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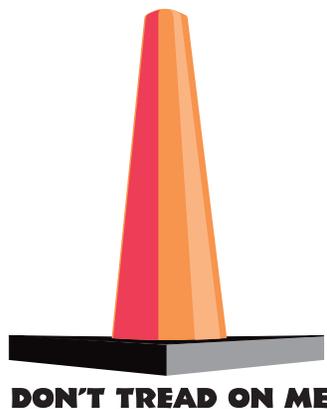
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## Editor's Corner

Sometimes in an amateur publication like our newsletter, which relies on the content by volunteers submitted, there comes a schedule conflict. Between what needs to be done what one wants to get done and what absolutely has to get done. This was one of those times, and that is why this issue is so late. I hope that we don't have this happen again, it is a disservice to the members and I apologize.

Putting this newsletter together each month is something I enjoy, it gives me another creative outlet another opportunity to flex the creative muscle so-to-speak. In my working career I had that everyday and twice on Sundays. Today I create but the show off in me doesn't get fed as much so CC kinda gives some of that back. So until the frustration level rises to a point that I can no longer tolerate, I will be here. Thanks Lou

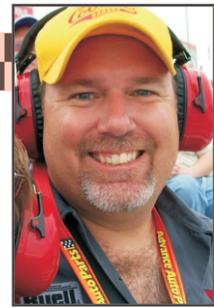


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We were paid the highest compliment recently. A group of us from our Region as well as others were hired to act as instructors at an exotic car driving experience held at IMS. It was two days of riding in and driving Ferraris and Lamborghinis for customers on an autocross course setup on the Moto GP turn one infield complex and a portion of the acceleration lane for pit-out for the oval. Customers paid to experience three laps around the course either driving the car with an instructor in the passenger seat or riding with the instructor driving. It goes without saying that we had a great time giving rides and helping customers get the most out of their experience driving these incredible cars. As usual, our crowd as well as a couple of Ft. Wayne folk were cutting up and behaving like we always do while doing our usual great job of making others feel comfortable and sharing the high performance lifestyle. There were also several “regulars” who instruct for them whenever they can. These instructors had been asked to give feedback on how our people worked out. I’m happy to report that everyone was impressed by us! The highest compliment came from one of the “regulars”. As we were helping clean up at the end of the weekend, one of them said to me that he was very impressed by us and that the thing that struck him was how close we all seemed. He said we acted more like family than a collection club members. That is a high compliment and one I was very humbled by.

I’d never thought about it that way but slowly my car-addled mind wrapped itself around his observation and he is right! I don’t have much experience with clubs, as matter of fact, until joining the SCCA and having the honor being part of the Indianapolis Region, my experience with being in clubs wasn’t very good. And from his observation, I’m assuming that not many clubs and Regions are like we are. That’s too bad because everyone should have what we have, otherwise what’s the point of all the work and sacrifice? I’m so glad to be part of something this special and glad to call so many of you friend. Scratch that, family!

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**Membership Report Will Lahee**



**“Mad Hatter” Lahee**

**Membership Report**  
**By: Will Lahee**

**ATTENTION MEMBERS:**

Remember to invite your non-SCCA friends to our events! If they join, you can get a \$10 credit on your next renewal, and they can get \$15 off of their initial membership for listing you as a referring member! Win-Win!  
Also don't forget about the Involved Member award. Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

We would like to welcome our new members to the Indianapolis Region SCCA.

|                       |              |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| Bryan Yourdon         | Indianapolis |
| Catherine Justiniano  | Avon         |
| Ryan Lamb             | Indianapolis |
| Christopher Daughtery | Fortville    |
| David Daughtery       | Fortville    |
| Toni Daughtery        | Fortville    |
| Austin Smith          | Fortville    |

We look forward to seeing you at an Indy Region event in the near future. As of the date of this newsletter, we are **412** members strong!

**NEXT BOARD MEETING**

**Dooley O'Tooles**

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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.

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## Activities Report Chris Brake

Last month we saw the comeback of club day out with the cookout at the Boreens' house. A huge thank you to Raleigh and Velma for hosting! We had a great turnout and had a ton of fun in a relaxed atmosphere. If you haven't had a chance to come out to a club day out, stay tuned for future outings. Members from all areas of the club are welcome and encouraged to come out.

September 15<sup>th</sup> is almost upon us, and that means it's almost time for the Solo combined with a car show. It is happening at the Indianapolis Speedrome, and I am hoping to see a good amount of new faces. Even you aren't a Solo participant, I encourage anyone and everyone to come out, check out the cars, and try to introduce SCCA to the community. Remember, we are the **Sports** Car Club of America, not the **Secret** Car Club of America.

