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all snug in their beds, while  
visions of year end awards  
danced in their heads"*

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## RE News: Back In The Saddle Again

by Steve Linn

Hi everyone, it's me again. I'd like to start off by thanking Matt Curry for all the work he has done over the past two years as RE. We have had challenges and successes and Matt has done a great job. I figured I would start my series of RE News for the next year where Matt left off by discussing some of the items from his November RE column.

*Finances – The IRP investments this year were a necessary evil. Aside from that, tax penalties that we may not be able to get out of are a black mark on otherwise decent performance.*

We were fortunate that we could fall back on the revenues gained from the salad days of the early 90's when the region had the opportunity to be involved with some high profile and profitable series. With the help of the 2006 board we will continue our fiscal responsibility. And we have also been fortunate that we have avoided tax penalties due to our IRS reporting issues.

Rich Langford has done a terrific job over the last year and I am extremely happy that he will continue these efforts in 2006.

*Involvement – This area continues to confound me. I don't think we have made any progress over the past two years. Indy Region as an institution needs to find a way to find and develop new leaders and to energize its general membership.*

This is something that I have discussed with many individuals. Indy has moved from the ranks of Large SCCA Regions down into Medium-Large. This does not mean we do not have a significant number of members (around 550 at last count), but the fact that the percentage of ACTIVE members within the Region is quite low. How do we get more members involved? I don't think there is any good answer. My concern of course is that we continue to have a small group of individuals doing the vast amount of work. "SCCA Burnout" can thrust the Region quickly into turmoil without more members stepping up and becoming more involved.

*Solo – Kudos to all of the people involved in making our Grissom CenDiv event one of the best divisional solos in the country! This is the best thing to happen to Indy Region in the past two years, no doubt. Otherwise my concern about sites has grown, as I believe we're still very vulnerable due to our reliance on 16<sup>th</sup> Street. And it looks like we continue to struggle to find help leading the program.*

Although the Solo program had a slightly off year in 2005, the program was still strong and well attended. The search for new sites never ends and the 16<sup>th</sup> Street reliance could easily torpedo a season quickly if the City of Indianapolis ever decides to actually do something with the site. Darren Daubenspeck has done a great job the past two years but we are always looking for new people

to step up and help run the events.

*Rally – After a decent 2004, the rally program practically disappeared this year. Without adequate promotion, no program can succeed. I still think rally has a future, even despite gas prices, but the program needs committed leadership to return from the dead.*

Yes, the Rally program had a very rough year. I have absolute confidence that Cheryl Swarts will be able to rejuvenate the program this coming season with more promotion and administrative work.

*Race – The IRP facilities headline the race category and will likely be the most historically significant event of the past two years. We made strides to overcome some big hurdles, but this race is not yet won. A lot of effort from a few people is not enough to make a race program a success. There are many challenges yet to overcome.*

No doubt we faced and overcame some huge issues in 2005 with the track. We have a good relationship established but there are additional infrastructure issues to be resolved before the beginning of the 2006 season. I'm very happy to have Pete Hylton back as the program chair this year. With three events on the calendar, we hope that more Indy members come out and get involved at the track.

*Activities – LouAnn and others have gotten us together for some fun events. I still think there's much more that can be done in this area, but it's really a matter of finding more people to help make things happen.*

The Region's programs fight for the free time of its members with the myriad of activities available in our modern world. My concerns and efforts will be more focused towards the three competition programs and their needs.

I'll blatantly plagiarize a great Indy Region philosopher: *Let's have some great fun together and make 2006 a year to remember!*



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

This is a synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD November 9, 2005 at Dookz Sports Grille. There were 9 directors and 9 guests present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Treasurers Report** Rich Lankford asked everyone to review their "section" of the Treasurers Report for discrepancies during November, preparatory to the annual meeting.

Tax situation update: we have not had a response from the IRS since they acknowledged receipt of our filings.

**Rally** Chuck Hanson has received the sanction for our November 20 rally. The course has been pre-run, ready to go.

Matt Curry thanked Chuck Hanson for filing the event audits with SCCA for the four rallies since April, bringing us up to date with SCCA national office.

