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Indianapolis Region SCCA



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Tire Rack Street Survival

On April 20th we are putting on a teen driver's education course in Indy. Come help us.

Indy Rally

Do not miss the first Rally of 2024.

Dog Daze II Rally Saturday April 27th.

Clutch Chatter Editor - Raleigh Boreen

April is ending on a high note with the Tire Rack Street Survival on the 20th and the first Solo of the year on the 21st. Next comes the first Road Rally of the year on April 27th. May will be very busy also with our Solo Drivers School, our first Solo points event. A work day at Grissom and at the end of the month the National CAM/XS Challenge event at Grissom. Come join the Indy Region for the fun events coming up. 2024 is the 80th Anniversary for the SCCA Nationally and Indy Region celebrates it's 78th Anniversary. Indy Region was one of the first SCCA Regions in the country and the very first outside of the East Coast. I hope everyone has a great 2024. See you at the track, at a Rally or in a parking lot this year. (Picture of the Indy Region World of Wheels booth)

Indy Region

Monthly meeting at City Barbeque, 621 W. 11th St. in Downtown Indy near IUPUI on at 6:30

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RE REPORT - MIKE YOUNG

Indy Region Members:

Just got back from Road America for the first Time Trial event in the Midwest, what a great weekend. The weather cooperated and set highs for Sunday in the 70's. Lots of Indy Region people at the event. Hope to see everyone at the upcoming events for Solo, Road Rally and Time Trials. May in Indy is always exciting and a lot is going on with the club. Come join us!!!

Mike Young - Regional Executive

INDY REGION MEMBERSHIP REPORT:



Membership – Dustin Hitze Membership Chairman

Justin has just gotten access to the Indy Membership information so there will be a larger report next month.



I do know we have one happy member, Lee Miller sitting in Charles new Supra at the World of Wheels Car Show. Lee and his wife Mickie were two of the many volunteers who worked the Indy Region booth. Picture below is another picture of the Indy Region booth.

**** Note: A longtime member of Indy Region passed away in February, Carolyn Metz passed away after several years of health problems. She is survived by her husband Larry Metz. Larry and Carolyn have been active members of Indy Region and Columbus Region since 1975. Our hearts pour out for Larry in this time of sadness. ****

Dustin Hitze - Membership

SOLO UPDATE:



May Solo Newsletter Article

By: David Currey

I am excited about our first event at Lincoln Tech! It has been a lot of work, learning the ropes to get to this point, but I think we have a great team to get this season underway. Our Fun #1 is at Lincoln Tech following the Street Survival. The Driving School and Points #1 will be held not long after that on May 4th and 5th.

Our Training Day, on March 16th, went very well with the help of Chris Brake instructing and Joe Hirsch hosting. We had a raffle drawing at the conclusion of the event and Wanda Brinkhoff won herself a free Solo season as well as some other great prizes. Stop by next year and you could be a lucky winner! It was also a great chance to see our fellow competitors in the off season.

We understand that TrackRabbit is not quite what we are used to with MSR. However, this will help keep us from raising entry fees moving forward. We ask for your patience as we and the TrackRabbit Staff continue to add features to the site and make it more comfortable and easier to use.

The Solo Supplemental Rules have been updated with only minor changes. The Indy Region specific SMS class now has been given the same PAX rating as SSM. The Solo Competitor of the Year is named the Jack Tovey Award until 2033. This was done to honor Jack Tovey and an endorsement agreement.

ViTour P1 200 TW tires are allowed at Indy Region! However, factor this into your decision to purchase the tire and use them at Non-Indy events. As of now, South Bend and Columbus also allow the tires in the state of Indiana. Elsewhere competitors who run those tires may be reclassed as prepared or modified. This includes the CAM Challenge and Solo National Tour at Grissom.

Our first National event of the year is the CAM/XS Challenge on the first weekend in June. It is a great event and one of the largest Muscle Car events in the country. But it is also the best deal in Solo for anyone who does not have a CAM car. You get a National event for \$45.00. You get 9 runs over two days, a sit down dinner on Saturday night. It is a deal. Come join Indy Region for the CAM/XS event. Come join me at the event.