For future events, I am trying to organize a movie night at the Grissom Air Museum the night before the October 13<sup>th</sup> Solo fun event. Even if you are staying in a hotel, you are welcome to come out by us campers and enjoy a movie and get some bench racing in. Please let me know if you are interested as this will only happen if there will be interest.

Otherwise, if you have any suggestions, comments, or otherwise, please contact me. [chrisbrake@rocketmail.com](mailto:chrisbrake@rocketmail.com)

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## CAR SHOW & AUTOCROSS

Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Indianapolis Speedrome 802 s. Kitley Ave. Indianapolis

### Car Show Schedule

9:00 - 11:00 Registration

12:00 - 2:00 Judging

Awards at 3:00

Awards for top 20

Car show Registration \$10

### Autocross Schedule

7:30 - 9:00 Registration

8:00 - 9:15 Course open for walking

7:30 - 9:15 Tech open

9:00 - 9:15 Novice meeting

9:30 - 9:45 Drivers meeting

10:00 First car off

Autocross registration \$30 day of or \$25 preregistered for members. \$45 day of or \$40 preregistered for non-members. For more information check [indyscca.org@yahoo.com](mailto:indyscca.org@yahoo.com) or email Stephanie Stribling @ [indysccasolo@yahoo.com](mailto:indysccasolo@yahoo.com). Autocross preregistration at [Motorsports@yahoo.com](mailto:Motorsports@yahoo.com)

## Checkpoint 7-13 Chuck Hanson



Attendance at the August rally was a little disappointing, but everybody had fun. As usual, the national visitors managed to overthink things (and in one case under think) I was personally very proud of Craig and his efforts putting together his first rally as a solo rallymaster. He found a number of interesting roads in an area that has become a suburb of the city, and strung them together in a series of challenging legs.

Fall Frolic has the route written and an outstanding social location chosen for the finish. A charming little family owned Italian place. A nice menu of Italian dishes and sandwiches, in addition to three styles of pizza. It can get extremely busy on Sat. evening in particular, which is why we will end early enough to beat the rush I wanted to keep the route all paved, but including some covered bridges necessitated getting onto some unpaved roads. (Some interesting scenery, after all, is part of the allure of running a rally.)

Ted is hard at work on his annual Halloween cemetery crawl, and Craig and I have been helping by showing him new (to him) locations. This is always one of our better attended events. Join us for an evening of searching out haunted answers. More details next month.

Craig has started on the Nov. event and we are discussing making it a GTA only with a theme of "A Little History of \_\_\_\_." Similar to the Halloween rally, you will get a list of historic locations and a list of questions about them. Scoring will be based on a combination of the answers you find and the amount of mileage that you drive to get the answers. Details shortly, but have to keep the area secret for a while so nobody can study ahead.

## Rally Dates for Indy Region 2013

| #   | Event Name             | Categories | Date  | Rallymaster(s)  |
|-----|------------------------|------------|-------|-----------------|
| IX. | Fall Frolic            | RC/RG/RT   | 9/28  | Chuck Hanson    |
| X.  | Annual Halloween Rally | RG         | 10/26 | Ted Drummond    |
| XI. | NCBNON                 | RC/RT/RG   | 11/30 | Craig Beidelman |

Fall Frolic will start in the flea market parking lot behind the PNC Bank at 1269 S. High School Rd. (NW corner of West Washington and I-465) Google map is posted on [www.indyscca.org](http://www.indyscca.org)

Registration: Noon – 12:45 PM

Driver's Meeting: 12:45 PM

First Car: 1:01 PM

Finish: 4:30 PM

Perillo's Pizzeria in North Salem, IN (cash only) They have an excellent menu and adult beverages.

The Drumm's Halloween Spooktacular Saturday October 26, 2013

4:45pm - 5:40pm: Registration at Starting Point, ATI parking lot, 369 Grand Valley Blvd, Martinville, next to the Wal Mart

5:40pm - 5:50pm: Late Registration

5:40pm: Entrants' Meeting

5:50pm: Safety Meeting - Mandatory

6:00pm + Car #: Start of Rally, first car off.

9:00pm + Car #: Should arrive at End Point, Chicago's Pizza in Franklin on SR 44.

Bonus points for costumes.

Bring: a good strong flashlight

a pen

a clipboard or something to write on

a magnifying glass to help with the map

There will be cemeteries, spooky locations, and more.

