



CLUTCH CHATTER

September 2017

EDITOR- Maggie Vang

Hello All!!! This season is just flying by. I wanted to remind everybody of our Annual Awards banquet will be on January 27th 2018. We will again be having the FREE Solo Season drawing (for more details see below). Also, the next BOARD MEETING will be at Donatos Pizza in Brownsburg, on September 12th. Feel free to join us and take part in our group!

RE- Chris Brake

September is here and while the seasons are winding down, there is still a lot going on. We have more rallies, solos and the runoffs, which we still would love to have some more volunteers to help work the information area! If you can help with that, please get registered! If you need help with it, ask Velma Boreen!

I mentioned election time awhile back; we'd love to have more names on the ballots. If you would like to run for office, please get ahold of us, even if you don't want an elected position, being an at large board member is a great way to start getting more involved. I urge everyone to consider it, and please contact us with any questions you might have about it.

Thank you all for making this club something to be proud of, hoping to see you all at an event soon!!

SOLO- Stefanie Brake

August was a busy month for the Indy Solo Program! On Aug 6th we participated in the Annual Hoosier Challenge. This is a challenge between Indiana SCCA regions. All regions make the event a Points event to help encourage participation. There is quite a bit of strategy involved as well in order to get your region as many points as possible. In the end, Indy Region came out the winner with Indiana Northwest Region not too far behind. They keep getting closer every year, so we are going to need to keep on our toes to continue to dominate.

August 11-13 we hosted the Peru CAM Challenge. The turn out this year was great again and all competitors seemed to have a blast! We look forward to hosting this event again next year hopefully!

August 25-27th was extra busy. We had our three-day pre-nationals Test-N-Tune. We had great participation for those three days and people got plenty of runs and seat time. Then, on August 27th we hosted the annual Subaru Challenge at the Subaru plant in Lafayette, IN. There were 50 competitors this year for the Challenge. Only Subaru's were allowed to compete at this event. We had participation in 11 different classes. After running the class competition, we took the top winner from each class and did a One Run Shoot-Out. In past years, we have based this shoot-out on PAX, but this year I decided to change things up. We based the shoot-out with a handicap instead. Generally, we see the Top PAX winner of the class competition win the shoot-out due to PAX, so the handicap helped even up the game quite a bit. Results for this event are posted on the website.

We have one more points event remaining! This will be on Sept 17th at Grissom. On Sept 16th we will have our final Drag-Cross of the season. Then on Oct 7th we will host our annual Solo Trial. A Solo Trial is a higher speed solo. Many cars that generally only see 2nd gear on a normal autocross course will see 3rd gear with a trial. There are extra safety rules for this event, so before signing up please be sure to review these. There are rules on what you need to wear, as well as different safety rules for open top/convertible cars. If you do not have the required safety equipment you will not be allowed to run. All solo trial rules are listed in the Solo Rulebook on scca.com, and a brief summary is on the registration page for the event. If you have questions, please contact me. This is a limited number event and is pre-pay only because of this.

Finally, we will have our annual Swap and Drive fun event on Oct 8th! This is run Test-N-Tune style, where you will work for a certain amount of time, and then are able to drive as much or as little as you want the rest of the time. There is no limit on number of competitors, so there is generally not as much seat time as a test n tune, but this event gives people the opportunity to try and drive cars that they have been itching to drive all year.

As a reminder, the Annual Awards banquet will be on January 27th, 2018. We will again be having the FREE Solo Season drawing. You must be a member of Indy Region and you must be present at the banquet to win. For every

Solo/DragCross event you competed in (including Test-N-Tunes) you get an entry. And for any



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event that you helped with, but didn't compete in you will also get an entry. You will need to email me the list of events that you helped at (indysccasolo@yahoo.com) for these to be added. I will also give you TWO entries for attending and competing in the Halloween Rally on Oct 28th. If you have never done a rally before, this is the one to do!

SECRETARY- Joel Harleman

August BOD Minutes

Approval of June Minutes – Approved

Old Business – Discussion of budget for sending members to the National Convention. 4 or 5 will be sent. BOD Meeting location will stay the same for the next few months.

Website – None

Clutch Chatter – Keep getting reports in on time.

Membership – 541 members currently with 10 new this month.

Treasurer – All programs are doing well for the year so far. The region is positive for the year.

Activities – Speedrome club night out went well. Winter karting league should be back after our competition season is over. Budget was proposed and approved for World of Wheel in 2018.