David Currey - 2024 Solo Chair



This is the 1st production Corvette from 1953. It was just found last summer in a garage in Detroit. Chevrolet built 300 Corvettes in 1953 and they are all identical. Polo White, Red interior, Blue Flame 6cyl and an automatic transmission. All Corvettes in 1953 were built in Flint, MI.

ACTIVITIES REPORT:



March / April Report

Hello, fellow Clutchers!

I'm pleased to announce that our presence at the World of Wheels last month was a great success! We had many people stop by our display who were interested in and ask questions our programs as well as having past and present members stop by to say hello. We had three cars there to represent our club: Chuck Smith's Tiga FFA-81, Dallas Reed's C8 Corvette, and my GR Supra. Chuck and Dallas won second place in their respective categories and my GR Supra won first place at the show! A special thank-you to Chris Carson, Wendy Harrison, Joe Hirsch, Michael James, Lyle Linville, Lee & Mickie Miller, Dallas Reed, Chuck Smith, and Kelley Tashiro for taking the time to help set-up, tear-down, and/or be present at the show. Those members will be receiving a free Solo entry to be used during the year as gratitude for their participation and/or assistance.

The Tire Rack Street Survival is set to go on April 20 at Lincoln Tech. We have already sold out without having to do any active marketing! That's because of the popularity and reputation of the program, so we are very pleased to be hosting it. We will look to have this a yearly event, so please start to consider participation in the future.

We continue to plan on attending the fluid or spontaneously generated Cars and Coffee events, by creating a caravan, then going to the location. During the coming weeks, I will keep you informed via social media of those we want to go to.

Lastly, I have initiated inquiries to organize a car-related tour of Japan. It's a long-shot, but I know there are those who would be interested in going. Right now, I'm thinking of a group of up to twelve people for a week-long tour. We'd visit a couple of manufacturers, a race track or two, and attend some kind of car-related event. More to come soon!

As always, let me know how else we can promote or publicize our club!

Yours truly,

Charles Tashiro - Activities Chair



This is a picture of a Frank Lloyd Wright designed gas station in Northern Minnesota. He designed several gas stations but this is the only one that was ever built. It was built in 1958 and is still in service in Cloquet, MN. There is also one built in the Pierrce Arrow Museum in Buffalo, NY, The one in Buffalo was built inside a huge warehouse/Museum but was never used as an actual Gas Station.

ROAD RALLY UPDATE:



April/May Road Rally News

RoadRally is the simplest way to get involved in Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) events. You can compete with any street legal car. Rather than focusing on speed, RoadRally focuses on awareness and precision – both of which are critical in all forms of motorsports as well as on public roads.

The first RoadRally of 2024 is on Saturday, April 27!

DOGWOOD DAZE II ROADRALLY

Saturday, April 27

1pm-5pm

Start: BP Gas Station, 4906 Kentucky Ave., Indianapolis, IN

\$40/car (\$15 discount for SCCA members)

REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Street legal car
- 2. 2 people (driver and navigator)
- 3. Dedicated cell phone or GPS enabled tablet for checkpoint scoring
- 4. Desire to have fun

Check out the flyer for the Dogwood Daze II Road Rally on the next page. Come join us for some fun!!



DOGWOOD DAZE II ROADRALLY Saturday, April 27

1pm-5pm

Start: BP Gas Station, 4906 Kentucky Ave., Indianapolis, IN End: Wings, etc. \$40/car (\$15 discount for SCCA members)

RoadRally is the simplest and least expensive way to get involved in Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) events. You can compete with any street legal car. Rather than focusing on speed, RoadRally focuses on awareness and precision—both of which are critical in all forms of motorsports as well as on public roads.



Dogwood Daze II is a time speed distance (TSD) rally designed specifically for beginners, but fun for non-beginners as well. No tricky route instructions - just follow the directions given to you and arrive at the checkpoints at the correct time based on the speeds given to you in the route instructions.

REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Street legal car
- 2. 2 people (driver and navigator)
- 3. Dedicated cell phone or GPS enabled tablet for checkpoint scoring



Registration will be open on Track Rabbit

Happy Rallying!!! Wendy Harrison

SECRETARY REPORT - CLUB MEETING MINUTES:



2/12/2024 - Indianapolis Region Board Meeting

Indy Region Minutes

Board meeting February 12, 2024 at City BBQ on 10th Street.

Present: Faythe Rush, Tyler Rush, Vinnie Taibi, Natalie Corder, Ben Drexler, N. Charles Tashiro, Michael Young, Lyle Linville, John Clyne, Wendy Harrison, Joel Harleman, David Currey, Jim DaPuzzo, Mickie & Lee Miller.

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm by Michael.

Road Rally- Wendy

Discussed budget with handout, keeping entry fees same as previous year.

Would like first rally event (April 27) to be promoted at Drive to Survive event.

Motion to approve budget by Michael, seconded by Vinnie. Motion was approved unanimously.

Activities- Charles

Read for Raleigh that next Clutch Chatter edition will be out March 5th.

World of Wheels is set and ready for March 22-24.

23/24 people have signed up for Drive to Survive event. Therefore, upping number of available entries to 30.

Solo-David

Bus has been cleaned out and inventory taken. All good except potential broken button that needs diagnosed. Registration needs done.

Training event good to go for March 16th.

Discussed budget with handout. Motion to approve budget made by Wendy, seconded by Joel. Motion approved.

RE- Michael

Discussed new website to use for registration. Track Rabbit offering sponsor/partnership. Will still be able to use MSR also.

Time Trials- Vinnie

Will get budget out for next meeting.

Road America ready for event on April 13/14.

Treasurer- John

Has meeting with PNC bank to discuss cards. Still reviewing last year's finances.

Old business-

Would like to find someone and get quotes to build new website.

New business-

Need to work on communication within board members and pushing information to non-board members. Talks of possible group outing.

Possibly bring back Competitor of the Year Award.

Motion to adjourn at 8pm by Joel, seconded by Charles. Next meeting at City BBQ on 10th Street on March 12.

Faythe Rush - Secretary



Today's podium winners for our final event,

Congrats to Kevin Berba for an Event win! Kevin finished 6th in points on the season

We have our Season Top 5 Prize podium in Picture 2! Each racer in the top 5 has won free races on their Fastimes account. 5 to our winner, down to 1 for 5th. Congrats to everyone

Pierce Krone - 300 pts

Chris Finnigan - 297.2 pts

Nikhil Khopkar - 296.5 pts

Justin Ritter - 292.0 pts

James DaPuzzo - 290.1 pts

Thank you to all the competitors this season. We ended up having 121 individual entries between 53 people. 22 entrants attended 3 events to qualify for year-end prizes. An incredible turnout, and a fun winter of racing.

Now, who's ready for car season?

SITTING IN THE GARAGE





Sitting in the Garage with:

(Conversations with Indy Region Members and other significant SCCA members with Raleigh Boreen)

This month's conversation is with Tere Pulliam.

Velma and I have known Tere and her husband Larry for over 20 years. Currently Tere is on the Board of Directors of the SCCA Foundation. She is the liaison between the SCCA Foundation and the Women of Track program for the SCCA. Tere and her husband will celebrate 50 years of marriage in August of 2024. They currently live in Buckhead, GA. a suburb of Atlanta, GA. Tere has lived in the Atlanta area her entire life. She is a member of the Atlanta Region and has been very active with SCCA over the last 40 years.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I have been a member of SCCA on and off since 1980. Larry started autocrossing in 1979 and the two of us joined SCCA in 1980. We were members with both of us doing autocrosses and in 1983 Larry went Road Racing. In 1985 Larry was in a bad crash Road Racing. He totaled the car and we decided to forgo racing for a few years because of our young family. We missed the friends and autocrossing so we rejoined in 1996.

What activities do you participate in with Indy Region?

