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OF YOUR CLUB

**2024 Annual  
Meeting and  
Awards Banquet  
Report,  
Including All  
Programs'  
Season  
Championship  
Awards**



## **2025 Season Program Schedules:**

- Time Trials
- Road Rally
- Solo

**Solo Program  
Rules Changes for 2025**

**BOD Officer Reports**



## 2025 BOD Officers and Chairpersons

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

Columbus Region SCCA Fun Solo #2 @ Walesboro	March 29
Columbus Reg. SCCA Points Solo #1 @ Walesboro	March 30
Indy Region Road Rally: Dogwood DéjàVu	April 5
Time Trials Indy National Tour @ Road America	April 12-13
Tire Rack Street Survival by IndySCCA	April 26
Indy Solo Fun Event #1 @ Lincoln Tech	April 27
One Lap of America Autocross @ Grissom	May 3
Indy Solo Points #1 @ Grissom	May 4
Grissom Autocross Site Work Day	May 10
Time Trials Kentucky National Tour @ NCM MSP	May 17-18
Indy Solo Driver's School @ Grissom	May 17
Indy Solo Points #2 @ Grissom	May 18
Ft. Wayne Solo Points #2 @ PFW	May 25
SCCA National Tour @ Grissom (Indy is Host)	5/30 – 6/1

## SCCA Regional / Divisional / National Information

IndySCCA Region Web Page:	www.indyscca.org
IndySCCA Region Official Facebook:	www.facebook.com/IndySCCA/
National SCCA Web Page:	www.scca.com
Great Lakes Division Web Page:	www.gldscca.com

## Clutch Chatter Editor & Assistant RE's Report: Darren Daubenspeck

As can be seen by the above calendar of events, our busy club motorsports season is about to start. We need our members to enter and compete in our events – and to help out with the work details, setup tasks, and cooperation to make these events successful.

I'm the interim Clutch Chatter editor, until a more dedicated volunteer wants to step up and take on this task. Until that happens, please email me anything you want to be placed in the next issue of this newsletter. Send contributions to: assistantRE@indyscca.org .



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Hello and salutations, fellow Clutchers, automobiling enthusiasts, and Club Members!

2025 started out with a some uncertainty as to the Regional Executive position, but the Board overcame that obstacle by adhering to the established policies and procedures defined by the by-laws of our Club. I'm certainly honored to have been selected to be your R/E for this year as I also was honored at the Annual Banquet as Club Member of the Year! I have been active with the Board since 2020, having served as the Activities Chairman or Member At-Large. I also took on the responsibility as being the Chair for Time Trials since the latter part of 2024. You've probably seen me with either my 2014 BRZ or now the 2023 GR Supra at Solo, Time Trials, and Rally events. I look forward to meeting new participants and renewing past acquaintances during the coming year.

As for this year, we have have a fourth program that's being developed, Rally Cross. Right now, it's in its infancy, as a venue is being considered and "tested" for that purpose. Mike Herrera is heading this effort and will be providing more details as the become available. This program has been considered for a long time, but finding appropriate location(s) had always been problematic. Late last year, we were approached by the Badlands Off-Rad Park near Attica, to gauge interest. It would appear to be a viable location, but details and physical location within their park are still being considered. Mike will be making announcements about this on Chatter, our web site as well as on social media.

Speaking of the web site, making improvements to the page has been long overdue. Our webmaster, John Wilmoth, has been gracious enough to make changes on his own time. It's now easier to read and navigate, since this was one of the activities that needed to be done and requested by members for a long time. Hopefully, you'll find the changes more accommodating as the Board will rely on it and social media more heavily as tools to reach our members and bring in others interested in our Club.

Aside from our new program and our existing three, we plan to participate with the IMSA races later this year. Last year, we had a corral of our cars as well as booths to promote our club. This year, our new Activities Chair, Ethan Decatur, will be coordinating our presence and I hope you'll consider volunteering your time (and maybe your car) to be there! The Tire Rack Street Survival is a go, too, for late April. Ethan is currently gathering volunteer coaches, so please contact him if you're interested. Last year, we had a sold-out class and 25 young drivers benefited from learning more about being a safe and confident driver!