We have not been able to get results from the May 1 "Where is checkpoint 3" rally. At this time, the results do not appear to be a factor in the Competitor of the Year standings. We will post a question: if anyone believes the points from the May rally would affect their year end results, they need to contact Matt Curry. The results from March, April, September, and November will be used for Year-End standings.

**Solo** Road insurance for da Bus is cancelled for the off season. Darren has suggested we consider forming a "Regional Solo Committee" to help administer the program.

Jim Lin is finalizing the year end points standings for the Solo program, and will get them to John Wilmoth and Dick Powell for publication as soon as he can.

Raleigh Boreen has been working with representatives from potential future sites for Indy Region Solo events.

After a very successful CenDiv Divisional Solo event this year, in which the Indy Region Event at Grissom was voted Best CenDiv Solo of 2005, Raleigh and Velma are planning for Indy Region to put on a Divisional at Grissom in 2006. Tentative date is July 29-30, and will be the 5<sup>th</sup> event in the CenDiv Series for 2006.

The Solo Spring Training seminars are currently being considered for the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in March 2006, to be held again at Anderson Logistics. Raleigh, Velma, Rick and Cheryl Swarts will coordinate the activities.

**Race** We are still trying to get the Track Inspection done this year, but do not have a date from SCCA yet.

The Cincinnati Region BOD has decided not to have the third date at IRP for 2006. Western Ohio Region has inquired about utilizing that date. Steve Linn will continue communications with them, and include Pete Hylton in the discussions.

Andy Welden has the proposed CenDiv Race Schedule for 2006 from Roundtable. He will provide it to Dick Powell for use in Clutch Chatter.

The CenDiv Stewards and Workers Training Seminars will be March 4-5, 2006 at the Clarion Waterfront Hotel in Indianapolis, same location as last year.

**Clutch Chatter** Dick Powell reported the November Clutch Chatter is ready for printing, held for this meeting to finalize the election ballot. The meeting notice and ballot for non-CC recipients is also ready for printing and mailing. Both should be mailed before the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Activities** The Indy Region Annual Meeting is set for December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2 PM at Hollywood Filmworks. Jeanne Spellman confirmed that we are okay to show Speed Channel Broadcasts of the Runoffs at the meeting. Dick Powell and Matt Curry will coordinate acquisition of the material and preparation for showing.

Lou Byer has confirmed our Awards Banquet for Saturday January 21, 2006 at Primo's North. Tickets will be held at \$ 20 per person. Dick Powell has assembled an ad for Clutch Chatter, and will work with John Wilmoth to get an ad on the website.

**Membership** current membership is 539.

**Old Business** Matt Curry is coordinating the collection of the traveling trophies for the Year End Awards. Steve Linn, Matt Curry, and John Wilmoth are working to prepare the year end trophies for all disciplines.

**New Business** Next BOD meeting will be held after the Annual Members Meeting December 3.

Meeting was adjourned.

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## Minutes of Indy Region Annual Meeting

by Dick Powell

This is a synopsis of the minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting of the Indianapolis Region SCCA on December 3, 2005 at Hollywood Filmworks, 2:30 PM. There were 10 directors and 11 guests present.

Regional Executive Matt Curry thanked all the board members for their help and support through the year, and for their well prepared reports at the meetings. He thanked the program chairs for their hard work at all the events, which made all the programs successful for the year. And he thanked everyone who came out and helped work the events, which was the major factor in the success of the club for 2005.

**New Business** Rick Swarts presented the election results for 2006 Officers.

Steve Linn was elected Regional Executive over write in candidates Bill Partridge, Chris McGuire, and the Linn kids.

Andy Welden was elected Assistant Regional Executive over write in candidates John Wilmoth, and Rick Swarts.

Rich Lankford was elected Treasurer with 15 votes, over write in candidate Don Kline.

Dick Powell was elected Recording Secretary.

Cheryl Swarts was elected Membership Chairperson.

Lou Byer was elected Activities Chairperson.