Generals will be posted by October 7, on the website

**BoD Meeting Minutes June 13, 2013**



Minutes  
August Board of Directors Meeting  
Indianapolis Region SCCA

Attending Board Members: David Dusterberg, Sam Crites, Chuck Hanson, Will Lahee, Chris Brake, Stefanie Stribling, Lee Miller

Attending guests: Pauletta Dusterberg, Velma Boreen, Reba Miller

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Rich Lankford (not attending) all members approved.

Clutch Chatter: Discussed sending 3 issues to prospective members. Board discussed asking Lou to review all ads and delete any that aren't current.

Membership: Will is behind on membership work due to moving. The Region has 406 members.

Website: Report submitted by Jon Wilmoth (not attending) all members approved.

Activities: Chris talked about the upcoming social party at the Boreen's house. He also discussed progress of the car show in conjunction with the September Indianapolis Speedrome Solo. Chris asked the Board to consider the Region purchasing a pop-up with the Region's name and logo.

Rally: Chuck reported that the National Rally was a success. Attendance was up and the event was profitable.

Solo: Stefanie reported that Solo is running smoothly. The Test and Tune before the Divisional event attracted 30 cars. There have been several incidents with competitors running over timing equipment and damaging cables. Damage to timing equipment totaled \$600 +. Solo wishes to purchase a new wireless timing system to help reduce potential damage to equipment and allow more flexibility and safety in course designs. Aprox. Cost for system is \$1500. Board approved a max of \$1700 for purchase of a new system.

Rally-X: Program still in limbo. Board discussed the possibility of a potential site brought to our attention by a member. The Board also discussed the status of the Rally-X chair and possible options for the position and program.

New Business: Dave proposed the Region propose to the National Office and the SCCA Foundation on the Region becoming the National Archivist for SCCA. The proposal would include ideas for a potential SCCA museum to be located in Indianapolis. The Board discussed and gave Dave approval to proceed with working on a proposal.

Next meeting: Dooley O'Toole's on September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Tracy could not attend this meeting so thanks to Dave for stepping in. ed.



## Solo Schedule



|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| June 1-2  | Nat. Match Tour Grissom Aeroplex  |
| June 16   | Points Event #3 Connersville, "Border Wars"                             |
| June 29   | Fun Event Lucas Oil Not finalized Evening Event                         |
| July 20   | Test 'n Tune Grissom Aeroplex   |
| July 21   | Points Event #4 Grissom Aeroplex  |
| August 18 | Points Event #5 Grissom Aeroplex "Hoosier Challenge" South Bend Hosting |
| Sept. 15  | Points Event #6 Speedrome Plus Car Show                                 |
| Sept. 29  | Points Event #7 Terre Haute Charity Event                               |
| Oct. 13   | Fun Event Grissom Aeroplex *RECORD DAY                                  |

Remember all dates and locations are subject to change. Please check the website for any changes.

\*RECORD DAY: These events will be run on Grissom's test and tune course. The purpose is to establish and later break class time records. These events will operate as a normal Indy SCCA Solo event except that awards will only be presented to new record holders. The region will keep a database of record holders for each class. Each record holder will receive an official document signifying the record signed by the Solo Chair and Regional Executive. In 2014 this will become a single two day event that will allow competitors to run for records in multiple classes

## Solo Report Stephanie Stribling



The Hoosier challenge was a blast as usual. It's so much fun to bring together the Indiana Regions for some good competition. There was around 150 competitors at the event, a great turn out as usual. South Bend hosted the event this year and did a much different course than we were used to at Grissom. It's always good to do something new every now and then. After a long day, only one could come in at the top. This year it was/..INDY!!! Woohoo!!! We took home a new traveling trophy that SBR made, a Golden Cone. Many of our Regions competitors won a trophy at the event. Great Job Indy Region!!!

Indy Region Solo Program hosted the Subaru Challenge on August 17. Subaru was great to work with as usual, and were excited to have us there. There were 82 competitors, one of the best turn outs yet. After the normal class challenges, there was a Super Shoot Out. This is where the first place winner in each class would compete to be the winner of the entire Challenge, scored by PAX. The final result was extremely close, only about 0.04 difference between 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our own Austin Yazel came in 2<sup>nd</sup> and Myke Dziengel came in 1<sup>st</sup>. There is already talks of next year's event, and we look forward to sitting down with Subaru to start planning fairly soon.