If at any time you have concerns or questions or suggestions, the Board and I would like to hear them! Please be sure to reach our via email, since that's the best way to reach any and all of us. Again, I look forward to an active and successful year and hope to meet each member during our events!

Yours truly,  
Charles Tashiro  
2025 Regional Executive



This season, the club found a new facility for the annual meeting and awards banquet: The Biltwell Event Center in downtown Indianapolis. Thanks to our 2024 Activities Chair Charles Tashiro for finding a great, centrally located new site for our annual function. Reactions to the site were positive, and arrangements have been made for the 2025 Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet to return to this site. The treasurer was not called upon for a finances report. The new BOD had a short meeting after the banquet. More pictures from the meeting can be found on the IndySCCA Social Facebook group.

## Programs and Region Awards Presented:

### Road Rally 2025 Season Championship Awards:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Sam Crites
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Vincent Taibi

### Time Trials 2025 Season Championship Awards:

Class S1:		
•	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Dallas Reed,	2023 Chevrolet Corvette
Class S2:		
•	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Joseph Gerdorn	2001 Porsche 911
•	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Chris Wheatley	2018 Chevrolet Camaro
•	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: Charles Tashiro	2023 Toyota Supra
Class S3:		
•	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Nathan Bierrum	2020 Hyundai Veloster N
Class S5:		
•	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Aldrin Natividad	2020 Subaru BRZ
Class S6:		
•	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Justin Vandergriff	2010 Mazda MX-5
•	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Michael Terry II	1993 Mazda Miata
•	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: Alan Lani	1999 Chrysler PT Cruiser
Class T2:		
•	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Jesse Plant	2017 Ford Mustang
Class T3:		
•	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Josiah Douglas	2014 Nissan 370Z
Class T4:		
•	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Liam Parkes	2013 Scion FR-S
•	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Curtiss Malicoat	2016 Subaru BRZ
Class T5:		
•	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Austin Hampton	1992 Mazda Miata
•	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Drew Brenner	2001 Mazda Miata
Class M1:		
•	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Michael Young	2024 Chevrolet Corvette
•	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Sean McPike	2000 Chevrolet Corvette
•	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: Maxim Livchak	2006 Chevrolet Corvette
Class M2:		
•	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Sam Moore	2003 Chevrolet Corvette
•	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Michael Barnes	2018 Ford Mustang
•	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: Adam DeLong	2002 Volvo S60
Class M3:		
•	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Steve Wilson	2012 Porsche Cayman R
•	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Tyler Rush	1990 Mazda Miata
•	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place: Norman Currey	2005 Nissan 350Z
•	4 <sup>th</sup> Place: Faythe Rush	1990 Mazda Miata
Class M5:		
•	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Mike Janssen	1993 Honda Civic
Class U1:		
•	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: Brian Black	2006 Chevrolet Corvette
Class U2:		
•	1 <sup>st</sup> Place: James Rauck	1999 Honda Civic
•	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place: Mark Manninen	2018 Lotus Super 7

### Solo 2025 Season Championship Awards:

Super Street:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Michael Young
A Street:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Darren Daubenspeck
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Lou Savino
B Street:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	John Robbins
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Jeff McGrew
C Street:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Chris Carson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Lee Miller
C Street Ladies:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Mickie Miller
D Street:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Keith Hagen
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Matt Adams
F Street:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Milo Mossman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Chris Wheatley
G Street:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Alan Hamson
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	David Meyer
H Street:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Vincent Taibi
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Nate Johnson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Justin Lawrence
4 <sup>th</sup> Place:	Rex Little
Street Touring Ultra:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Dale Brier
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	James DaPuzzo
Street Touring Xtreme:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Kevin Berba
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Aldrin Natividad
Street Touring Sport:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Michael James
Street Touring Hatch:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Bradley James
Street Mod Street Tire	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Tyler Rush
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Faythe Rush
D Modified:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Stephen Brinkerhoff
D Modified Ladies:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Wanda Brinkerhoff
Classic American Muscle Contemporary	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Lyle Linville
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Seth Fultz
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Chuck Nienhouse
Classic American Muscle Sport	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Kevin Keys
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place:	Steven Williamson
3 <sup>rd</sup> Place:	Donald Miner
Xtreme Street A:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Shawn Hayden
Xtreme Street B:	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Mark Galovic
Pro Class	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place:	Dallas Reed



Awards Continued on Next Page:

## 2024 Season Banquet Report Continued:

### 2024 Competitor of the Year

(The Michael Buchanan Fairbanks Memorial Award):

Vincent Taibi

2024 Member of the Year (The John McGee Memorial Award): Charles Tashiro

2024 Solo Competitor of the Year (The Jack Tovey Cup):

Alan Hamson



## Road Rally Report: Wendy Harrison

Indianapolis Region SCCA RoadRally will be organizing four events in 2025.