The sections of the corporate bylaws submitted for change were approved as submitted.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Dick Powell, Secretary

## Minutes of December Board Meeting

by Dick Powell

This is a synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD after the annual meeting on December 3, 2005 at Hollywood Filmworks, 3:00 PM. There were 10 directors and 11 guests present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**Treasurers Report** Rich Lankford presented his report for the year to date. We had a reduction of accounts for 2005, due to the large amount that went into repairs at IRP during the year. The Solo and Rally programs showed some gains for the year, along with the race program, which helped reduce the deficit for the year.

Rich also reported that the IRS has cleared any late fees or charges relating to the 2004 taxes. The 2003 tax situation is still being considered by the IRS.

**Rally** Cheryl Swarts has accepted the position of Rally Program Chair for 2006, and will be getting guidance from Candice Pope to smooth the transition. Cheryl expects a schedule similar to this year, with the summer left open. She will coordinate the scheduling with the Solo group to avoid conflicts.

**Solo** The Indy Region CenDiv Solo event has been scheduled for July 29 – 30, 2006. This has been a great success for us the last two years, and was voted by competitors to be the best CenDiv Solo Event for 2005.

The SCCA National Office has asked us if we would host a National Tour Event on Memorial Weekend at Grissom. This is the same weekend as the Indy 500, and we have concerns about getting enough people to help. After discussion, the BOD voted to NOT host the event.

Darren will work with the CSCC to coordinate schedules for 2006, and include Cheryl Swarts for the rally schedule. Darren reported on continuing efforts to find new sites in the Indianapolis area: so far nothing in a reasonable price range.

Darren will continue as a Solo Chair for next year, and is looking for someone to co-chair.

**Race** The CenDiv schedule confirmed at the Roundtable has Indy Region listed for three dates at IRP; the third date is Sept 30/Oct 1. WE have had approaches from other regions for the date, but do not have a solid commitment yet. We had some discussion concerning Indy Region putting on a third event, and will discuss it further at the next meeting.

We are still waiting for a date for the IRP Track Inspection.

**Clutch Chatter** Expenses for the year continue to be below projected budget. We have also had some paid advertising, and expect the 2005 net to be under \$2400. Dick requested any articles be submitted as soon as possible to get into the combined December/January issue.

**Activities** Lou Byer reported on the Awards Banquet Reservation at Primo's North for Saturday January 21, 2006. We will have the ad prominent in Clutch Chatter, requesting RSVP by January 7.

Steve Linn is taking care of collecting the Traveling Trophies for the Awards Banquet. Steve is also working with John Wilmoth to prepare all the individual trophies for the awards.

**New Business** Darren Daubenspeck was voted to be a director for 2006. The remaining 4 directors will be selected at the January BOD meeting. Dick Powell will put an ad in Clutch Chatter asking for anyone interested in being a director.

Next meeting scheduled for January 21, 2006 after the awards banquet.

Meeting was adjourned.

## 2006 Election Results

The elected officers for Indy Region SCCA for 2006 are:

Steve Linn - Regional Executive  
 Andy Welden - Assistant Regional Executive  
 Rich Lankford - Treasurer  
 Dick Powell - Recording Secretary  
 Cheryl Swarts - Membership Chairperson  
 Lou Byer - Activities Chairperson

The Bylaws of the Indianapolis Region of the SCCA require a Board of Directors consisting of the six elected officers plus any two directors who served on the Board of Directors for the previous year and who shall be selected by the

elected members of the current Board.

Darren Daubenspeck has been selected as one of the returning Directors. The other eligible Directors from 2005 are Matt Curry, Jeanne Spellman, Candice Pope, Jim Lin, and Rick Swarts.

In addition, the eight member Board of Directors will appoint a total of three (3) additional directors who shall have voting status on the Board.