I have done almost everything SCCA has to offer competition wise. I have Soloed, done Hill Climbs, participated in Track Night in America, done Rally Crosses and competed in Road Rallies. I have not gone Road Racing in wheel to wheel competition. I worked Timing and Scoring at Road Races for several years. I was the chair person for the Atlanta Region Solo Series for 4 years. That lead to me being on the Atlanta Region Board of Directors. I was the Atlanta Region RE for 6 years. After 6 years on the Atlanta Board and going to the Southeast Divisional meetings I decided to run for the SCCA Board of Directors representing the Southeast Division. I was on the SCCA Board of Directors for 6 years. One of my claims to fame was I was on the committee that interviewed and hired Mike Cobb, our current President of SCCA. Mike and his team are doing a very good job for SCCA and its members.

What was your first car?

My first car was a 1970 Plymouth Duster. It was B5 Blue with a white bucket seat interior. I loved that car. It is one that got away.

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

I have loved cars for ever. On one of my first dates with Larry we were driving by a Lotus dealer in Atlanta and I told him to stop and turn around. On the showroom was a Lotus Europa John Player Special edition. I loved it and said someday. We have never had a John Player Special Lotus but we have had a couple of other Lotuses. Right now, we are enjoying a new C8 Corvette.

What would you like to see the SCCA do in 2024 and coming years?

Covid forced the Club to look at different ways of doing things. I think that has really helped the Club. We use to get 300 - 400 people at a live SCCA Convention. The last couple of years we have gotten over 1,000 individuals participating. Our competition programs have had to adjust and they are all alive and well. The "Women on Track" program has brought more women into the Club. Chris Robbins has been able to elevate the training we do in SCCA. I really think the Club has a great future.

Outside of SCCA, what is something you really enjoy doing?

I enjoy spending time with the family but my passion is Cruising. Larry and I go on several Cruise ships a year. In 2023 we spent 48 days on Cruise ships. We have 9 cruises planned over the next 18 months. Did I say I like to Cruise? My thoughts are, when I retire, I might be a travel agent helping people do cruises.

I love being able to ride with other Solists, I hope that never ends. I want all of our events to be welcoming and encouraging for other women to come out to beat the guys or have fun trying. The name of the game is having fun.

Outside of SCCA, what is something you really enjoy doing?

I am a "tomboy" at heart. I love playing in the dirt. I really enjoy yard work and gardening. I use my S10 pickup more like a wheelbarrow than for transportation. I still enjoy going out to Lucas Oil/IRP to watch events and my son run his truck. If we aren't doing something with the three boys or SCCA, I like to do some little weekend getaways.

TIME TRIAL PROGRAM







Indy 2024 Time Trial Schedule



Check out: INDYTRACKDAYS.com for more info.

Vinnie & Tyler

DID YOU KNOW?



Things to watch for:

- The Cars and Coffee schedule for 2024 will be out soon. Watch for the ones that Indy SCCA will have a booth and table at several of them during the year. Always fun to look at cars on a Saturday morning.
- What Era of cars do you like?

- Even if your tastes tend toward other eras, it's hard to dispute that the 1950s, '60s, and '70s produced some of the most memorable machinery in the history of our hobby. That time period had just about anything an enthusiast could ask for: Design, innovation, experimentation, and, of course, variety.
- British sports cars, '50s fins, muscle cars, the dawn of Porsche's 911, a heyday of passionate Italian models, the birth of the SUV, the characterful beginnings of Japanese cars ... the list could go on nearly indefinitely.
 That array largely explains just how dominant that era is when it comes to what people choose to spend their money on.
- Tallying up the sales from the last five years of online and live auctions, we find that 14 of the top 20 highest-grossing model years were within the 1955-1975 window. Vehicles made in 1967 and 1969 led the way, with each of those model years raking in more than \$500M.



Dayle Frame – Area 4 Director Representing the Great Lakes Division on the SCCA National Board

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Notes from the Director's Chair Area 4 Director Update for April 2024

Race season must be coming along soon as I am starting to travel quite a bit in support of the Division, the Area, the Club, and its programs. Trips to Detroit and Kansas City were on the docket this month.

So, here's what I did this past month....