Our next event coming up is in a new form. It's the 1st Annual Car Show and Autocross. In the parking lot of Indianapolis Speedrome we will be hosting a car show. Competitors cars will be allowed to compete and there will be a special Race Car class, where the top 3 will be awarded trophies. We ask that competitors park their cars in the main lot. Trailers can be parked in the pits but we ask you still park in the parking lot so we can help gain interest in the Region and SCCA. Concessions will be open again, and access will be from the main parking lot. No Car Show attendees will be allowed into the pits. If you have any questions please contact me ([indysccasolo@yahoo.com](mailto:indysccasolo@yahoo.com)) or Chris Brake ([chrisbrake@rocketmail.com](mailto:chrisbrake@rocketmail.com))

The final points event of the season will take place at the Terre Haute International Airport on September 29. This will again be a charity event, chosen by THIA. So please try to make this event to not just support the region, but to also support a great cause.

## News & Views **Rocket Man**

A few recollections from the Aug 31/ Sept. 1 Mid Ohio Raceway SCCA regional race.

At the early registration, we were met by our friends, Marilyn Russell, and the Galmayers from SCCA Fort Wayne. Later we met Phil Keirn (Ft. Wayne) and Sue (Young) from Indy. Phil was the Chief Machanic for a team of Spec Racers Fords. We also had an incredible amount of Corvair admirers, and persons who had run with and worked events with the same car in the 70s. It was easy to spot this huge white car with the wide blue stripes.

Unlike any races that I had run in the 70s there was an opportunity for 4 or 5 races this weekend---so my son Michael could get lots of experience, thrills and licensing. Michael was running the reincarnation of my Corvair Yenko Stinger YS160. About the only difference form the old days was air flow manifolding refinements, disc brakes and safety requirements. He even still runs the cantilever sidewall racing slicks.

Our crew was Tracy LeVeque, Kevin Willson, Paul Fox and myself.

The first event was the practice and qualifying which put Michael right up front. The first race was a dual event with about 19 SRFs lined up about a 1/3 of a track length ahead of about 16 production cars: E/P through H/P so that in theory the race fields could be witnessed separately. Michael was in the lead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> groups and had almost caught the SRFs when one of his rear "new" Goodyear cantilever racing slicks came apart. The tread area separated form the carcass and swelled up like a huge ripe cantelope. This kept Paul and I very busy in the pits changing from a 1" taper nut REAL 8# wheel to a unilug washered 13/16" nuts slot mag 20# wheel. He got back out in time for the last lap and the Checkered Flag. But it counted as a finish!

Therefore; Michael started next to last in the next race and had an exciting win with many multiple car passes commented on many times by the announcer. The last Saturday race was the handicap where all sorts of cars competed; starting with theoretical intervals where every one could finish together---great entertainment only.

Sunday races were on the "short" track where the chicane was not used before the key hole turn, Michael's times dropped form 1:45 to 1:43. The first Sunday race was started with an at least a 1/3 lap gap between the two groups. Michael had a great lead on his group but the SFRs seemed nearly out of sight, But his race requirements for the season were now over.

During the time during before the last race, the Chief of one of the SRF teams commented that Michael's Stinger had no chance of racing with the SRFs---Hmmm.

In the previous races Michael had shifted between 6000 rpm and 6500 rpm for reliability reasons; his rev limiter was set at 7000 rpm---sooo. The track officials also encouraged Michael to narrow the gap between the two groups at the start--sooo. The announcer couldn't help but comment on the race of the Stinger through the SFRs. Before the short race was over Michael had passed 14 SFRs and was 4<sup>th</sup> overall!!!!. This is Monday so maybe Michael had calmed down by now.

Another victory was that the same Corvair fan belt, with the full size 1/2 speed fan, has retained and lasted without overheating through the Corvair Convention Gingerman event and autocross and through 5 races this past weekend---a special Corvair victory.

Proud Papa,  
Warren



**News & Views**

SSC—Super Senior Citizens is a new class for autocrossers and Special Senior citizens for those with less history. To be included all you have to be is over 70 years old and still active in regional solo racing. First, of course, are the ones with the longest histories.

Right now in this area all I can find is Steve Tamandli, Jack Tovey, Lee Miller, Larry Harts, Paul Snyder and I. I will try to remember all that I can about this select group. Since persons, such as I, of this much experience may have their brain hard drives filled to over capacity, this may be a chore. You can usually recognize these people by the course riding accessories they use to navigate and learn the courses, by always available chairs, and their "Passion Pit" race cars.