**Any member who would be interested in serving as a director for 2006 can contact any current Director (info inside front cover) or attend the next meeting, to be held after the awards banquet on January 21, 2006. The Elected Officers/Directors will select the additional three Directors from those interested members.**

# Indy Region's Annual Awards Banquet

*To be held Saturday January 21, 2006 At  
 Primo North Banquet & Conference Center  
 5649 Lee Road, Lawrence, IN 46216  
 (on Ft. Benjamin Harrison)  
 Starting at 6:00 PM*



*Buffet Dinner and Drinks to be followed by the  
 2005 Indy Region Awards Presentations*

*A cash bar will be provided for sodas and alcoholic drinks.*

***\$20.00 per person. Pre-registration is required***

*Please RSVP to our Activities Chair person by  
 January 7, 2006 with names of attendees and  
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**Come out and join the rest of us for an evening of fellowship and festivities. Enjoy a great dinner with your friends, and be there to help congratulate the award winners. Help us celebrate another great year for the Indy Region SCCA.**

**I will be attending the Indianapolis Region SCCA Awards Banquet for 2005 on January 21, 2006. Enclosed is payment for \_\_\_\_\_ attendees at \$ 20 each.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Solo Report: Onward to 2006

by Darren Daubenspeck

Another year has set on a successful Indy Regional Solo Series, and I congratulate our trophy winners and special award winners. Joe Kniesly battled it out over the year to become our "Jack Tovey Solo Competitor of the Year", and Chris McGuire takes home the Top Conehead 'honors'. I thought that All Wheel Drive was supposed to keep one in control and on course – I guess it can also help maximize the carnage!

You'll have to come to the banquet in January to find out who takes home the "Spirit of Solo" award this year. Heck, everyone, especially all trophy winners, should come to the banquet, period! It's a good time to set back, relax, socialize, watch the year in pictures on the video screen, and reminisce about 2005.

But, looking ahead to 2006, the Indy Regional Solo Program is again in need of some hardy volunteers to step forward for more responsibilities. Jim Lin and Chris McGuire, who co-chaired this years program with me (Darren Daubenspeck), have given notice that they cannot fill the same shoes next year in 2006. So, in order to ensure that we even HAVE a 2006 Solo Program, some Program Chairmen need to stand up now. I (Darren) do plan to soldier on in a leadership role (read: Driver of da Short Bus) for 2006, but this load is more than one guy can or should carry.

Indy Region is blessed with quite a few worker bees – volunteers who step up to make sure the event goes on and flows, but few people who want to take a leadership posi-

tion. This is not a negative thing – it's wonderful that we have a core group of long-time Solo buffs that can be counted on in their volunteer positions – but it is both a blessing and a curse. The Solo Events are a serious undertaking, and we cannot just count on the right volunteer worker/competitors just showing up – thankfully, enough always does, but there's a shaky feeling on some Regional Sunday mornings, folks.

I think the time has come to form a more lasting management device for the Indy Region Solo Program – in the form a committee, with regular meetings. Those of you who have fresh ideas for where the Solo Program should be headed should attend these committee meetings. Do you have a complaint about the yearly Regional Series points rules? Do you think we should buy a specific piece of equipment? Do you have a contact at a possible Solo site that you think we should utilize? Come to the Solo Committee meetings to make your voice be heard and counted. Please, stay tuned to the Clutch Chatter and the Indy Regional Yahoo e-Group for an announcement about Solo Committee Meetings.

Most importantly, please contact me to volunteer to be on this committee, or to be a co-chair for the Regional Solo Program!

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The Solo Bus may be losing its home in the coming year, and needs to find a new port to dock in around Indianapolis when not at an event. The Indy



Region Club needs an unused corner of a parking lot, or preferably a covered storage location.

Access issues can be worked out. The Club would be willing to pay a modest space rental fee, but we really need a generous Indy Region Member to donate a space to save the club some \$\$\$\$\$.

Anyone willing to share some space with Indy Region for storage of the Solo Bus is urged to contact the Solo Chair to discuss the issue.

