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Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| Apr 28-29 | Test 'n Tune - Grissom Aeroplex |
| May 5 | May Day Rally |
| May 6 | Solo Points Event #1- Speedrome, Indy |
| May 20 | Solo Points Event #2- Grissom Aeroplex |
| May TBD | Formula SAE Hybrid Event-IMS |
| Jun 2 | June Journey / Jaunt / Junket Rally |
| Jun 3 | Solo Points Event #3- Terre Haute Airport |
| Jun 16 | Rally and Night Solo- Connersville |
| Jun 17 | Solo Points Event #4- Connersville |
| Jun 23-24 | National Road/International Road Rally |
| Jul 21 | Rally - TBD |
| Jul 22 | Solo Points Event #5- Grissom Aeroplex |
| Jul 26-29 | Super Weekend-IMS |
| Aug 2-4 | National Tour - Grissom Aeroplex |
| Aug 11 | Rally - TBD |
| Aug 12 | Solo Points Event #6- Grissom Aeroplex |
| Aug TBD | Subaru Event |
| Sep 4-7 | Solo Nationals- Lincoln, NE |
| Sep 23 | Solo Points Event #7- Speedrome, Indy |
| Sep 29 | Rally - TBD |
| Oct 14 or 21 | Fun Event- Grissom Aeroplex |
| Oct 27 | Halloween Rally |
| Nov 25 | NCBNON Rally |

Indy Region Connections

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| Indy Region Home Page: | www.indyscca.org |
| National SCCA: | www.scca.org |
| GLdivision: | www.greatlakes.scca.org |
| Solo Info Sites: | www.autocross.com |

Indy Region E-Group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/indyscca>

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Hello, fellow Indy Region members,

Well, at least I don't have anything particularly "aggravating" to talk about this month, except one subject a few of you decided to gripe about. We had a RallyX event a few weeks ago and, as I said, a few of you decided to repeat and to vent about the Division's "choice" of rules packages. Now, don't get me wrong, I agree with everything that was said--especially Dave. Ask him if you really want to know.

Travis is doing a fine job with the RallyX position. I wish a few more of you would come out and at least see what's going on, it's interesting. If you like Solo or Rally, I can just about guarantee you'll love RallyX.

Also, I'm asking for all of our members to get out there and enter at least one event this year. I can't remember anybody with at least one weekend they can go to and compete, or at least help a buddy.

If all of us would get involved for at least one weekend a year, then that would be great!!!

That's all I have to say today, so, all of ya'll listen up and GET INVOLVED!

See ya'll later,

Andy



Clutch Chatter Mailing Opt In/Opt Out

A complete, printable, electronic format copy of Clutch Chatter (including back issues) is available in Adobe pdf format for downloading on the Indy Region website at indyscca.org . Paper copies are only mailed to those who have sent the "Opt-In" form. Due to rising costs, the BOD asks that you only opt-in if you cannot access the online version.

When an issue of Clutch Chatter is completed and ready for publication, the pdf file will be posted on the Indy Region website and a special notice e-mail will be sent to the Indy Region e-group with a link to the download page. This should be available several days before the mailed copies arrive, since it won't have to go through the printer or the mail.

New members of Indy Region will receive Clutch Chatter in the mail for two months, after which they are expected to view or download from the website. They will be able to elect to opt-in by filling out and mailing in the form below.

Non-members. Clutch Chatter is a valuable tool for recruiting new members into the region, and drawing participants to our events. Our plan is to add non-member competitors to the mailing list for the month. If they participate in another event during the following month, then they will stay on the list for another month.

If you change your mind, you can complete and mail in the form below.

Opt-In/ Opt-Out Form

Return completed form to: Josh Kikta c/o Clutch Chatter 13101 S Elster Way Fishers, IN 46037

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[] Opt-out to stop receiving Clutch Chatter via mail by completing and returning this form.
Name: _____ SCCA Membership # _____
Address: _____
(address is provided for confirmation purposes only and will not result in an address change)
Your answer to the following question has no bearing on your choice:
Do you have an e-mail address or readily available internet access? Yes _____ No _____

This is a synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD March 8, 2012 at Dooley O'Tooles, 6:30 PM. There were 10 directors and 9 guests present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report Rich emailed the report to everyone before the meeting. After minor discussion, the report was approved.

Membership Stephanie reported current membership is 391. She is e-mailing new members with a welcome, and emailing expiring members with a renewal reminder.

Clutch Chatter Josh requested material for the next issue by the 15th. Josh asked for discussion about the paper copy mailing.

Website John is preparing a new version of the website, will soon have the site updated.

Activities The World of Wheels display was successful in making some new contacts for the club. The race tickets for IMS raffle generated a list of 250 names, which Dave will forward to Stephanie for club contact.

Dave has had contact with the State Fairgrounds; lot rental for autocross would be \$1400 per day for a (very) small lot. This is not feasible for our club.

Dave and Pauletta are continuing working with IMS to have an SCCA presence at the Grand Am weekend. One possibility would be a car corral inside, 100 car spaces at \$50 each. Not sure we can get enough interest from members this year.

Pauletta presented a proposal from Dave for a Combined Disciplines Record Run event. Sounds interesting, the group is supportive and positive.

Rally March 31 Rally is set and checked. We are still recruiting extra workers for the Double National Rally for June 23 – 34.

From National SCCA convention: National BOD is very

interested in advancing Road Rally as the main entry contact for new members. If we can get people to come out for a Rally, they can see what else the club offers for their entertainment.

Wendy Harrison is planning to have a Facebook page for communications concerning the National Rallies. Geoff Chambers stated he is the controller for an Indy Facebook page, and he can add Wendy so she can post there.

Race Bluegrass is under construction again. They have addressed their issues from previous times and are moving to completion for racing in 2013. Andy will get date commitments for the 2013 calendar.

Solo Next planning meeting is March 13 at O'Tooles. Pauletta has a commitment from Speedrome to have the site for May 6 and September 23 (first and last points events). Also, Dave and Pauletta are working with LORI for a couple events this year.

Velma has acquired the new timing software. Initially 4 or 5 persons will learn the software from the author, and will later present a class for anyone in the region interested in learning to use the system.

Michael LeVeque is storing daBus for us, and will prepare a quote for painting.

Pauletta presented a proposed budget for 2012.

Rallycross Program Travis emailed a proposed budget to the BOD. General discussion was quite positive.