Runoffs – So far there are 1024 entries. The National Office is willing to help with the expense of the Monday welcome party. Budget for the Welcome Party with proposed and approved.

Solo – Speedrome event was well attended. Will do it again next year. Hoosier Challenge was won by Indy region and next year will be hosted by INR. East Tennessee region was introduced to doing a Drag Cross style event and they loved it. CAM Challenge is this month along with a Test n Tune along with the Subaru Challenge.



Rally - Our goals for our July rally weekend were to run a good, clean National rally and to attract new attendees. Both goals were met. Feedback for the Saturday rally was that it was well done and there were no claims filed or legs that needed to be removed for scoring. Chuck and Sam did an excellent job and bringing seasoned Tour rallyist, Rob Moran in for the pre-check ensured that the Tour portion of the rally was sound. (Indy region has good

Course rallyists, but Tour style isn't our forte.)

Half the field for the Sunday rally was novices that had not run an Indy rally in the past. It made it a little frantic at checkpoints, especially the first couple since half the field had also never gone through a checkpoint before, but most of us survived. Bruce and Nick Armstrong put together a fun rally and Bruce worked out an awesome deal with South of Chicago Pizza for the endpoint where all teams could eat and mingle. Discussion from the novice teams was positive and I think we'll see them again on future rallies.

The August 20 rally starts on the NE side of Indy. Craig designed and Chuck is safety checking next weekend.

The September 23 rally starts near West Lafayette and runs through the Fowler area.

The Halloween Rally is October 28 and is southeast of Indy. We will be making another concentrated marketing effort for this rally to bring back the new attendees from July and hopefully add some more.

PDX – 22 signed up so far.

New Business - None

PDX- CJ Harleman

IndySCCA's Putnam Park PDX on August 26th was a huge success! Not only did we have a safe, and [almost] uneventful day with perfect weather; the event ended the PDX season in the GREEN for the first time in the program's 3 seasons. I guess that means that the adage is true: Third time's a charm! Thank you to all the participants for entering and supporting the events. Thank you to the program Chiefs and volunteers who help the events run smoothly. And, thank you to the BoD for believing in and backing a very expensive program through the rough years. Don't let the momentum waiver! This program is kind of like driving a Miata: keep your foot in it, minimize braking, and keep the momentum maxed out.

With the end of the 2017 season comes the end of my tenure as the Time Trials Chairperson for the IndySCCA. In July I announced to the BoD that I would step down from the appointment as TT Chair at the end of the 2017 season. I truly love the PDX program and I have a distinct vision for the future of it. However, I have personal and professional priorities that require my full attention. Those priorities will not allow me to devote the time required to properly administer the PDX program in 2018. I am confident that the BoD will appoint a new Chair who will continue to grow the program and I will happily mentor whomever they choose.

Way back in Dave Dusterberg's basement at a 2014 late fall meeting he announced that he had a dream of bringing track action back to the Region. I was "voluntold" that I was his choice for bringing that dream to a reality. I accepted the role although I had absolutely no idea how we would get track action back to the Region with zero access to a local track. As I reflect on the last four years, I realize just how much the IndySCCA has accomplished with this program over that time. We have gone from a region with NO track access to a region that can now use Putnam Park as a 'home track' once again with first right of refusal for our current event dates every year. For new members, the significance of that may be lost. To put it in perspective; over 20 years ago, the SCCA lost access to use Putnam Park due to a disagreement that had never been successfully resolved. In late 2015, that changed and the owner of Putnam Park agreed to rent his track to the IndySCCA. That accomplishment alone raised eyebrows and gained respect for the IndySCCA—not

only locally, but nationally as well. Our region helped launch the TrackNight in America program and has had a hand in developing the rule set. We created a new way to play with cars for current members, and invited new members to experience the SCCA in a whole new way. We are involved with innovative event creation and site use development alongside the Experiential Programs department at the National office. We are dipping our toe back into club racing by helping our members experience the 2017 SCCA National Championship Runoffs at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway this month. And, most importantly, we continue to grow the Region for the benefit of our members.

Over the past four years my position as the TT Chair has afforded me opportunities to make connections in motorsports—within the SCCA and outside of it—that I could have never imagined. I have learned, and grown, more than I ever dreamed. Dave: Thank you for seeing something in me that I didn't know was there. I owe you one, my friend. To my successor: dream big! Never take 'no' for an answer. And, get ready for the drive of your life.