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# November 16 Solo Invitational 16th Street results

Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time	Driver	Best Time
<b>Super Stock</b>		<b>C Street Prepared</b>		<b>Fast Time of the Day</b> 	
Aaron Haskell	38.355	Kevin Miller	37.408		
Chris Northway	38.912	<b>D Street Prepared</b>		<b>E Modified</b>	
<b>C Stock</b>		Jim Lin	38.323	Jack Banker	37.696
Jeff Alexander	39.432	<b>A Prepared</b>		<b>Street Touring S</b>	
<b>F Stock</b>		Lee Miller	37.711	Bob Farr	38.015
Bill Farr	37.785	Spenser Vaughn	43.005	<b>Street Touring X</b>	
Randy Hall	38.388	<b>C Prepared</b>		Kevin Kent	37.010
Sean Murphy	40.077	Warren LeVeque	36.298	Joe Kniesly	37.938
Jacob Adams	40.138			David Woodward	39.915
Jon Adams	40.723			Michael LeVeque	37.089
<b>G Stock</b>		<b>D Modified</b>		Dale Brier	41.616
Darren Daubenspeck	38.879	Phil Wehman	35.501	<b>Street Modified</b>	
Larry Metz	43.069			Scott Dales	37.198
<b>H Stock</b>					
Brad Hayes	37.856				
<b>H Stock Ladies</b>					
Nancy Hayes	41.814				

## Solo Is: Stinger to Rantoul Solo

By Warren LeVeque

Drove 3 hours to Rantoul for the Saturday portion of a two day event. I hadn't autocrossed my CP Corvair Stinger for two years and was anxious to get it out again.

Steve Tamandli was there with his EM Fiero. Brandy and Ryan Sandberg were there driving someone's Nissan 350 Z both winning their classes.

It's a great facility, kinda windy and cool but just the right size, concrete and a flowing course.

I made the mistake of inviting my son Michael to go with me. I've been barely beating him this summer in my orange 1960 vintage racer. He certainly got revenge today. He clobbered me and beat every car except the winged modified and the EM of Tamandli's.

Brandy Sandberg accepted a fun run in the slowest CP car that she has probably ever sat in - mine. She made three runs before we could pry her out. I'm very proud of her. She attacked the course in a very strange car like the champion that she is. In 3 runs her time was right between Michael and I. What a pro. Great job Brandy---and a nice lady also.

It was a great day, - visited with lots of Corvair friends - and if you have to be beaten it's better if it's your son. Michael seems to have a better gift of driving around problems than I. He drives somewhere above it; where I have to fix it. I have the problem of the builder/tuner syn-

drome. Of course I don't have this problem so much if I'm the borrower and not the lender. Besides Brandy being a National Champion and just a very sweet person, I wanted her to drive my car to uncover any particular problems that I have ignored due to familiarity; especially handling. I thought the handling was just right, but what do I know? It's still a Pig compared to my mid engine car.

I had installed a Q Jet carb and had no chance to tune it. The extreme remote carb location (very long runners-no heat) and the cold weather contributed to some unwanted hesitation at lower revs. I think that it ran better for Brandy because she let it idle for long times and got a little bit of heat into the system. I don't recall ever running the previous Holley carb in cold weather, but the big shot of the 50 cc pump would have helped over come the problems. I'll have to increase the pump shot of the Q Jet and it's idle and low speed passages.

I have plenty to muse over this winter. I calculate the weight to be about 1870 # with the passenger seat and extra harnesses. Any one have ideas how to get another 100 # off so I can ballast up? With this weight, correctly ballasted, and only another 100 HP it could be competitive in CP.

Have to quit this stuff soon; \$100 for tow vehicle fuel is killing me.



There's a commercial on TV now that uses an "Easy" button to advertise their product. We are the "Easy" button generation. I'll just talk about music and cars as I know nothing about fashion or women.

When we sing Karaoke music we are using the easy button to perform. The background music is provided as well as back up singers to reach the high and low notes that we can't. The words are on a prompter screen with a pointer at them at the right rhythm. What's left for us to do? Karaoke is a good way and maybe the only way to get started, but not an end in itself. It wouldn't be "easy" to learn to read music and practice with a live band. Karaoke CD maker musicians are the underpaid talent.

We have keyboards and organs that can play themselves (not so high tech; remember roller player pianos), and even allow you to help, if you know a simple one note tune. Organ and keyboard instructors on TV advertise a method of playing that uses the "Easy" button.