Video Conference Meetings:

- ➤ Board of Directors (BoD) (3/4): Our February meeting was moved to the first week of March. Once again, our financials look solid. Yes, it's early in the calendar year but we are meeting budgetary figures. This was the last month before our annual audit which will likely be held in April. Results from that audit will be posted on the SCCA website. We received an update from the Compensation Committee about Mike Cobb's salary and bonus package. We were informed of a couple of additions to the staff. Jeff Barrow will replace Deanna Flanagan as Director of Road Racing (link). The Club hired a Media Marketing Manager and a Social Media Coordinator (see details here). As the Club moves away from a monthly magazine, these new folks will help market the Club across many different platforms.
- ➤ Club Racing Board (CRB) (3/5): The group ran through the usual early season letters. A conversation was had about the introduction of Radical sports racers to our array of classes.

Apparently, there are a lot of them racing across the country and they are looking for a place to compete that's less expensive. They also worked on some agenda items for the face to face meeting to be held in Kansas City later in the month. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen here.

- ➤ Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (3/13): The group started working on a "Fact Sheet" for regions and venues to use when investigating EV participation. We'll also work on a definition of "hybrid" for the SCCA. As there are so many variants of a hybrid EV, we need to specify the language for our members. This will help see what cars can compete and how we deal with them.
- ➤ Touring Advisory Committee (TAC) (3/18): As the EVAC has been working on language for a Touring Electric class, the TAC had some questions about the rules package. I sat in on their meeting and discussed the rules set with them. They offered some valuable suggestions and I walked away with some action items.
- ➤ BoD (3/25): The financials slipped a bit from budget over the last month. Nothing serious and somewhat expected as the competition season has barely started. We got an update from Heyward Wagner on the status of the Club Spec program. We approved both Club Spec Musting and Miata MX5 rules packages. We also approved the name change for the Endurance Racing Board to the Race Experience Board and their rules package. I updated the board on the CRB's decisions for the program. Unfortunately, we also had to discuss a couple of members behaving badly.

SCCA Events:

- ➤ GLDiv Convention (3/1, 3/2): The divisional convention was held at a different location this year as our old facility was under construction. That said, this site (The Summit in Fort Wayne) turned out to be a nicer offering. Like last year's event, several honchos from the National Office attended. They added much welcomed guidance. When you have national, divisional and regional managers in one room discussing a program, good things happen. Ideas about best practices and policy flow up and down the food chain and all walk away from the conversation wiser. I hope you will consider attending next year. The date (2/28, 3/1) and same location have been set and details will follow as they become available.
- Detroit Region banquet (3/10): Melinda and I were invited to the annual banquet held by Detroit Region. As they had a very tight agenda for the awards portion of the evening, I limited my remarks and only spoke for a few minutes. The dinner was nice (Mediterranean buffet) and the conversation at our table was fabulous. We had a wonderful time and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.
- ➤ CRB (3/22, 3/23): Like last spring's meeting, this gathering was solely focused on the long term and strategic planning for the Club Racing program. I spoke with the CRB Chair (John LaRue) several times over the last few months on this topic. We agreed on many points and chatted about how to guide the conversation and keep everyone focused. Serious discussions were held and some serious decisions were made. Decisions that should have been made over the course of the last few years. But bold decisions about policy are tough to come by and this group should be commended for their aggressive conclusions. The changes made will take a few months to formulate and announce. It will take even longer to implement. Of course, these changes will not please everyone but rest assured that the CRB has the best intentions for long term program health. They made some necessary decisions.

Be sure and visit the <u>GLDiv website</u> for information about all of the SCCA programs within the division. We have schedules, official's contact info, standings, etc. for all the SCCA programs.

Please take a few minutes and make sure your contact information is accurate in the SCCA database. It's important to have the correct information there so the club knows how to contact you. Log in to your my.scca.com page and check.

There is a new path to getting your annual waiver. You can now get it through the Member Account Portal (MAP). Follow this <u>link</u> to get the instructions. There is also a story about the program <u>here</u>. I've done it and it only takes a couple of minutes. Be prepared to upload a headshot picture of yourself.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have about any facet of the GLDiv. I want you to make the most of your membership and I will help out in any way possible to make that happen.

Dayle Frame

FOR SALE

Ads in the "For Sale" part of the Clutch Chatter are "Free" to members