER'S SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	NATIONALS	OTHER EVENTS
Mar 6-7	CENDIV STEWARDS/WORKERS TRAINING SEMINAR, Brickyard Crossing. Details in January.			
Apr 17-18	DET @ WAT			
Apr 24-25	QUAD@ BHF	QUAD@ BHF	INR @ GM	Safety Day at NL
May 1-2			BVR @ BHF	VSCDA @ GM
May 8-9	NEO @ NL	INDY@IRP (D) (C)		
May 15-16			DET/FTW @ GRA	SVRA @ RA
May 22-23			MIL/CHI/BVR @ BHF	
May 29-30 Memorial Day		WMR @ GRA (D) (C)		
June 5-6		MIL @ BHF (C) (C)	OVR @ M-O	AMA @ RA CART @ MIL
June 12-13		NEO @ NL (D) (C)		
June 19-20			CHI @ RA JUNE SPRINTS	F1@INDIANAPOLIS VSCDA @ BHF
Jun 26-27	MICHIANA @ GM	MICHIANA @ GM (C) MIL @ RA (D) (C)		ALMS/WC @ M-O
July 3-4		CINCY @ M-O (D) (C)	INDY @ IRP	CART @ CLEVE
July 10-11		BVR @ BHF (D)		
July 17-18				BRIC VSCDA @ RA
July 24-25		MIL @ RA DET @ WAT NEO @ NL ENDURO	MIL @ RA	
July 31-Aug 1		FTW @ M-O (D) (C)		
Aug 7-8		LSR/WMR @ GRA (D) (C)		Brickyard 400 @ Indy CART @ RA Grand-am @ MO
Aug 14-15		CHI @ RA (D) (C)	NEO @ M-O	
Aug 21-22				ALMS @ RA VSCDA @ GRA
Sep 4-5 Labor Day			WMR/SBR @ GRA	
Sep 11-12		OVR @ M-O (D) (C)		
Sep 18-19				VSCDA @ RA
Sep 20-26			SCCA RunOffs @ M-O	
Oct 2-3		WOR @ M-O (C)		
Oct 9-10		CHI @ BHF (C)		
Oct 16-17				VSCDA @ MO

BHF-Blackhawk Farms	GM-GingerMan	NL-Nelson Ledges
GRA-Grattan	IRP-Indianapolis Raceway Park	RA-Road America
M-O-Mid Ohio	WAT-Waterford Hills	
(C) Champ Series	(D) Double	



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