Steve Tamandli has 7 National titles to his name, mostly in E Mod. He was a former drag racer before he took his turbocharged 6 cylinder Datsun autocrossing. I first met Steve at the Portage Grand Prix street races. His Sprite became powered by an aluminum Rover V8. Then Steve switched to a March Formula car chassis camouflaged by a Pontiac Fiero body and a Chevy 350 V8 engine. Steve's License plate says "70 +" and he's still very fast.

Jack Tovey has been in autocrossing since the SCCCI (early 60s) days before SCCA status was needed to afford the club insurance. I first met Jack at a Pendleton event when his VW Scirocco was headed straight for my Motorhome timing vehicle. At one time Jack would bring two Modified open wheel cars on his trailer behind his motorhome; one with dry tires and one with wet tires---always ready! Jack had a great variety of Formula cars, including ones that he made and a Brabham. Jack is now running a Dodge viper with room to frighten a lady passenger(victim). Jack is also a National winner of a Solo 1 award. Jack has a comfortable RV where we often have to wake him from his nap to run his car. Jack has been honored by the annual Jack Tovey Solo award. Jack used to entertain us at the Solo Nationals Talent shows with his baritone operatic singing. Jack also sang along with my key board at the early Sunday morning Church services at larger events. Jack may also be seen on his large scooter .

Lee Miller was first noticed autocrossing in his air cooled VW Beetle. I really cannot remember how many "Modified" cars he has built from scratch, including his Formula Vee that I finished my driving schools in. Some were even made from wood. At one event where you started 180 deg apart on a mirror course and whoever gained on the other in 3 laps was the winner, Lee and I had our Bmod cars vs each other and after over ten laps they had to declare a draw--close racing. Lee raced a Fiero for years in stock and CSP, where again we were close competitors, then finally FP in the Fiero. Lees "Passion Pit" now is his Lotus 7 replica with a full race 4.3 V6 and all the latest aero changes allowed in EM; good craftsmanship. Before \$4.00 fuel we used to travel together in our RVs to all of the Cendiv (Great Lakes)Championship events . I can't remember the last time that I saw Lee run without a "Babe" in the passenger seat---female weight must make a car faster! Lee can be found on his scooter doing safety.

Larry Harts is the first of our "secret agent" autocrossers; as his racing past is not well known. Larry can be remembered by about 10 years in his Minis and Smart Car. I remember him for his great course designs and help by cleaning and mowing the courses at Grissom. Larry now has a Formula Ford as his "Passion Pit" Race car. --do you see a pattern here? Larry seems to have left Drag racing for autocross around 2003. In drag racing Larry first ran a 1962 Corvette and then a AA Gas dragster-460 CI Supercharged Hemi, 800 HP with drag chutes. Larry has had two Minis; one high performance and a stock one to better fit the competitive classing. Apparently Larry was a world traveler with the Saudi airline corporations. Now, like the rest of us, Larry has chosen a "Passion Pit" car just "because"; not for points or trophy chases. He is fast and smiling in his new Formula Ford and bicycle( went to France to get the first Honda VS 1000R).

Paul Snyder's "secret agent" history is even less well known; having been with us for about 5 years. Paul was an army medic and then a Greens keeper before he came upon the scene with his S2000 Ultra Light Lotus 7 type street car. Paul has had an interest in racing since the 60's and even got uniformed and schooled for track events before choosing autocrossing. He can usually be found co driving with "sweet" Georgia Brown.

George and Dee Sweikle have been around a Long time in regional championship series in their Alfa Romeo. They were always on the road to Alfa Club events also in their motorhomes filled with dogs with Italian Sports car names.

Chuck Hanson has a history all the way back to the early 60s with an interest in both autocross and road rally. Sharon and I both participated in his rallies. Chuck still runs an occasional autocross and is a great asset to our club.

My resume is having started autocrossing in the early 60s with SCCCI when they were Gymkhanas in my MGA and in what we would now call field trials. I seriously and, finally successfully, road raced for 10 years in the 70s; 2 years in my V8 GT 40 replica and then 8 more my Yenko Stinger YS160 (which Michael now is racing) in D/Production. Autocrossing become popular to me later because of the far lower cost and the socializing. My wife and I both solo raced original Minis and a Fiat 850 Spyder. We had to get rid of those cars because she was getting faster than me. I held EVERY possible position in SCCCI, so now just want help out and play. We also ran stock and CSP in our Fiero

Sharon seriously soloed our (HER) open wheel Levair Velociraptor, until her shoulders gave out and she took up quilting.