Convention Report Velma reported her convention attendance. Total membership is dwindling. We need to find out why new members are leaving after a couple years. One of the points of discussion was expanding a "mentoring program" to help new members.

Our Expert class at Solo events is working with Novice competitors to help them learn what is going on, and is very much what the National office is thinking for the "mentoring program".

Indy Region's Next Board Meeting at Dooley O'Tooles

160 E. Carmel Drive

0.6 mile west of
Keystone Ave.



Thursday April 12 & May 10, 6:30 PM

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This is a synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD April 12, 2012 at Dooley O'Tooles, 6:30 PM. There were 8 directors and 6 guests present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report Rich emailed the report to everyone before the meeting. After minor discussion, the report was approved.

Membership Stephanie reported current membership is 395. She has been contacting by email the expiring members, and welcoming new members. She suggested we should purchase copies of the March SportsCar issue to distribute for club introduction / recognition. Raleigh suggested 100 copies, everyone agreed.

Clutch Chatter Josh requested materials for publication be submitted by the 15th for a combined April / May issue.

Website John sent a report via forum. He has been getting materials in good timing, and has spent some time updating the site and getting the new material posted. He thanks everyone for their quick response in submitting material.

Activities Pauletta reported for Dave. He has been working with LORI for a combined record event, which we would be preparing the autocross and promoting.

IMS has offered car corrals specials for the Super weekend (July) and the Indy 500 weekend. This would give us an area to keep our cars together and show off what we do, at a reduced price including parking and admissions. We would like to have 100 or more cars in the corral, at a cost of about \$50 each. This is also on the forums; contact Dave if interested in a spot.

Dave is still trying to find a venue for autocrossing in Indy, not having much luck yet. He would like to get some of our cars to Speedrome during one of their regular events to show their patrons what we are about, possible the night before our first event of 5/5.

Rally We had 9 cars at the March Rally. There has been excellent response of forums and at the dinner / awards after the event. We are still recruiting workers for the National Rally July 23 & 24, and can always use extra help at our club rallies.

There will be another National Rally planning meeting Sunday 4/15 at Chuck Hanson's.

Race Bluegrass Motorsports Park is listed as under construction; Andy will keep track of progress.

Solo The NationalTour planning meeting went well; still have a couple of specialty chief position to fill. Pauletta will post on the forums.

Michael LeVeque and Christian Banker are preparing the bus for the season. Not sure if they can get it painted before this season, but should have some decals and decorations ready.

We will be having a cleanup day at Grissom for last weekend in June. We would be renting a pavement grinder and a small street sweeper, need some funding for materials. Grissom General Manager has offered some, and Raleigh is going to ask SBR and FWR (and Indy) to kick in some for materials.

Rallycross Program The March event had 16 entries (down from previous due to an ice storm on 1-70). The new timing system and hoses worked very well.

Travis discussed an issue we had with sanction for our April event. We have already had significant discussions on our BOD forum after Travis posted there. The division Rallycross Steward denied our sanction due to a conflict with OVR schedule. Travis had checked their website, and OVR did NOT have the event listed on their site. The rule in the National Rallycross Rules allows the steward to deny sanctions, but does not specify reasons.

Geoff: when we pushed up the ladder to Howard Duncan, he agreed with us and talked to others for us, but would not override the Divisional Steward. The Divisional Stewards response to Travis said OVR had changed their date, and then berated Travis for going out of the chain of command.

There are not enough dates available (about 40 weekends) within the division to allow for no conflicts within the 19 regions, unless each region is restricted to 2 events per year. None of the other disciplines have this requirement, and it is counterproductive to the growth of the sport.

The Indy Region Directors thanked Travis for his work and efforts in promoting the program, and offered continuing support and help in resolving the issues for SCCA Rallycross.

New Business Next BOD meeting scheduled for May 10 at O'Tooles. Meeting was adjourned.



Pauletta Dusterberg

I like a fully loaded sandwich, How about you?



I was laying in bed thinking about how to describe how important it is to have membership participation with our program. Here's where my warped mind went. The solo program is like a sandwich- You start with a bun (program), then you add meat (solo chair) and some cheese (chiefs), OK so we have a sandwich. It'll do, but what would happen if we added some condiments (ALL our members). Now that would be an **AWESOME** sandwich that everyone will remember.

Our first **Test 'n Tune** of the season will be held April 28 and 29. Word is we already have a great list of cars.

Points Event #1 will be held on May 6th, at the Indianapolis Speedrome. See the ad in this newsletter.

Points Event #2 will be held on May 20th at Grissom Aeroplex.

Points event #3 will be held on June 3 at the Terre Haute Airport. This is a charity event. Proceeds will go to the Tyler Genneken Foundation. We are also going to be holding a challenge with the Champaign Sports Car Club at this event. They already have 15 or more members who want to compete in the challenge.

Daytime Social Rally/Evening Solo and Points event #4 will be held June 16-17. We are once again going to be in Connersville for their Planes, Trains, and Automobiles weekend. But there's a twist this year. We are going to do a 2 day event:

Saturday, June 16- Daytime Social Rally in Connersville during the day. Then that evening we are going to hold a night (OK, dusk) solo.

Sunday, June 17- Tri Region Challenge, AKA "Border Wars" with Cincinnati, WOR, and us.

We hope to get other regions to participate also.

Points Event #5 will be held on July 22 at the Grissom Aeroplex.

National Tour Cleanup day is going to be August 1. We need 6 to 8 volunteers to help with this.

National Tour and EVO school will be August 2,3,4 at Grissom Aeroplex. Please see the ad for the National Tour in a separate location in this newsletter.

Points Event #6 will be held on August 12 at Grissom Aeroplex. This is the Hoosier Challenge with Fort Wayne and South Bend. Let's make a good showing for Indy. Register on Motorsportsreg under the Fort Wayne event section.

Points Event #7 will be held on September 23 at Indianapolis Speedrome. This is the final points event for the season.

Season Ending Fun Event will be on October 14 at Grissom Aeroplex. What a great way to end the season, fun and friends. Hope to see everyone there.

Be faithful in small things, because it is in them that your strength lies.