- Saturday, April 5 – Dogwood DéjàVu – a time/speed/distance (TSD) Tour rally with GPS checkpoints
- Saturday, July 6 – a time/speed/distance (TSD) Tour rally with GPS checkpoints
- Saturday, October 25 – a Game Tour Adventure (GTA) Halloween rally
- Saturday, December 6 – a Game Tour Adventure (GTA) Shopping Shuffle



To be eligible for the 2025 Indianapolis RoadRally Championship, you must run at least two of the four rallies and be an Indianapolis Region Member by the time you register for the last rally. Complete details and how points are awarded can be found on the Indianapolis SCCA website on the RoadRally page. The 2024 Championship was won by Sam Crites.

In addition to being fun, RoadRally is the most accessible way to get involved with SCCA motorsports. As we put together this year's budget, we made some changes to keep entry fees low and still cover our operating costs. Entry fees are the same as they have been the past two years (\$25 for SCCA members), but they increase to \$35 if participants register a week or less before the rally. This lets us prepare for the event in a more cost-effective way. In addition, this year's Shopping Shuffle will have the same entry fee as the other events instead of being free with the donation of a toy.

We hope to see you on Saturday, April 5 for our first RoadRally of 2025, Dogwood DejaVu. This is a time/speed/distance (TSD) rally designed with beginners in mind, but fun for more experienced competitors as well. There are no tricky instructions and we will use the Richta App for checkpoint timing. If you've run any of our Tour rallies in the past couple of years, this one is similar and, as the name suggests, you will see some roads on it from the original 2023 Dogwood Daze rally. Gathering for the event starts at 1:00pm, safety meeting is at 1:45pm and the first car will start the route at 2:01pm. We will end at Greek's pizza in Martinsville around 5pm. Complete details and registration can be found at <https://www.trackrabbit.com/event/details/1001>

## Membership Chairman Report: Dustin Hitze

Dates 2/11/25-3/11/25;

- 25 Expired Memberships
- 7 New Members
- 4 Weekend Memberships
- 544 Memberships



## Treasurer's Report: Justin Lawrence

No report:.



## Activities Chairman Report: Ethan Decatur

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, Indianapolis Region SCCA is hosting a Tire Rack Street Survival class at the Lincoln Technical School parking lot, here in Indianapolis on 71<sup>st</sup> Street. We are in need for members to help us execute this event: from entrance waiver staff to course workers, and folks just helping with the lunch and refreshments.



Coaches are also needed, but coaches must be certified by the TRSS national staff. Members can become a TRSS coach by going through the online course which can be started at this link: <https://streetsurvival.org/schools/become-a-coach/>.

Please contact me at [activities@indyscca.org](mailto:activities@indyscca.org) to volunteer!!!!

## RallyCross Chairman Report: Mike Herrera

We will attempt a closed test event at a new possible site on July 13. This will not be an event open to registration by the general public or membership. This is a test event for the site owner's introduction to our sport, and to determine if the site is feasible. If anyone wants to be considered for admission to this closed test event, please contact me at [rallycross@indyscca.org](mailto:rallycross@indyscca.org).



## Solo Chairman Report: Charles Nienhouse

Hello all, I hope you're looking forward to the 2025 autocross season as much as I am. This year we will have 8 points events and two fun events. The first and last events on the calendar are the Fun Events and will be at the Lincoln College of Technology while 7 of the 8 points events will be at Grissom ARB. Points Event #5 will be the odd one as it will be at the Indiana State Fairgrounds and, as in the past, it will be the Columbus vs Indy shootout.