Local music clubs are closing because it is just too "easy" to listen to music at home or on your Ipod, which steals from professional musicians. Ipods are even replacing disc jockeys. Very popular singers can't even perform in public without mixing boards to enhance them. Some performers have gone farther than lip synching and pretend to play keyboards by "hand" synching much like an air guitar.

Virtual reality games are the "Easy" button for our active physical life. We can virtually ride a bike, race, swim, or ski, without moving any limbs other than our thumbs. We're missing a lot (odors, winds, temperatures, sweat, strain, sweat, fatigue) of nature's feed back.

Our automobiles have also left us with out very much to contribute. We can start them from our "Easy" chair with our "Easy" button on our key chain. The doors will up lock and open themselves. The key knows which for driver to adjust the seats and climate. The car locks the doors for you and nags you to fasten your seat belt. The seat is heated and cooled for you delicate fanny. Some seats even have motorized side supports the ensure that it is not too much effort to sit up straight.

The radios volume is controlled in respect to your velocity, which is controlled by the cruise control. You can use your video game thumb to program your entertainment center. The steering, braking, and acceleration is assisted (i.e.throttle by wire), the ASC, ABS, ATC, etc. does the control for us. There are warnings to nag you if you are drunk or sleepy. Your kiddies are entertained by the on board video player. Radar in the grille and bumpers

doesn't allow you to get too close to other objects. The lights even turn themselves on and off and dim or brighten themselves. You don't even have to know where you are going or how to get there; the GPS will do it for you. OnStar will even dial your cell phone for you and call 911. Your car can calculate your fuel mileage for you and prompts you when service is due.

Now we have yaw and skid control to ensure that you can't over drive your car. The sign on the sunvisor feels the need to warn you that your tall, heavy, narrow vehicle will turn itself over if you actually try to drive it or use the off road capabilities. The transmission, whether gears or automatic, does the shifting for you. There is so much sound deadening and driveline and suspension isolation that you have to look at the warning lights on the dash to know if the engine is running.

The new competition/sports cars can set the suspension for you and electronically control the braking, cornering, and acceleration. So called high tech cars will not allow you to experience, sliding or power-on oversteer. If a car isn't competitive the manufacturer can add more tires, power and brakes. If it is still not competitive it does it again over and over until it starts to look like a 2 ton SUV. They've already decided that you aren't capable of driving in a fast cornering situation. Grand Prix cars are very much in this easy button category and are becoming boring to watch.

I dreamed the other night of a car that actually needed me to drive it and take care of it. It would be a car that rewarded (or not) my high performance schooling and years of racing practice rather than high tech purchasing power. It's usually a Corvair, but this night it was a Lotus Elan, which doesn't have an "Easy" button.

The 1400# Lotus responded instantly to my mechanical inputs, gave me instant mechanical feedback and allowed me to control it myself whether right or wrong. It didn't need power accessories because all of the mechanical inputs were easy because of the light weight and low inertia. I was allowed to make mistakes. I could feel, hear, and smell the reactions to the inputs. On a grander scale a racing Sprint Car would allow all of the same inputs and feedbacks. In these cases we are drivers, not passengers and "Real" not "virtual" performers.

Now my fingers (not just my thumb) are exercised enough to go play my old, upright grand, acoustic piano which doesn't have an "Easy" button, needs me to play it, and gives me rewards or **not** on the basis of lessons, skill, and practice.