-Mother Teresa



Indyscca.org Solo Series

2012 Schedule

Regular and Special Events

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| April 28-29 | Test 'n Tune | Grissom Aeroplex |
| May 6 | Points Event #1 | Speedrome, Indianapolis, IN |
| May 20 | Points Event #2 | Grissom Aeroplex |
| May TBD | Special Event | Formula SAE Hybrid- IMS |
| June 3 | Points Event #3 | Terre Haute Airport—Champaign SCC Challenge |
| June 16 | Special Event | Social Rally and Night Solo – Connersville– Carbon Motors |
| June 17 | Points Event #4 | Connersville – Carbon Motors – “Border Wars” Indy/Cincy/WOR Challenge |
| July 22 | Points Event #5 | Grissom Aeroplex |
| August 2-4 | Special Event | National Tour – Grissom Aeroplex |
| August 12 | Points Event #6 | Grissom Aeroplex – Indy/Fort Wayne Challenge |
| August TBD | Special Event | Subaru Event – Subaru Plant – Lafayette |
| September 23 | Points Event #7 | Speedrome, Indianapolis, IN |
| October 14 or 21 | Fun Event | Grissom Aeroplex |

2012 Solo Chiefs

Chief of Sound-Chris Brake
 Chief of Bus/Equipment-Michael Leveque (please)
 Chief of Course-Kevin Kent
 Rookie Coordinators-Ben Newburn/Will Lahee
 Chief of Waivers-Tim Harrison
 Chief of Safety-Lee Miller
 Kart Stewart-Fred Foxworthy
 Chief of Tech- Dave Dusterberg
 Chief of Registration- Dale Brier
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There were nine cars for the second of four pre-checks of parts of the double National rallies coming up in June. We had a beautiful day with the Redbuds and Dogwoods in full bloom. Everybody had fun. The roads were beautiful and fortunately the heavy rainfall that we got in the city on Friday night missed the rally area.

In addition to our regulars, we welcomed back three teams from the Champaign County Sports Car Club and two new teams that had not previously run an SCCA rally. For those not familiar with CCSCC, they are an independent club which provides an outstanding program of TSD rallies and solos. They are about the same distance from Indy as Ft. Wayne, so they are very convenient if you want to practice. They do have a website www.ccsportscarclub.org and do online registration. I encourage you to check them out.

We have another Rally Committee meeting at 3 PM on Apr. 15 to discuss progress on the June Nationals. This meeting will be at our new home at 1014 E. Brunswick Ave (one block north of Edgewood Ave. and three houses west of Shelby Street). Anybody who would like to volunteer to assist with the preparations is welcome to attend (yes, we will accept volunteers right up to, and including the event).

2012 Rally Dates for Indianapolis Region

| # | Event Name | Categories | Date | Rallymaster(s) |
|-------|---|------------|-------------|--|
| III. | May Day | RC/RT/RG | 5/5 | Harrison/Beidleman |
| IV. | June Journey / Jaunt / Junket | RC/RT/RG | 6/2 | Kowalczyk/Beidleman |
| | Connersville | Social | 6/16 | TBD |
| | The National Road The International Road | NC/NT/NG | 6/23- 24 | Davis/Harrison/Beidelman Andy Kowalczyk |
| V. | TBD | RC/RT/RG | 7/21 | TBD |
| VI. | TBD | RC/RT/RG | 8/11 | TBD |
| VII. | TBD | RC/RT/RG | 9/29 | TBD |
| VIII. | Halloween Rally | RG | 10/27 | Ted Drummond |
| IX. | NCBNON | RC/RT/RG | 11/25 | Charles Hanson |

| May Day | Saturday, May 5, 2012 |
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| 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM EDT | Registration: I-74 Cloverdale Exit South on US231 |
| 12:45 PM | Drivers Meeting |
| 1:00 PM + Car # | Cars Start |
| 5:30 PM + Car # | Finish: To be announced at rally |

Almost April Fool's Rally Results

By: Chuck Hanson

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|--------------------------|---------------------|------|-----|
| Event Type (Circle One): | Course | Tour | GTA |
| Event Name: | Almost April Fool's | | |
| SCCA Sanction #: | 2012 RC/RT/RG 13 02 | | |
| Chairman: | Charles Hanson | | |
| Region: | Indianapolis (13) | | |
| Event Date: | March 31, 2012 | | |
| No. of Controls: | 12 | | |
| Event Mileage: | 101.998 | | |
| Elapsed Time: | 5 Hours | | |



Worker Points may only be assigned to Chairman, Rallymaster(s), or Pre-Checker(s)

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| Worker Points (#1) | Andrew Kowalczyk | Rallymaster |
| Worker Points (#2) | Harold Davis | Asst. Rallymaster Tour |
| Worker Points (#3) | Craig Beidleman | Asst. Rallymaster GTA |
| Worker Points (#4) | Chuck Hanson | Pre-Check |

Class E

| Position | Driver | Member # or Hometown | Status | Navigator | Member # or Hometown | Status | Score |
|----------|-----------------|----------------------|--------|---------------------|----------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Bob DeMeritt | 402692 | Member | Marianne DeMeritt | 402693 | Member | 218 |
| 2 | Robert Townsend | 308606 | Member | William Wagner, Jr. | 203507 | Member | 250 |

Class L

| Position | Driver | Member # or Hometown | Status | Navigator | Member # or Hometown | Status | Score |
|----------|----------------|----------------------|--------|--------------|----------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Angela Patrick | 414044 | Member | Gary Patrick | 273951 | Member | 30 |

Class S

| Position | Driver | Member # or Hometown | Status | Navigator | Member # or Hometown | Status | Score |
|----------|------------------|----------------------|--------|----------------|----------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Mike Blackwelder | 353571 | Member | James Hamilton | 203508 | Member | 694 |
| 2 | Sam Crites | 437154 | Member | Beth Crites | 437490 | Member | 12 |

Class S

| Position | Driver | Member # or Hometown | Status | Navigator | Member # or Hometown | Status | Score |
|----------|----------------|----------------------|--------|-----------------|----------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Heather Miller | 395769 | Member | Charles Lemerou | 393664 | Member | 1139 |

Class G

| Position | Driver | Member # or Hometown | Status | Navigator | Member # or Hometown | Status | Score |
|----------|----------------|----------------------|---------|-----------------|----------------------|---------|-------|
| 1 | Wendy Harrison | 396406 | Member | Susan Vogt | 396421 | Member | 10 |
| 2 | Ted Drummond | 267155 | Member | Shealyn Rondot | 8707420 | Weekend | 15 |
| 3 | Anette Miller | 8707419 | Weekend | Rob Bohn | 8707418 | Weekend | 19 |
| 4 | Sean Padfield | 8707417 | Weekend | Jennifer Gianas | 8707416 | Weekend | 29 |

The 2012 season is starting to take off for us with the first Indy Region points event taking place in early May. For the competitors that are not content with seven points events and maybe a couple of additional fun events, there are plenty of other opportunities to get an autocross fix, be it nearby with a neighboring region, or possibly further away at a National-level event. Just like last year, I expect that some of us will venture out and represent the Indy Region name at events as far as Lincoln in Nebraska.