In addition to these autocross events, Indy Region will host One lap of America and the SCCA Solo National Tour. Something to note is the CAM Challenge has been renamed the Tire Rack Ultimate Track Car Challenge and will include classes for import cars. Indy Region is in the process of securing the privilege of hosting this event as well so stay tuned. In the meantime, there is an urgent need for volunteers to work these special events.

First and foremost is the One Lap of America event scheduled for April May 3rd. There is a need for roughly 20 volunteers who hold an annual SCCA membership. Since the event is no different than our autocross events (except the classes) we need the usual help to setup course, shag cones, record timing & scoring, and direct the competitors around the Grissom facility and to the grid. Any SCCA member that lends a hand that Saturday will get a \$15 discount on the entry fee of their next Indy Region autocross event.

Like the One Lap event, there is a need for about a dozen volunteers to help setup and run the Subaru Challenge at the Subaru plant in Lafayette, IN, on July 27th. Again, any SCCA member that helps out with this event will get a \$15 credit towards their next Indy Region autocross event. I am also looking at providing a lunch for the volunteers to make the day that much more enjoyable.

The last thing I want to share in this edition of Clutch Chatter is the future of SCCA Solo course designs. The SCCA is working toward having course designs approved with the event sanction. This also entails creating a course designer "license". What this means is any SCCA member who likes designing courses or wants to learn how to design courses will be able to sign up for a seminar and be approved. No dates have been set yet, but home office would like to get this in place for the 2026 season. (continued on next page)

Personally, I love designing courses and did it for 3 years in Arizona. If anyone is interested in this please contact me. I have templates and other digital tools for cranking out Grissom autocross courses. If you have never designed a course before, no worries! I can help you along.

Additionally, there have been changes to the Points and Awards Rules for our Solo program, as well as changes to the Supplemental Solo Rules going forward. Changes include new rules for entry refunds, photographer as an entrant work duty, and the Annual Tech program. Please download and read the new rules at the place to find ALL our information about our autocross/Solo program, on the indyscca.org region website:  
<http://www.indyscca.org/SoloPage.html>

### **2025 Indy Region Solo Events Schedule:**

April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tire Rack Street Survival	Lincoln Technical College
	<b><u>We need Worker Volunteers for this event!</u></b>	
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Event 1	Lincoln Technical College
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	One Lap of America	Grissom Aeroplex
	<b><u>We need Worker Volunteers for this event!</u></b>	
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Points # 1	Grissom Aeroplex
May 10 <sup>th</sup>	Work Day @ Grissom	Grissom Aeroplex
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Solo Drivers School	Grissom Aeroplex
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Points # 2	Grissom Aeroplex
5/30- 6/1	National Tour	Grissom Aeroplex
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Points #3	Grissom Aeroplex
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Points #4	Grissom Aeroplex
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Indy Vs. Columbus Points #5	Indiana State Fairgrounds
July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Subaru Challenge 2025	Subaru Automotive Lafayette, Indiana
	<b><u>We need Worker Volunteers for this event!</u></b>	
8/8 – 8/10	Tire Rack Street Car Shootout	Grissom Aeroplex
August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Points #6 - Hoosier Challenge	Grissom Aeroplex
Sept 27 <sup>th</sup>	Points #7	Grissom Aeroplex
Sept 28 <sup>th</sup>	Points #8	Grissom Aeroplex
Oct 12 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Day #2	Lincoln Technical College





No Report, but 2025 Season Schedule is below:

- Event 1: 4/12-13 Road America
- Event 2: 5/17-18 NCM Motorsports Park
- Event 3: 7/30 Putnam (Half-day event)
- Event 4: 8/2-3 Autobahn
- Event 5: 8/8 Mid-Ohio
- Event 6: 8/30 Putnam
- Event 7: 8/31 Putnam

2025 Season Pro-Pass details can be found at:

<https://www.trackrabbit.com/event/details/10017008-Track-Pro-Pass-2025-03-15>



## Communications about 2025 Board of Directors Elections

Subject: UPDATE ON 2025 REGIONAL EXECUTIVE POSITION

Date: Sat, 01 Feb 2025 20:28:56 -0700

From: activities@indyscca.org

To: indyscca region members

Good evening,

I hope your new year is off to a good start and your Friday evening is going well. You are receiving this email as a 2025 member of the Indianapolis Region SCCA.