# 2006 SCCA National Convention      February 2-4, 2006

## Westin Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri

<b>Schedule Thursday, February 2</b>		<b>Solo</b>	
Registration/Cars/KC Information Century Foyer	9:00 - 7:00	Site Acquisition Part I	2:15 - 3:00
SCCA Welcome Reception Union Station Union Café	7:30 - 10:00 PM	Site Acquisition Part II	3:10 - 4:00
<b>BOD</b>		How To/Who To/What For	4:10 - 5:00
Regional Executives and BoD Q & A	1:45 - 3:15	Marketing Solo	5:15 - 6:00
<b>Admin</b>		<b>Regions</b>	
Risk Management, Pete Lyon	5:00 - 6:00	Region Academy Returning REs Part I	2:15 - 3:00
<b>Club Racing</b>		Region Academy Returning REs Part II	3:10 - 4:00
National Administrators at Heartland Park Topeka	9:00 - 12:00	Region Best Practices RE Panel Discussion	4:10 - 6:00
Exec Stew w/CRB	11:00 - 12:00	<b>RoadRally/RallyCross</b>	
Stewards Meeting Back to the Basics Part I "Paperwork: How To & What's New"	1:45 - 3:15	Marketing's Role in Rally	2:15 - 3:00
NAs w/CRB	2:00 - 2:30	Finding a Great Venue for Your Event	3:10 - 4:00
Stewards Meeting Back to the Basics Part II Protest Process; Teardowns; Timeframes	5:00 - 6:00	How To/Who To/What For	4:10 - 5:00
<b>Solo</b>		<b>Schedule Saturday, February 4</b>	
Region Solo Program Best Practices	1:45 - 3:15	Reception	6:00 - 7:00 PM
<b>Regions</b>		Hall of Fame Induction Banquet	7:00 - 10:00 PM
Region Academy RE First Years	12:30 - 1:30	<b>Admin</b>	
Regional Executives and BoD	1:45 - 3:15	Member Services Best Practices	9:45 - 10:30
<b>Schedule Friday, February 3</b>		Finance Jeff Dahnert	10:45 - 11:45
Breakfast	7:30 - 8:00	Critical Incident Stress Management	1:45 - 2:30
Keynote Speaker - Herb Fishel	8:00 - 8:30	<b>Club Racing</b>	
Leadership Awards Ceremony	8:30 - 10:00	Town Hall	8:00 - 9:30
Panel: Grassroots Motorsports Growth Location TBD	10:15 - 12:15	<b>RoadRally/RallyCross</b>	
Rally and Solo Awards Luncheon	12:30 - 2:00	Town Hall	8:00 - 9:30
<b>Club Racing</b>		<b>SCCA-U</b>	
How To/Who To/What For Part I	2:15 - 3:00	LS 104 Whad'ya Say? The Art of Talk	8:00 - 9:30
How To/Who To/What For Part II Marketing Targeted at Club Racing	3:10 - 4:00	Safety Symposium	9:45 - 10:30
On Line Registration	4:10 - 6:00	Safety Symposium Part I (cont.)	10:45 - 11:45
<b>Tech Services</b>		Lunch - Club Racing	12:00 - 1:30
Tech Certification	2:15 - 4:00	Safety Symposium Part II	1:45 - 3:30
OBD II Diagnostics Training	4:10 - 6:00	Manufacturers' Panel	3:45 - 4:45
		Wrap Up	5:15 - 5:30
		<b>Solo</b>	
		Solo Safety Steward Training	8:00 - 9:30
		SEB Town Hall	1:45 - 3:30

OFFICIAL RESULTS						
STOIC INDIGNATION RALLY						
November 20, 2005						
Car #	Class	In Class	Driver	Navigator	Car Type	Points
3	B	1st	Kurt Weisner	Alex Weisner	Suzuki Samurai	118
12	C	1st	Rick Swarts	Cheryl Swarts	Ford Expedition	122
15	A	1st	Candice Pope	Frank Pope	Chevy Monte Carlo	136
6	C	2nd	Randy Hall	Bill Farr	Dodge Caravan	157
18	N	1st	Darren Fessel	Eugene Fine	Subaru WRX	157
9	N	2nd	Charles Thaddeus	Aswin Santuso	Subaru WRX	282

**LOUISIANA OUTLAWS SELLING CARS DAMAGED BY RECENT HURRICANES.**

Jennifer Saranow. The Wall Street Journal. 2005/12/08.

On December 6 Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco signed into law a bill intended to prevent vehicles damaged by recent hurricanes from being resold. The new law requires automobiles in the state declared a total loss because of water damage to be issued a certificate of destruction. These vehicles must be dismantled and sold for usable parts or crushed. The law applies only to insured vehicles and exempts antique vehicles and heavy trucks. The National Automobile Dealers Association estimates that 500,000 cars were total losses after the recent hurricanes, with approximately 435,000 of these vehicles totaled by Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana and Mississippi.