Regional Events:

Yes, going outside our region usually means driving a little farther for an event. However, events can still be found at reasonable distances away from Indy. In fact, some of the closest out-of-region events take place at Grissom, one of our regular sites, where other regions also put on Solo events. In addition, if you live closer to the outskirts of our region, events in neighboring regions can be even closer to your home than some of the Indy Region events. Some of the regions you may want to check out are Columbus Sports Car Club, where the first two events of their season have already taken place, Fort Wayne Region, South Bend Region, Indiana Northwest Region, Western Ohio Region, Cincinnati Region, Ohio Valley Region, Northwest Ohio Region, Central Illinois Region, Southern Indiana Region and Kentucky Region.

There are a number of ways to find out about events in other regions. Some of the available resources are:

www.myautoevents.com
www.motorsportreg.com
www.scca.com/events/

Schedule information can also be looked up directly on the regions' Web sites, which can be found through a search engine, or through the [scca.com](http://www.scca.com) Web site. Another possibility to find out about these events is talking to other autocrossers, either directly or through the various discussion lists.

Divisional Events:

There will be changes at the Divisional level this year. For the first time in many years, there will be no Divisional Championship. The National Office has decided to eliminate the qualification requirements for attending the National Championships. In the past, it was necessary to either attend a Divisional Championship or a National Tour in order to compete in the National Championship, and therefore, the Divisions were required to hold Divisional Championships, but no more.

With this change, the Divisions are still encouraged to hold events that bring competitors from the various regions together. This will happen in our area in form of the Great Lakes Divisional Series, an autocross series that goes back well over 20 years. At the writing of this article, the schedule had not been completely finalized, but the following

three events stand so far:

June 23/24 Silverdome, Pontiac/MI
July 15 The Coliseum, Fort Wayne/IN
August 17-19 Oscoda/MI

I have never been to an event at the Silverdome, the former Detroit Lions football arena in Pontiac, but am looking forward to experiencing it. This site is also used by Detroit Region for their local series events. It might be similar to the Coliseum in Fort Wayne, also a venue used for concerts and other large events, which has a quite large parking lot with an asphalt surface. Oscoda, on the other hand, is closer to Grissom in nature, also a former Air Force base with an expansive concrete pad, but in very good shape and with good grip. Oscoda is a pretty good distance from Indy, but worth the trip. A fourth event might be added to the list, with the Toledo Express Airport being a likely venue. For more detailed info and event flyers, check:

www.soloseries.org

Please note that preregistration is often required at the Divisional level. You don't want to show up and not be able to run after making a long trip because you overlooked this little detail.

National Events:

There are three types of National-level events, National Tours, ProSolos, and the National Championships. This year, there will be ten National Tours spread out over the country, with two of them already in the books in more southern states with no attendees from our region. There will also be nine ProSolos, which includes the ProSolo Finale in Lincoln. This all culminates in the National Championships towards the end of the season.

Out of the ten National Tours, I expect to see Indy Region drivers at four of them. The first one is the Lincoln NT or Central States Championship (I've also heard the name Spring Nationals), which takes place over the Memorial Day weekend in Lincoln, Nebraska. This will be the second time the Spring Nationals are held, again in combination with a ProSolo. The fact that the event takes place at the same place as the Solo Nationals, and the combination with the ProSolo for a total of four days of competition in a row both add to the attractiveness of this event, despite the far-away location.

Just two weeks later, in June, the NT schedule continues with an event in Blytheville Arkansas, the Southern States Championships. Blytheville has been on the NT schedule for several years now with several of us attending on a regular basis. Apparently, the National Office deemed the NT/ProSolo combo they first tried at last year's Spring Nationals, a success, since they are using the same format for the event in Blytheville this year.

Solo on the Road...Continued

This, again, means four consecutive days of competition. Blytheville is another event that takes place on a former Air Force base with a huge concrete surface. This site is large enough that it was considered as a site for the Solo National Championships a few years ago, and it is definitely worth going to.

The NT with the largest expected participation from Indy Region will be the Peru NT or Northern States Championships, held on August 4/5. This event moved to Toledo last year, but is back at Grissom this year as part of a new two-year cycle. It is hosted by our own region and takes place in our own backyard. How could it not be popular with Indy Region drivers!

In addition, the National Office decided to officially try stock street tire classes at National Tours and at the National Championships this year. There are three additional classes, in which cars are grouped together based on their driveline configuration. There will be RTR for rear-wheel drive cars, RTF for front-wheel drive cars and RTA for all-wheel drive cars. The cars competing in these new classes must meet the stock class requirements with the additional rule that the tires have a minimum 140 treadwear rating, and the results are scored based on the PAX factors for the regular Stock classes. These new classes cater to people who don't opt to run R-compound tires on their cars and are therefore not competitive in the regular Stock classes. I hope that the new classes increase the participation of Indy Region drivers at the Peru NT. I expect that the National Office will make these classes permanent if they are accepted by the membership through good entry levels, otherwise, they will probably disappear again.

The Solo season really winds down throughout most of the country after the National Championships, but there is one more NT to go to, the second Blytheville NT in Arkansas on October 27/28. We might find Indy Region members down there again for a last large-scale concrete event before they park their cars for the winter break.

It has been a few years since we had Indy Region members compete seriously in the ProSolo series. We'll see if this changes this year with the two combined NT/ProSolo events in Lincoln and Blytheville. Running these two ProSolos, plus the ProSolo in Toledo on July 28/29, makes it enough events to collect full points, plus have an additional event that can be dropped.

If someone decides to run the full ProSolo series, they will be in Lincoln for the ProSolo Finale on September 1/2. This event is followed by the Solo National Championships, which take place from September 4 to 6, which is Labor Day week. I expect a number of Indy Region drivers to be there to measure themselves against the best in the country. This is just too good of an event to pass up. As I mentioned before, I expect a new entry record this year, unless gas prices jump up too much this summer. The aforemen-

tioned rule change that took away the need to attend a Divisional Championship or National Tour eliminates one hurdle to attend Nationals and should also help to increase attendance, in addition to the fact that this year is another anniversary year.