I used to go to every National Solo II event including playing piano at the talent show, but now am leading a simpler, cheaper life of local events and an occasional Vintage road Race, and watching Michael road race.

I have several "Passion Pit" race cars; including the BM Velociraptor, 1960 Corvaire "official" road racer by Chevy division and Bill Thomas and Doug Roe, EM mid engine supercharged Corvaire Spyder Roadster, and my Vintage or CP Yenko Stinger YS015.

I also have quit worrying about points and trophies and just want to socialize and have fun; although beating one of the above Super Senior Citizens wouldn't bother me too much. I love the big sweepers with choices of entry on the courses, not because they improve my chances; It's just "fun" to drive sideways (and maybe slower) around them like track turns and not Gymkhanas. And yes I can be found on my "handicap" scooter or the nearest chair

Speaking for/with SSCs in general about history vs present in the next article, Thanks from all of us for the easier work assignments

Warren



## 1974 national solo championships article found!

Disappointed that I had to cancel going to the solo nationals, I decided to bury myself in writing an article from my old solo files. I pulled out my oldest file, 1976, thinking I would write about that year, the events and drivers from Indianapolis, but I found a clipped pages from Sports Car Magazine, of the solo nationals conducted at Lake Geneva Speedway (Wisconsin) in 1974, which is the second year of the national championships! There were 272 competitors (this year there are over 1100!)

C stock class was won by Dean Smith of Indianapolis Region in a Porsche 914, as there is even a picture of him on course, and in big letters on the side of his car it says Indy Region! I believe he was the first national champion from Indy region? I remember knowing him and seeing him competing locally in our events. I believe his Porsche was as we knew then a special edition 2 liter.

The article was written by Rocky Enriken. Going thru the article I see that event was reported as run smoothly, but did have a timing issue that required a backup timing system, and there was rain for part of the event. As said above, the event was held at a speedway, a small oval track with a drag strip dividing it length ways. The course started on the drag strip, down to then go onto 1/2 of the oval to the other end, back up the drag strip and then turn to the other half of the oval, down then go out the remaining length of the drag strip. (a map was shown, but pylons not detailed) The course was about 55 seconds long. Story says cars ran mostly in lower gears. It appeared to be a one course event, that was scheduled over two days, so you ran one day.

Some of the things I note of interest was the contrast to today's classes and cars. A mod was won by Gary Lownsdale in a Lotus Elan (today we have very special little creations) and second place was Kirk Ready in a formula vee. Photo of the vee shows bodywork removed, and appears to be just a 1200 cc vee engine running on skinny vee tires.

They mentioned that a concours award was given for each day, basically the nicest looking competitor's car. George Schweikle won one day with his Alfa.

Going thru the results, I see some later well known names. E. Paul Dickinson winner of A stock in a Porsche, a repeat winner. Bud Grocki was second in a Elan (years later twice FTD in a little special) 4<sup>th</sup> was Jim Pagel, later to write an early book on soloing. I see Paul Vollmer from California drove a Triumph TR-5, a rare car in the US. Rocky the writer, was driving his Spitfire, which he still drives today.

There were just 15 classes, including one ladies class that used an index of performance compared with the men's class.

And that was the second annual national championships. Gosh maybe many of us would be more competitive if we had been running back then, instead of facing the 1100 competitors and the highly prepared cars of today?



**INVOLVED MEMBER AWARD**

**Indianapolis Region Awards Points Rules for 2013**

The purpose of the Involved Member Award is to recognize Indianapolis Region members who exhibit exceptional participation during the year. It is not a competition between members. In fact, the more award recipients the better. It is truly a celebration of dedication, support and commitment to Indy Region SCCA.

An Involved member award will be presented to each Indianapolis Region member, 16 years of age and older, who earns a minimum of 800 points in a calendar year by participating in at least two of the following four areas of participation: meetings and other club-sponsored special events, rally, race and solo.

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The Involved member award will be an embroidered lightweight jacket or fleece. A member will be awarded a jacket only once in every 5 calendar years (example: a winner presented a jacket in 2007 is eligible again in 2012). Repeat awards within the 5 calendar years will be recognized by embroidering of the award year on the jacket.