**You Ain't Gonna Believe This !!!!**

**STUDY LISTS CRASH ODDS FOR DRIVERS.**

Michael Liedtke. Contra Costa (Calif.) Times. 2005/12/07.

The Quality Planning Corp. (QPC), San Francisco, an affiliate of ISO, has analyzed 15 million automobile insurance policies and 2 million claims to come to more precise conclusions about place of residence and automobile accident risk. Drivers living within a mile of a church are 10 percent less likely to be in a crash, while drivers living within a mile of a restaurant are 30 percent more likely to be in a crash than the average driver. Those living near elementary schools are 26 percent more likely to have an accident, while those living near a liquor store are only 18 percent more likely to be in an accident. The head of QPC explains that population and traffic density explain many of the results. The company believes insurers will draw on the study to more accurately price automobile insurance policies, and reports that several insurers have already inquired about it. The article notes that ZIP codes have been used for decades to help set rates, despite objections from those who believe the practice discriminates against minority and low income drivers. A spokesperson for the Foundation for Taxpayer and Consumer Rights questions the study's usefulness, asking what would happen if a study showed that persons on low carbohydrate diets are in fewer accidents than pasta eaters.

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DATE	DRIVER'S SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	NATIONALS	OTHER EVENTS
Mar 4-5	CENDIV STEWARDS/WORKERS TRAINING SEMINAR, Clarion Waterfront Hotel, Indianapolis			
April 22-23	QUAD@ BHF (D)	QUAD @ BHF (5)	INR @ GM	CCS @ RA
April 29-30			BVR @ BHF	
May 6-7		INDY@ IRP(D) (4)		
May 13-14	NEO @ NL		DET/FWR@GRA	
May 20-21			MIL @ BHF	SVRA @ RA, ALMS @ MO
May 27-28 Memorial Day		WMR@GRA (D) (4)		Indy 500 @ INDY
June 3-4		MIL @ BHF (D) (5)	OVR @ MO	AMA @ RA
June 10-11		DET @ GM (D) (4)		
June 17-18		MIL @ RA (D) (5)		
	MICHIANA @ GM (D)	MICHIANA @ GM (4)		
June 24-25			CHI @ RA	Cleveland Grand Prix Grand Am @ MO
July 1-2		CINCY @ MO (D) (4)		USGP @ INDY
July 8-9		BVR @ BHF (D) (5)	INDY@ IRP	Ferrari @ RA
July 15-16		FWR@MO (D) (4)		BRIC @ RA
July 22-23		MIL @ RA (R)	MIL @ RA	
		NEO @NL ENDURO (R)		
July 29-30		CHI @ ABJ (D) (5)	NEO @ NL	AMA VINTAGE @ MO
Aug. 12-13			WMR @ GRA	
Aug. 19-20				ALMS @ RA
				Vintage Grand Prix @ MO
Aug. 26-27		CHI@ RA (D) (5)		
		FWR @ GM (D) (4)		
Sept. 2-3 Labor Day		WMR/LSR @ GRA (D) (4)	NEO @ NL	
		MIL @ MM (D) (5)		
Sept. 9-10		OVR @ MO (D) (4)		
Sept. 16-17				VSCDA @ RA
Sept. 23-24		NEO @ NL (D) (4)		CCWS @ RA
Sept 30-Oct 1		INDY @IRP (D) (4)		
Oct. 7-8		WOR @ MO(D)(4)		
Oct. 14-15			Runoffs @ HPT	
Oct. 28-29		CHI @ BHF (5)		

<b>BHF-Blackhawk Farms</b>	<b>GM-GingerMan</b>	<b>GRA-Grattan</b>
<b>IRP-Indianapolis Raceway Park</b>	<b>M-O-Mid Ohio</b>	<b>MM- Milwaukee Mile</b>
<b>NL-Nelson Ledges</b>	<b>RA-Road America</b>	<b>WAT-Waterford Hills</b>
(D) Double	(4) Area 4 Champ Series	<b>ABJ- Autobahn Joliet</b>
(R) Restricted	(5) Area 5 Champ Series	

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