More information about the National-level events can be found here:

www.scca.com/solo/content.cfm?cid=44511&tag=60

www.scca.com/solo/content.cfm?cid=44512&tag=62

Preregistration is definitely required for these events, which can be done at:

www.motorsportreg.com or through the events page on the scca.com Web site.

There is usually a deadline after which registration becomes more expensive, and a second deadline, several days before the event, when registration closes completely and no further entries are allowed. Please note that these events have limited capacity and can actually fill up. Registering early is the best way to secure a slot. Prepayment done online is also required, but this year, the National office has changed the payment procedure. As far as I know, they don't take your money anymore at the time you register, but at the time of the event.

Just like last season, I'll try to cover the relevant Divisional and National-level Solo events through articles in the Clutch Chatter to let you know how the Indy Region members fared. I am planning to attend a number of these events myself, maybe again with multiple cars. Therefore, I will be able to provide first-hand reports, but will also try to cover the events that I have to miss but are attended by drivers from our Region. There should be plenty to write about.



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Welcome New Members **By: Stefanie Stribling**

We would like to welcome these new members to the Indianapolis Region of the SCCA:

- | | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Steven D. Phillips | Avon, IN | Matthew Douds | Indianapolis, IN |
| Nathan Blackwell | Franklin, IN | Colin Faucett | Granger, IN |
| Ryan P. Roberson | Indianapolis, IN | Rusty Hurford | Martinsville, IN |
| Mary and Christian Ross | Franklin, IN | Dave Smith | Carmel, IN |
| Robert Perona | Indianapolis, IN | Jay Hawkins | Galveston, IN |
| Ian Brown | Indianapolis, IN | Elizabeth Hiatt | McCordsville, IN |
| Don Williams | Indianapolis, IN | Kris Hiatt | McCordsville, IN |
| David Drew | Indianapolis, IN | Doc Holliday | Cicero, IN |
| Jay Lewis | Peru, IN | Bernard McGee | Greenwood, IN |
| Jessica McGee | Greenwood, IN | Tony McKown | Kokomo, IN |
| Robert "Ross" Nellums | Lafayette, IN | Jeffrey Parsons | North Salem, IN |
| Robert Perona | Indianapolis, IN | Paul Rancuret | Indianapolis, IN |

We look forward to seeing you at an Indy Region event in the near future. As of the date of this newsletter we are 395 members strong.



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Date: 05/06/2012

Time:

7:30 - 9:10: Course available for walking once Safety has cleared it

7:30 - 8:50: Registration

7:40 - 9:15: Tech open

9:00 - 9:15: Rookie meeting

9:25 - 9:40: Drivers meeting

10:00 First car off

Ticket Prices:

Pre-registered entrants:

\$25.00 SCCA Members

\$40.00 for Weekend Members*

Walk up Registration day of event:

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\$45.00 for Weekend Members*

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\$30.00 Pre-Registration

\$35.00 On-Site Registration

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For lunch, there will be a full concession menu available to you, including Hot Dogs, Coney Dogs, Tenderloins, Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Nachos, Peanuts, Popcorn, Fries, Pizza, JB's Chicken Tenders and other traditional offerings.

Bottled Pepsi products, bottled Water, and Iced Tea as well.

Everyone entering the event site must sign a release & waiver form

Pre-Register at: www.motorsportsreg.com

Contact person: :

Pauletta Dusterberg, Solo

Chairindyscca@indy.rr.com



Saturday Night Racing Under the Lights at the Speedrome!

By: Velma Boreen

On Saturday, April 7th, the Dusterbergs and the Boreens decided to take a road trip to the Speedrome on the east side of Indianapolis to watch the Saturday night races under the lights. We got there about 6:30 and it's a good thing we got there early enough to get in! The place was packed and it was a sellout crowd! In fact, they had to turn people away! We also wanted to see what the facility looked like as our event on May 6th will be taking place there.

The classes that ran on that evening were: Mel Kenyon Midget Series, INEX Thunder Roadsters, INEX Legend Cars, Speedrome Hornets (4 cylinder bomber cars), Speedrome Roadrunners (V8 full size bomber cars), Speedrome Stocks and Speedrome Outlaw. In my humble opinion, the cars that looked the best were the Thunder Roadsters, the Legend Cars and the Speedrome Stocks. But then again, I'm a shiny car person!

The evening started out with a beautiful Jaguar driving around the oval with the US flag while a gentleman did a great job of singing the National Anthem. After that, short 8 lap sprints took place with all of the different classes. There were a few incidents – one of the legend cars ended up driving straight into the wall and these are definitely walls, not safer barriers! The driver was taken away in the ambulance so he was out for the rest of the evening. The Speedrome Roadrunners race of 25 laps was an interesting concept as an additional maneuver was added to their run on

the oval. At the start/ finish line, a huge tractor tire was place and as the cars approached it, they also had to drive around the tire. This was called a flag pole race and it made for some entertaining racing! There were a couple of the classes that, in addition to running on the oval, also did Figure 8 races! OMG!!! All seemed to go well until the 23rd lap of a 25 lap race. The driver that was leading that race was very aggressive and was not afraid of the crossover on the Figure 8 at all. Well, it caught up with him as he T-boned another car. That brought out the red flag so they could get three of the cars involved off the track. With only one wrecker, that took a little bit of time. Once they had resumed racing, there were only 2 laps left and fortunately, no more incidents! All in all, it was a very entertaining evening and was a style of racing that we hadn't seen for quite a while.

It sounds like the management at the Speedrome is excited to have our club there the beginning of May. They have refreshment stands which feature food from Jonathan Byrd that will be open for us. All in all, it should be a lot of fun.

So, if you are looking for something to do on a Saturday night and not have to spend a bundle of money, this is a good place to go. Oh, did I mention the people watching? Well, we'll save that for another article!