Recently, at our annual banquet, Tyler Rush was declared the Regional Executive (RE) election winner via write-in for 2025. At the time, the board of directors saw no reason to not certify the results of the election, placing Tyler into the role of RE.

A short time after the election, myself (the acting election chair) and the rest of the board of directors were informed that the online survey software that we used, Zoho, did not track the IP addresses of the voters in the way that it was supposed to. This essentially meant that there was no way to confirm that votes were only submitted by a single member, meaning that there was no way to confirm that members did not submit multiple votes.

Given that this is the first time in recent history that a write-in candidate won the position of RE, this raised some concerns with some members, as well as with the board.

The board of directors met this week for a special meeting, as allowed by the bylaws, at which it was decided that the results of the Regional Executive election would be void, considering that the election could not be verified. The board held an internal vote, with candidates nominated by the board, as per is allowed by the bylaws, at which time the board (through majority vote) chose to elect 2025 elected Assistant Regional Executive (ARE) Charles Tashiro as the Regional Executive (RE) position for the 2025 year. Charles has been a long time member and board member of the club, and I'm sure that many of you have had an interaction with him, as he is extremely involved with Indy SCCA.

With all of this being said, there is an opening for the ARE position. This position will be filled through a board vote and with board nominations, as we feel that this is the best way to approach this situation. Again, all of these choices the board is making come after careful consideration and review of the bylaws. The new ARE will be announced after the vote which will take place during the scheduled monthly board meeting on Tuesday, February 11th. Please keep an eye out for an email with those results.

Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, concerns, and inputs about this situation. This was uncharted territory for the club and we appreciate your patience while we sorted out the options and examined the bylaws. We are looking forward to a great 2025 season and can't wait to see you all out on the track.

Ethan Decatur  
Indianapolis Region SCCA Activities Chair

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Subject: Indy Region Election Results

Date: 25 Feb 2025 07:57:53 -0700

From: membership@indyscca.org

To: indyscca region members

Good morning Indy SCCA,

I am reaching out to let you know that there has been a final decision in regard to the election concerns that were brought to the board of directors by some members of the chapter. After careful consideration and debate between members of the ENTIRE board, it has been decided through a board vote that the Region Executive (RE) for the 2025 season will be Charles Tashiro, with the Assistant Region Executive (ARE) for the 2025 season will be Darren Daubenspeck.

The board understands that there may still be concerns or worries about the election and situation. However, we are looking forward to getting the season off to a good start and would appreciate that Indianapolis Region members accept that these selections were made after multiple rounds of prudent deliberation. While not everyone may be happy with the outcome, this was the result of a number of attentive bylaw reviews and situational discussions. We are looking forward to putting on a set of great events for the coming season and look forward to seeing you out on the track.

Thank you!

Dustin Hitze  
Membership Chairman  
Indianapolis Region SCCA

## January 18, 2025 BOD Meeting Minutes, post-banquet at Biltwell Event Center

### Minutes courtesy of Secretary Faythe Rush:

Banquet held January 18, 2025 at Biltwell Event Center

Brief meeting held after banquet

No treasurer report was given

Members at Large voted on by current board and announced as: Keith Hagan, Chris Carson, Bruce Faucett, and Mike Herrera who will also be leading Rally X

BoD as announced:

Solo chair- Chuck Nienhouse

Time Trials chair- Charles Tashiro

RE- Tyler Rush

Assistant RE- Charles Tashiro

Road Rally chair- Wendy Harrison

Activities chair- Ethan Decatur

Membership- Dustin Hitze

Treasurer- Justin Lawrence

Secretary- Faythe Rush

March 18 Correction:

Per Mr. Hanson, he was briefly present and separately discussed the transfer of Treasure files, duties, and account permissions, but was not present for the body of this BOD meeting.