MEMBERSHIP-Matt Adams

August has been a good month for the club in membership. There were 14 confirmed new members plus some good turn over of weekend membership forms at the Subaru Challenge, which will hopefully show up in the September rolls. Total for August stands at 567, which is a solid upturn from the low point in July.

Just a quick reminder to keep track of your involved member points, there are still a few outstanding events to help with that will add to your tally. Please give strong consideration to helping out at the Welcome Party and Ambassador tent for the Run-off's coming at the end of September. These events will bring new faces to the region that needs local points of contact. There are links on indyscca.org to guide you through where the help is needed most.

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ACTIVITIES- Vinnie Taibi

Hello everyone,

Sorry for the lack of updates over the last few months, I had a lot of life/racecar problems come at me. Back in July, our members enjoyed a night at the Speedrome before our annual autocross event the following day. The autocross was very wet in the morning, but we enjoyed pleasant weather spectating the night before. I'm hoping to put together another event following the conclusion of the autocross season. I will also be in contact with Fast Times in the following weeks to begin the planning of another Indy SCCA Winter Karting League Series. If you have any questions or ideas for future events, please email me at IndySCCAActivities@gmail.com. See you at the track.



RALLY- Wendy Harrison

The August Presidential Rally was held on August 20. Three cars drove around the Anderson/Pendleton area on this GTA/Course style rally. Craig Beidelman laid out an interesting and challenging course, which took us many places including the access roads to the Pendleton

Penitentiary. Chuck Hanson ran the checkpoint near the penitentiary and was visited by prison personnel to see what he was doing. (Hint: if you are trying to stay undetected near prison property, a bright orange checkpoint sign is probably not a good idea.) Chuck had a good chat with the officials and they were fine with his reason for being where he was. We welcomed two new rallyists to this rally – Lee Grimes and John Robinson competed in a 2008 Mazdaspeed 3. They caught onto the course following well and finished 2nd. We hope to see them at future rallies. Official results are below.

Fall is on its way and with it, comes one of our favorite rally events. This year marks the 10th year for Ted Drummond's Halloween rally. The New Palloween Schildmeier ReShuffle will begin at the 5/3 Bank on US 52 in New Palestine on October 28 and finish at B & C's hideout in New Palestine. Registration begins at 4:30pm and the rally starts at 6pm. Entrants have 3 hours to get to as many cemeteries as they can and answer questions that can be found at and within those cemeteries. It gets dark around 7 at that time of year so that means much of the time is spent in cemeteries in the dark. Be sure to bring a good flashlight (and maybe a spare) as well as your courage.

Please note that the rally originally scheduled for September 24 is being rescheduled. Once we have the confirmed date, the website will be updated with the information. It will be AFTER the Halloween rally, so probably in early November.

Results for August 20 Presidential Rally

- 1st Drummond/Harrison
- 2nd Grimes/Robinson
- 3rd Alexander/Powell

See you down the road!

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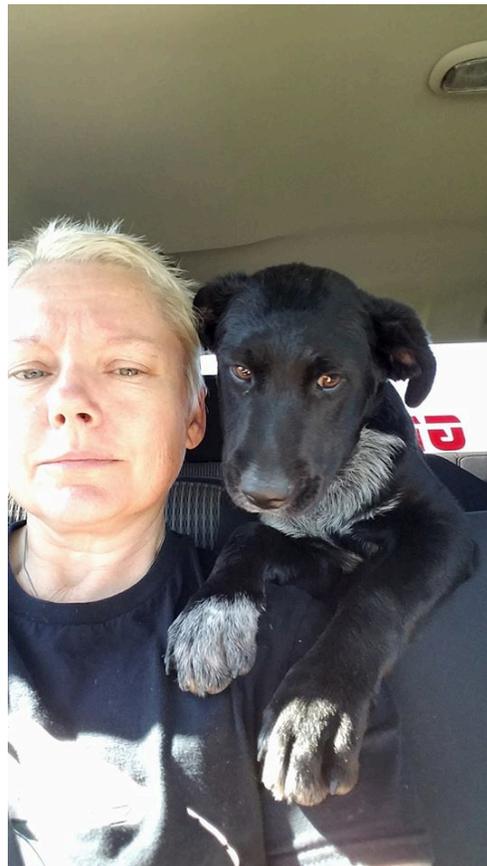
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Non-members: Our plan is add non-member competitors to the mailing list for one month. If they compete in another event, they will be added for another month.

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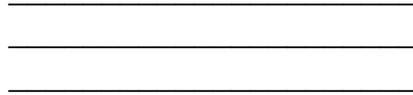
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