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RallyCross Points Event 1

By: Travis Camp

| RallyCross Points Event 1 3/24/2012 | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|------------------|---------------|-----------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| | Pos | # | Driver | | | | | | Score |
| Stock - Front Wheel Drive | | | | | | | | | |
| T | 1 | 12 | Robert Anderton | 100.323 | 98.653(1) | 100.245 | 102.549(1) | 100.862 | 825.552 |
| | | | | 65.429 | 64.918 | 64.722 | 63.155 | 64.696 | |
| | 2 | 900 | Jonathan Dennis | 112.482(0c1g) | 111.826 | 103.889(1) | 99.35 | 98.101 | 860.537 |
| | | | | 75.036(1) | 65.284 | 64.05 | 67.071 | 63.448 | |
| | 3 | 1 | Paul Rancuret | 146.019 | 113.33 | 107.823 | 107.494 | 106.652 | 911.508 |
| | | | | 70.503(1) | 66.243 | 64.932 | 64.079 | 64.433 | |
| | 4 | 07 | Corey Innis | 68.14 | 63.987 | 63.927 | 63.323 | 61.839 | 443.901 |
| | | | | 62.698 | 59.987 | | | | |
| Stock - Rear Wheel Drive | | | | | | | | | |
| T | 1 | 85 | Kenny Lukenbill | 126.44 | 103.24 | 101.34 | 99.994 | 102.33 | 862.509 |
| | | | | 63.98 | 65.284 | 66.40 | 65.36 | 64.529 | |
| | 2 | 185 | Ian Girvan | 115.044(1c1g) | 101.068 | 100.404 | 101.377 | 101.7 | 933.081 |
| | | | | 65.191 | 64.685 | 64.411 | 65.434 | 63.767 | |
| Stock - All Wheel Drive | | | | | | | | | |
| T | 1 | 61 | Tim Spellman | 89.853(1) | 89.537 | 90.692 | 89.837 | 87.303 | 756.07 |
| | | | | 61.311 | 59.941 | 61.298 | 61.08 | 65.222(2) | |
| T | 2 | 0 | Dave Christie | 93.458 | 91.26 | 92.861(1) | 94.492 | 89.957 | 766.629 |
| | | | | 59.451 | 60.148 | 61.136 | 61.827 | 62.039 | |
| T | 3 | 54 | Zac Ferguson | 94.898(1) | 95.541(1) | 89.496(1) | 94.114(1) | 92.585 | 787.413 |
| | | | | 65.945 | 63.159 | 62.69 | 62.563 | 66.422(2) | |
| | 4 | 71 | Travis Camp | 100.047 | 98.014(1) | 93.615(1) | 89.906 | 96.734 | 790.662 |
| | | | | 63.768 | 63.25 | 62.969 | 61.412 | 60.947 | |
| | 5 | 6 | Lori Rensing | 100.641(1) | 98.95 | 105.059 | 101.434 | 96.531 | 836.223 |
| | | | | 67.471 | 64.161 | 63.315 | 62.492 | 76.169(2c1g) | |
| | 6 | 23 | Mark White | 112.166(0c1g) | 111.1 | 110.588(0c1g) | 96.251 | 100.720(1) | 863.16 |
| | | | | 63.691(1) | 67.262(2) | 65.396(1) | 69.796(3) | 66.190(1) | |
| | 7 | 7 | Benjamin Newburn | 106.085(1c1g) | 93.059(1) | 94.198(1) | 85.903 | 93.416(2) | 879.806 |
| | | | | 75.954(1c1g) | 62.692(1) | 64.928(2) | 73.079(1c1g) | 70.492(1c1g) | |
| Prepared - All Wheel Drive | | | | | | | | | |
| T | 1 | 19 | Kevin Eichler | 92.663 | 94.064 | 94.199 | 93.887 | 93.539 | 789.867 |
| | | | | 65.816 | 64.457 | 64.308 | 63.844 | 63.09 | |
| | 2 | 64 | Danny Phillips | 109.222(0c2g) | 89.529 | 88.163 | 92.203 | 105.594(1) | 806.896 |
| | | | | 62.513 | 65.4 | 67.591(1) | 63.018 | 63.663 | |
| | 3 | 25 | Jacob Brier | 120.132(1) | 105.023 | 104.695 | 101.338 | 106.227 | 878.006 |
| | | | | 67.516 | 66.939 | 68.051 | 69.432 | 68.653 | |

*I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots.
Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone.*

I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there.

*I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there.
I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work.*

I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on jumping anymore.

I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often.

I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older.

*One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart!
At my age I need all the stimuli I can get!*

And, sometimes I think I am in Vincible but life shows me I am not!

I have been in Deepdoo many times. The older I get, the easier it is to get there.

National Tour—Help Needed

We make a living by what we do, but we make a life by what we give. Winston Churchill

The Indy Region is hosting the National Tour at Grissom this year. We need volunteers to help our region shine. Below is what we need, please consider volunteering.

Wed., August 1— Cleanup day

6-7 volunteers needed.

9 AM—?

Thurs., August 2—EVO School & Tour Prep

6-7 volunteers needed.

7 AM—?

Man gate, setup for EVO school

Pick up lunch

Fri., August 3—Test Course Setup/EVO school

6-8 volunteers needed

7 AM—?, gates open at noon for

Competitor arrivals

Test Course 11 AM— 3PM

Early Registration— 3 PM— 4 PM

Registration 4 PM—7 PM

Sat., August 4— National Tour

Chiefs needed— see box at right

Positions Available for Tour:

Chairperson—Pauletta Dusterberg

Course Designer— Sam Strano

Chief of Course— open

Chief of Tech— open

Chief of Grid— open

Chief of Safety— Lee Miller

Chief of Waivers— open

Youth Steward— open

Chief of Protest— open

Hospitality Chief— Stefanie Striebling

Sound Steward— Chris Brake

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Please reply by May 15th

RallyCross Points Event 2

By: Travis Camp

| RallyCross Points Event 2 4/21/2012 | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Pos | # | Driver | | | | | | | Score |
| Stock - Front Wheel Drive | | | | | | | | | |
| T | 7 | Cory Innis | 65.394 | 63.464 | 62.438 | 62.809 | 61.799 | 53.398 | 632.881 |
| | | | 53.033 | 52.709 | 52.996 | 52.126 | 52.715 | | |
| T | 12 | Robert Anderton | 64.326 | 65.282 | 63.288 | 63.288 | 67.174(3) | 53.249 | 641.973 |
| | | | 53.322 | 52.608 | 52.752 | 52.29 | 54.394 | | -9.092 |
| T | 111 | Casey Szink | 71.177(1) | 66.572 | 65.442 | 64.895(1) | 61.49 | 53.469 | 654.869 |
| | | | 54.162 | 53.603 | 53.68 | 54.446 | 55.933 | | -12.896 |
| 4 | 71 | Travis Camp | 67.346 | 67.45 | 68.336 | 65.024 | 64.252 | 56.452(1) | 655.568 |
| | | | 54.036 | 53.537 | 52.877 | 53.462 | 52.796 | | -0.699 |
| 5 | 26 | Jonathan Dennis | 69.592 | 68.763 | 65.272 | 65.907 | 61.767 | 55.722 | 657.631 |
| | | | 53.764 | 54.79 | 53.792 | 54.166 | 54.096 | | -2.063 |
| 6 | 62 | Nathan Steinke | 66.788 | 67.16 | 65.090(1) | 62.458 | 62.369 | 56.019(1) | 676.714 |
| | | | 52.709 | 54.491 | 64.533 | 54.164(1) | DNF | | -19.083 |
| 7 | 11 | Kelly Mazzolla | 72.954 | 70.077 | 64.65 | 65.08 | 65.441 | 55.902 | 680.807 |
| | | | 57.279(1) | 60.531(2) | 59.475(1) | 55.784 | 53.634 | | -4.093 |
| Stock - Rear Wheel Drive | | | | | | | | | |
| T | 11 | Alexander Kopache | 68.713 | 73.802 | 65.938 | 64.671 | 63.367 | 55.252 | 668.366 |
| | | | 55.066 | 55.782(1) | 54.632 | 58.423(2) | 52.72 | | |
| 2 | 1 | Xylena Reed | 120.142 | 87.436 | 72.569 | 68.781 | 92.815 | 60.939 | 804.101 |
| | | | 59.725 | 58.233 | 58.608 | 58.424 | 66.429 | | -135.735 |
| Stock - All Wheel Drive | | | | | | | | | |
| T | 14 | John L. Voegeli | 67.828 | 66.704 | 67.051 | 66.725 | 65.348 | 53.116 | 650.55 |
| | | | 52.354 | 52.705 | 52.798 | 52.833 | 55.088(1) | | |
| T | 68 | Greg Norman | 73.331 | 72.066 | 72.266 | 74.188(2) | 66.618 | 58.68 | 680.901 |
| | | | 53.178 | 53.079 | 53.126 | 51.809 | 52.56 | | -30.351 |
| 3 | 61 | Tim Spellman | 75.281(1) | 73.987(1) | 70.978 | 68.67 | 66.771 | 54.548 | 682.394 |
| | | | 53.493 | 53.945 | 54.869 | 56.043(1) | 53.809 | | -1.493 |
| 4 | 2 | Dave Christie | 79.264 | 73.027 | 72.627 | 72.897 | 70.229 | 55.644 | 714.392 |
| | | | 56.099 | 56.647 | 55.136 | 56.513 | 66.309 | | -31.998 |
| 5 | 7 | Michael Reed | 79.507(2) | 78.763(1) | 74.465(1) | 75.290(2) | 82.926(3) | 55.509(1) | 737.524 |
| | | | 66.327 | 55.446(1) | 57.463(2) | 55.519(1) | 56.309(1) | | -23.132 |
| Prepared - Front Wheel Drive | | | | | | | | | |
| T | 47 | Steve Phillips | 72.122 | 71.924 | 72.09 | 69.858 | 71.428 | 72.122 | 770.963 |
| | | | 71.924 | 72.09 | 69.858 | 71.428 | 56.119 | | |
| Prepared - All Wheel Drive | | | | | | | | | |
| T | 45 | Matt OMullane | 64.608 | 73.942(2) | 65.7 | 71.867 | 66.95 | 51.488 | 708.344 |
| | | | 52.316 | 74.384(0c1g) | 52.386 | 51.494 | 53.209 | | |
| T | 1 | Justin Lee | 78.707(1) | 76.072 | 76.014(1) | 72.729 | 69.545 | 54.177 | 711.851 |
| | | | 54.993 | 62.700(2) | 54.856 | 57.017(1) | 55.041 | | -3.507 |
| 3 | 96 | Russell Shireman | 75.749 | 78.500(1) | 72.802 | 72.496 | 73.116(1) | 54.711 | 713.559 |
| | | | 60.018(2) | 55.468 | 56.709(1) | 56.95 | 57.040(1) | | -1.708 |
| 4 | 64 | Danny Phillips | 86.433(1c1g) | 73.375 | 74.989(1) | 73.570(1) | 72.803(1) | 59.578(1) | 817.04 |
| | | | 54.081 | 56.408(1) | 55.901 | 64.987(0c1g) | 54.915 | | -103.481 |
| Modified - Four Wheel Drive | | | | | | | | | |
| T | 17 | Brian Ballinger | 65.793(1) | 64.102(2) | 63.329(1) | 59.139 | 59.689(1) | 53.188 | 616.419 |
| | | | 48.784 | 51.374(1) | 53.65 | 48.64 | 48.731 | | |

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Information for Area 4 Members

I just returned from the SCCA National Convention. While it was only 3 days for most attendees, it was 7 days for members of the BOD Planning Committee, most of it in hotel meeting rooms. There is much to tell so here goes.

Reunification of Central Division

Last month, I conducted a Straw Pole among Great Lakes Division RE's, newsletter editors, and other leaders of the Division. The questions was "Should we reunite Area 4 (Great Lakes Division) and Area 5 (Central Division)?" The results:

56% For

26% Against

17% Ambivalent

At the same time, a poll was taken in Area 5. The result of that poll was 70% against. And that kills this discussion for now. Area 5 Director Bob Lybarger and I continue to discuss the matter, but without buy-in from Area 5, we can go no further. It takes two to dance.

There is some discussion among the BOD about gerrymandering parts of NeDiv such that western Pennsylvania would become part of GLD. I spoke with some attendees from Steel Cities and Mahoning Valley regions at the convention and they liked the idea. It would also add BeaveRun to our racetracks. Don't get too excited as this is just "beer talk" right now.

The BOD is engaged with determining who GLD would be paired with as the Majors are deployed. The favorite is Central Division. So reunified or not, we may find ourselves clustered with CenDiv anyway. The other possibility is NeDiv, but the numbers are not lining up well in terms of distribution of drivers for given classes.

Bluegrass Motorsports Park

While at the Convention, I received a call from Brad Poppell at BMPS. Brad says the lawsuit holding up construction at the track has been settled in their favor (yeah!). Work is about to resume. We agreed to meet in about 60 days to discuss the SCCA's potential ownership position. This is great news for our Kentucky Regions, Cincy Region, WOR, and even Indy Region.