Present: Faythe Rush, Mike Young, Charles Tashiro, Chris Carson, Ethan Decatur, Wendy Harrison, Justin Lawrence, Dustin Hitze, ~~Chuck Hanson~~

- Meeting called to order at 823pm by Charles
- Motion made by Charles, 2nd by Wendy to have banquet at Biltwell again in 2026. Motion unanimous-passed.
- Discussion of interest in doing World of Wheels, IMSA, Cars and Coffee events in the near future
- Mike helped discuss upcoming lawsuit continuing from last year's issues with treasurer
- Meeting for February will be held at Joes shop at 1719 English Avenue in Indy on the {February}11th at 630pm.
- Motion to adjourn made by Wendy, 2nd by Chris at 857pm
- Motion passed- meeting adjourned

## January 31, 2025 BOD Special Meeting Minutes, Google Meet virtual platform

### Minutes courtesy of Secretary Faythe Rush:

Special meeting January 31 2025 over Google Meet

Present: Faythe & Tyler Rush, Charles Tashiro, Bruce Faucett, Ethan Decatur, Chuck Nienhouse, Dustin Hitze, Justin Lawrence

Called to order at 615pm

Discussion about concerns from club members about 2025 election results, specifically the RE position. Discussed how to move forward while addressing the concerns. Discussed the bylaws and what they allow for moving forward appropriately with a board vote for RE vacancy.

Motion made to void election results for RE position and take new vote within the board made Charles 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce. Motion unanimous-passed.

Vote was then made within the board members present for RE position with candidates that were self nominated or nominated within meeting.

Those candidates being Tyler Rush, Darren Daubenspeck, and Charles Tashiro.

Vote was taken with a majority ruling with Charles Tashiro winning.

Charles accepted position and call ran out at an hour.

## February 11, 2025 BOD Meeting Minutes, Holiday Inn Express & Suites Indianapolis North, Carmel IN

### Minutes courtesy of BOD At-Large member Bruce Faucett:

Feb 11 Indianapolis Region SCCA BOD Meeting Minutes:

Called to order by Charles Tashiro at 6:35pm

Present: Charles Tashiro (aRE), Ethan Decatur (Activities), Dustin Hitze (Membership), Justin Lawrence (Treasurer), Chuck Nienhouse (at-Large Solo), Wendy Harrison (at-Large Rally), Mike Herrera (at-Large Rallycross), Bruce Faucett (at-Large)

Present Via phone: Faythe Rush (Secretary)

Present Via Proxy: Keith Hagen, (at-Large, proxy via Charles Tashiro), Chris Carson (at-Large, via Jim DaPuzzo)

Non BOD members present: Tyler Rush (via phone), Darren Daubenspeck, Lee and Mickie Miller.

### Old Business:

1. Reviewed and approved minutes from January 18<sup>th</sup> BOD meeting at Annual Banquet.
2. Reviewed and approved minutes from January 31 virtual BOD meeting.
3. Resolution of RE and aRE positions:
  - a. RE position:
    - i. Discussion that virtual special BOD meeting on Feb 1 did not have sufficient quorum to replace BOD positions as required by Bylaws, so that election of Charles Tashiro was invalid and disregarded. CT remains aRE, RE position remains unfilled due to Annual Meeting vote integrity problems for RE position.
    - ii. Noting sufficient quorum, election held among 2 candidates for the RE position. Charles Tashiro is elected 9:1 out of 10 possible voters.
  - b. aRE position:
    - i. With vacant aRE position realized per 1<sup>st</sup> vote of the meeting, interested candidates for the aRE position were recognized and spoke.

- ii. Noting sufficient quorum, election held among 2 candidates for the aRE position. Darren Daubenspeck is elected 6:5 out of 11 possible voters.
- c. Discussion of how to inform the membership. Dustin Hitze volunteers to craft the message to be distributed to the membership regarding the resolution of the BOD vacancies.