Points are awarded as follows:

Administrative:

- Indy Region Board of Directors 100 per year
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- Webmaster 100 per year
- Pointskeeper 100 per year
- Program Chair 100 per year
- Indy Region Race Events:
  - Event Chair 400 per event
  - Event Co/Assistant Chair 250 per event
  - Working Chief of Specialty 125 per day
  - Worker 100 per day
  - Driver/ Crew 50 per day
- Indy Region Solo 2 Events:
  - National/Divisional Event Chair 400 per event
  - National/Divisional Event Co/Chair 250 per event
  - Regional Event Chair 100 per event
  - Regional Event Specialty Chair 75 per event
  - Regional Driver / Worker 50 per day
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  - Regional Event Specialty Chair 75 per event
  - Regional Driver / Worker 50 per day
- Other Events:
  - National/Divisional Rally or Solo Registrar 75 per event
  - GLdiv Roundtable Chair 100 per event
  - Banquet or Trophy Chair 100 per year
  - GLDiv Roundtable/SCCA Nat Conv 50 per day
  - Activities Participation / Awards Banquet 50 per day
  - Clutch Chatter / Website article/photos 50 per article
  - Monthly meeting attendance 30 per event

Points are only awarded for Indy Region related events, except for Great Lakes Roundtable and SCCA National Convention. There will be no combination of points for a single event; points from only one category may be scored per day. For example, a member who is a worker and a driver on the same day at the same event may only score points for one category or the other. Each member is solely responsible for tracking and reporting their points; no one else will do this for you. To be eligible for an award, the Indy Region member must fill out the attached form or a reasonable facsimile and mail or e-mail it to the Membership Chairman. The form can also be downloaded in Excel format from our website, making tabulation of points easier. All forms must be received no later than December 31st of the year in order to be eligible for an Involved Member Award for that year. Confirming receipt of submitted points is the sole responsibility of the entrant. A person's eligibility will be verified by the Membership Chairman. The IMA will be presented to the winning members at the Annual Awards Banquet for that year.

## Vintage Solo Submitted by Larry Metz

### 1976 Solo Season

In cleaning out some basement clutter, I am going thru some old files, and thought maybe the readers might enjoy a little solo history of Indy region members. I see that Carolyn and I competed in 32 events in 1976, as it was a busy year see we attended events conducted by Lilly Motor Club, Columbus Sports car Club, Sports Car Club of Central Indiana (SCCCI), a Kokomo club, and five events with Indy region, held at Lafayette Square shopping center, over by the movie theater building next to 65.

As part of that year, we attended our first divisional, which was held Wright State University, Fairborn, Ohio (parking lot) The divisional events were used as a qualifying event to then be eligible to compete at the national championships. Drivers from Indianapolis included: Bill Farr in his E stock (7<sup>th</sup>) RX3, Oran J. Sands in his E stock (12<sup>th</sup>) Opel Manta, Bob Monday Honda Civic (1<sup>st</sup>) in G stock, Gary Dausch A prepared (2<sup>nd</sup>) Lotus S7, David Barnhart C prepared Mustang (5<sup>th</sup>), Mike Glass Mustang C prepared (8<sup>th</sup>), Randy Hall Mustang C prepared (10<sup>th</sup>), Lee Miller C modified (8<sup>th</sup>) DKW, Jay D. Miller C stock (14<sup>th</sup>) Porsche 914 with Carolyn in Ladies E (11<sup>th</sup>) Honda Civic and Larry G Stock (12) Honda Civic.