Convention – BOD

My convention started Monday night with meetings by the BOD Planning Committee. As expected, we devoted quite a bit of time to a rollout of the Majors, the change in the Runoffs format, and the realignment of classes. The BOD meetings, which began Wednesday, considered all the items you will read about in FasTrack. There were many reports from all the various committees, staff and program boards. I made a presentation of a new business model that would have great appeal to a younger demographic, while providing the SCCA with excellent public relations. It was received well. Of particular interest, was consideration of a tiered membership program which would cut the cost of membership for many members. The full impact of this concept will be vetted by the staff and we will decide later this year if the program has merit.

This BOD is good. As a group, they listen and are not afraid to make the bold moves necessary to improve our club. And, my fellow members are committed like I am to a rules season and a reduction of National classes.

SOLO

One of the goals to improve our Solo Program was to fully integrate scheduling and information dissemination through the same channels as our Club Racing program. We are working to use the GLD website as the central point for posting and receiving Solo information. Our webmaster, Dayle Frame, is on-board with this idea and we will make it happen. We will also discuss revamping the layout of the website with Bob Burns to make it easier to use. We had a number of very productive meetings at the Convention with RE's of predominantly Solo Regions. Thank you all for your input and ideas!

Convention Part II – GLD Shines!

It was nice to see so many Great Lakes Division members at the National Convention. And it was especially nice to see the haul of awards and trophies garnered by our members. Here are some of the awards (with apologies if I missed you or your Region, and not including any racing award winners):

Con Peplowski (NeOhio Region) – John McGill Award, Lifetime Achievement
Gene Henderson (Detroit Region) – Hall of Fame
Dr. Jim Butler (Southern Indiana Region) – George Snively Award, Motorsports Safety
Bob Smith (Ohio Valley Region) – Rich Shafer Award, Time Trial Participant of the Year
Steve Harris (Western Ohio Region) – David Morrell Award, Stewarding
Julia Aebersold (Kentucky Region) – Membership Recruitment Award + tires!
David Santel (Cincinnati Region) – Regional Executive of the Year
Roger Brown (River Cities Region) – Honorable Mention RE of the Year
Lewis Cooper III (Detroit Region) – Tom McKean Award, Sportsmanship
Detroit Region – Rally Regional Achievement Award
River Cities Region – Tom Burke Award for Regional Growth, small Regions
Cincinnati Region – Tom Burke award for Regional Growth, medium Regions
Detroit Region – Regional Excellence Award, jumbo Regions

Rally and Rally Cross (RallyX)

As a BOD liaison to Rally and RallyX this year, I attended their Town Hall sessions at the Convention. One of the cool things introduced was an app called “Richta” developed by members of the Road Rally Board. It is available as a free version in the Android market along with a \$3 version and \$10 version. The Apple app is \$3. It is easy to use and would make a rally much more fun. Check it out.

The RallyX Board was busy evolving their rules and the book is getting heavier. This is a healthy sign that more people are entering the sport with new cars and thus, new regulations. I am very excited to take part in my first RallyX this summer. If you haven't tried it, this is another program worth looking into.

Time Trial

As shown above, Bob Smith from OVR was named the 2011 Rich Shafer Award winner as National TT Participant of the Year. The meetings at the convention with the TTAC Board went very well. The BOD has tasked TTAC with expanding their programs including PDX and Hill Climb events. There was a flyer in the Convention baggies advertising Time Trial events; a good first step to letting our members know about the advantages of adding such events to the Region's programs.

Please let me know how I can help you.

Yours for a better SCCA,

Steve

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1979 Trans Am.

Details: Brown with gold eagle, shaker hood, 403 Olds engine, automatic transmission 350, Flowmaster turbo mufflers can be bolted to the headers, 3:55 gear ration Richmond ring & pinion, Hooker Headers, racing seat, 5 point harness, air can to store air to run brakes, front camber is as much negative as I can get for both sides to be the same, stock front rims, rear rims are Rocket Racing Wheels 10 inches wide, no interior, no ground effects except rear spoiler, no front wheel wells, Front suspension has been lowered 3/4 of a coil, rear has been lowered about 3 inches, Shaker hood is attached to the hood which sandwiches to the breather when closed, Air induction has been modified to get 100% cold outside air with a velocity stack and a rebuilt Rochester carburetor, Holley Electric Fuel Pump, trunk mounted battery, trunk mounted 2.5 gallon fuel cell, fuel tank removed. Extras: Ladder bars, original rear rims. I auto crossed it in the late 80's to the mid 90's. Always won my class (ESP) Car is now set up for EP class. Ran a few Pro Solos and was within 1.5 seconds of the winners. Give me a call for more info #46 B. Ron Jones. Asking \$5,500.

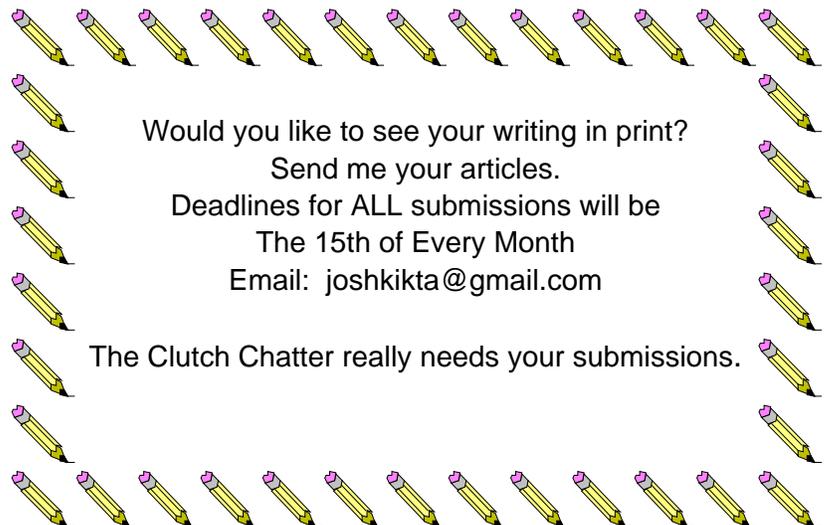


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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

Address _____ Telephone (____) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Have you been an SCCA member before? No Yes Year ____ Previous Member Number _____

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|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
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