#### Officer and Program Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report:
  - a. Still need adequate approved BOD minutes and past Treasurer for reassignment of banking accounts to new Treasurer. Plans to do so have been made.
  - b. Current balances for region accounts discussed.
2. Membership Chair Report:
  - a. Discussed current number of members and number of non-renewing past members.
3. Activities Chair Report:
  - a. Not planning to fund a booth at World of Wheels this year.
  - b. Planning to have some members and cars at the fall IMSA race at IMS.
  - c. Rallycross will operate under Activities budget until program reaches viability.
  - d. Need to allocate some percentage of revenue generating program budgets to fund Activities budget was discussed.
4. Program Reports:
  - a. Road Rally:
    - i. Planned 2025 Schedule and budget for Rally discussed. No rule changes planned.
  - b. Solo:
    - i. Planned 2025 schedule and budget for Solo discussed, including Event Registration vendor costs & increased insurance costs. Need for refinement on budget acknowledged, will modify and present in future.
    - ii. Need discussed to see if 1 registration vendor would be interested in continuing the 2024 incentive for all programs. Motion made to appoint C. Nienhouse and C. Tashiro as the negotiating team to determine if 2025 incentive is available. Motion seconded, vote taken, and approved.
  - c. Time Trials:
    - i. 2025 schedule discussed. No budget available for discussion, will be developed and presented in future. Discussion about appropriate reimbursable costs for TT travel to distant events.
  - d. Rallycross:
    - i. 2025 schedule and potential site discussed. Plan to use Solo's equipment. One conflict with existing Solo event date found. Will revise Rallycross schedule to move or delete that conflicting event. Planning unofficial very limited March 9 trial RC event at Badlands ORA in Indiana to evaluate suitability and show site owners the impact of RC events. Will be on Badlands insurance and waivers. Need to use only cones, flags, and radios from Solo. Timing will be via stopwatches. aRE volunteered to bring equipment to the site via his personal truck for use of RC staff.

#### New Business:

- Discussed possibility of raising member dues in light of 3 years of deficits, and that dues have not been raised for many years. More research needed on other regional dues from nationals.
- Discussed need to inform membership of unpublished 2024 BOD meeting minutes due to resignation of newsletter editor
- Also discussed need to inform membership of 2024 annual banquet Treasurer's Report, as time was not allocated at the banquet for said report.
  - aRE volunteered to become interim newsletter editor until a volunteer could be found and would publish the 2024 material specified.
- Request made for the secretary to get the minutes out early so that the board can review them, due to the gravity of recent events.
- Bruce Faucett volunteered to lead effort to modify the By-Laws and requested that change requests be sent to him by June 2025.

Motion to adjourn meeting at roughly 9:15PM, seconded and approved.



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### Notes from the Director's Chair Area 4 Director Update for February 2025

It's been a really tumultuous month around here....both personally and with regards to the club. In the middle of preparing for the EVAC convention presentation, my BoD colleagues met and decided to make me the interim Club Racing Board (CRB) Chair. Throw in that we're remodeling my bathroom, replacing the upstairs flooring and I celebrated a birthday and the last few weeks have been a handful.

I had the pleasure of sitting in on several convention sessions. I hosted one (EVAC update), was a panelist on another (Road Racing Town Hall) and was an attendee for a couple of others. While a face to face convention is always nice as you get to see folks in person, the virtual convention is a much better tool for conveying information to attendees.

Now that the national convention is over, it's time to turn to our focus to our own divisional convention which will take place on Saturday, March 1st in Fort Wayne, Indiana. As usual, Val McCammon is spearheading the effort. Like past years, there will be an optional Friday night social portion too. This event will return to Manchester University on the north side of town right off I-69. That's the location we used in 2022 and 2023. Many folks from the National Office will be there. It's an excellent opportunity to learn about club policies, event management and best practices. National, divisional and regional officials will all be in one place to hold discussions and offer guidance. For more information about the event, please click on this [MSR link](#) with event details and a registration path. Contact Val ([email](#)) if you have any questions.

Now back to the normal detritus of this update.....here's what I did since my last report.....

#### Video Conference Meetings:

1. Club Racing Board (CRB) (1/7): The feasibility of class combinations was discussed. A conversation was held about bringing back driver's meetings at the Runoffs. The group scheduled a face to face meeting in Kansas City for the Spring. The dates will be April 11th and 12th. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen [here](#).
2. Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (1/8): With the holidays and the usual off season lull, I decided to cancel this meeting.
3. Board of Directors (1/27): The club finished the year strongly and showed a good profit for the year. This was higher than expected (budgeted). Expenses were down while memberships and licenses were up. This is a recipe for moving forward into 2025 from a solid position. Mike Cobb gave his report and told us that the numbers from the convention were great and the response to the content was also excellent.

SCCA Events: None

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Be sure and visit the [GLDiv website](#) 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](https://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 [link](#) to get the instructions. There is also a story about the program [here](#). 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.

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