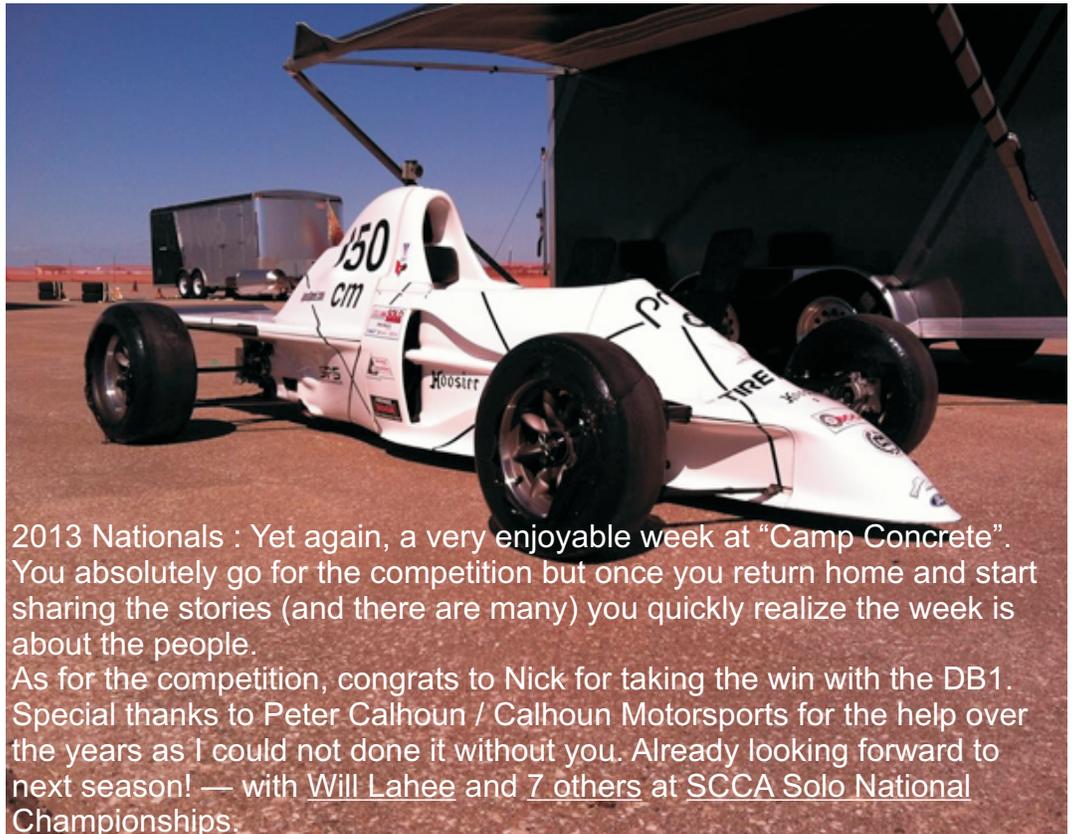
The British-Leyland SCCA 1976 National Solo II Championships IV were held at the Ohio Exposition Center, Columbus, Ohio in September. It was on narrow paved roads like a fair grounds type of facility. 376 drivers competed. Indy drivers competing: Bob Monday Honda Civic in G stock (16<sup>th</sup>), Larry in Honda Civic G stock (11<sup>th</sup>), Gary Dausch Lotus Super 7 A prepared (18<sup>th</sup>) Carolyn Honda Civic Ladies E (12<sup>th</sup>), Lee Miller DKW C modified (12<sup>th</sup>). Competitors had three runs one day on the course. That was for many of us our first experience at the nationals. Many of us would return several times, Bob Monday won in 1980, while the rest of us continued to not earn a trophy, although Carolyn did win a third place trophy in 1980. Carolyn and I have gone 17 times, and Lee Miller was recognized for having competed in 25 national events a few years ago.

The national competition is a higher level of competition, both in terms of driving skills and many classes in terms of much higher level car preparation. That level requires a person to compete as often as is possible, to nearly a professional level, to refine skills to be competitive.

## Indy Region National CM Solo Champs



A one two finish for Indy in CM!!! Congrats to Nick Myers! 2013 National Champ! [Brandon Lavender](#) finishes 2nd. — with [Brandon Lavender](#) and [Brittany Myers](#).



2013 Nationals : Yet again, a very enjoyable week at "Camp Concrete". You absolutely go for the competition but once you return home and start sharing the stories (and there are many) you quickly realize the week is about the people.

As for the competition, congrats to Nick for taking the win with the DB1. Special thanks to Peter Calhoun / Calhoun Motorsports for the help over the years as I could not do it without you. Already looking forward to next season! — with [Will Lahee](#) and [7 others](#) at [SCCA Solo National Championships](#).

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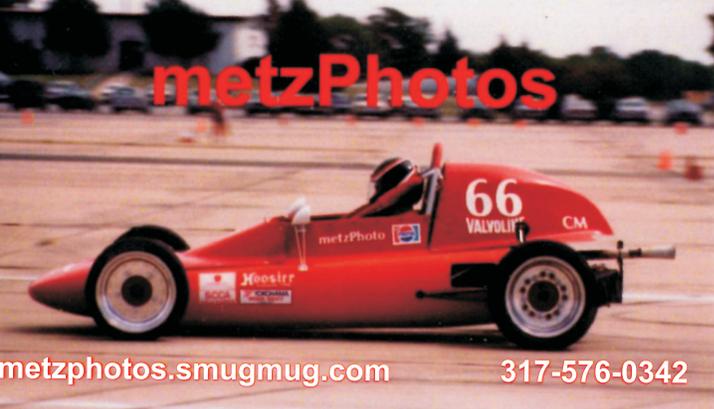


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