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Clutch Chatter

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THE INDIANAPOLIS REGION OF THE

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NEWS AND STORIES ABOUT EVENTS FROM YOUR REGION OF OUR CLUB

Winter Karting League is in Full Swing! Event 1 Winner's Podium:



Also Inside:

- **2025 Awards Banquet:
January 17 @ the Biltwell**
- **2026 BoD Election Info
and Ballot**
- **December Road Rally Results
Karting Points #1 Results**



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Calendar of Upcoming Events

Winter Karting League – Fastimes Indoor Karting	Dec 21
Winter Karting League – Fastimes Indoor Karting	Jan 18
SCCA National Convention ONLINE	Jan 15 – 23, 2026
IndySCCA Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet	Jan 17
Winter Karting League – Fastimes Indoor Karting	Feb 15
Winter Karting League – Fastimes Indoor Karting	March 15
Great Lakes Divisional Convention, Ft. Wayne	Feb 27 – March 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.gldsscca.com
Columbus IN Region Web Page:	http://www.cscs-scca.org/
Ft. Wayne Region Web Page:	https://sites.google.com/view/fwsscca/home
Southern IN Region Web Page:	https://www.sirscca.org/
South Bend Region Web Page:	https://sbrscca.org/
Indiana Northwest Region Web Page:	http://www.inr-scca.org/

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

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 (within reason ya'all...) that you want to be placed in the next issue of this newsletter.

I'm excited to announce that almost 59 year member Fred Steinhoff's Lola T204 has been sold by his advert and pictures in this newsletter. We're happy to help him out with that exchange! It was sold locally to another region member, so maybe we'll see it out on a track or solo site again. Send contributions to: assistantRE@indyscca.org





Vitour Performance Tires Display at the 2025 PRI Show

Election Chairperson Report: Chris Wheatley

Hello All! My team and I look forward to a successful election for the Elected Directors for the region for 2026. In light of problems with last year's online election, the Board and I have decided to revert to a more manual process.



Members may submit their completed ballot by one of three methods:

1. Print and Mail their completed ballots via USPS prior to January 9, 2026.
2. Print, Write, Scan to PDF, and Email their completed ballot prior to January 17, 2026 to: election@indyscca.org
3. Hand deliver their completed ballot to Chris Wheatley at the Annual Banquet before 6:10 pm, January 17, 2026.

There will be a supply of pre-printed blank ballots available at the banquet for on-site completion. **YOU MUST KNOW YOUR MEMBER NUMBER & WRITE IT ON THE BALLOT, ELSE IT WILL BE INVALID.**

The Ballot in this issue of the the newsletter should be considered preliminary. Per the bylaws, December 30, 2025, is the deadline for potential candidates to request to be considered for an Elected Director position.

If additional Elected Director candidates step forward before December 30, this ballot will be revised and emailed out to all members. A revised ballot will also be posted on the region Facebook page.



Indianapolis Region, Sports Car Club of America 2026 Election Ballot

Ballot Submission Instructions:

Only one ballot per voting member. Indicate vote preference by a mark in the provided selection box. Ballot must show completion date, printed name, signature, and member number of the submitter. Members must be the age of 18 or older in order to submit a valid and recognized ballot. Submit this ballot via one of three methods described below:

- Mail this completed ballot in a USPS standard envelope with correct postage prior to January 9, 2026 to the address identified at the bottom of this ballot form.
- Email a clear PDF or JPG scan, OR a clearly legible photo, of this ballot prior to Saturday, January 17, 2026 to this email address: election@indyscca.org
- Hand deliver this completed ballot to the 2026 Election Chairperson Chris Wheatley at the Annual Banquet before 6:10pm, Saturday January 17, 2026.

Elected Director Candidates:

Elected Director Position	Selection:	Elected Director Position	Selection:
<u>Regional Executive</u>		<u>Treasurer</u>	
Charles Tashiro	<input type="checkbox"/>	Darren Daubenspeck	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-In:	<input type="text"/>	Write-In:	<input type="text"/>
<u>Assistant Regional Executive</u>		<u>Membership Chairperson</u>	
David Currey	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dustin Hitze	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-In:	<input type="text"/>	Write-In:	<input type="text"/>
<u>Secretary</u>		<u>Activities Chairperson</u>	
Joseph 'Del' Bartlett	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ethan Decatur	<input type="checkbox"/>
Write-In:	<input type="text"/>	Write-In:	<input type="text"/>

Note that Write-In candidates must have given prior permission to the submitter that they want to be considered for the office, and be current Indianapolis Region SCCA Members.

Printed Name of Member: _____ Member Number: _____

Signature of Voting Member: _____ Date of Ballot Completion: _____

Please indicate if you want to be considered by the Board of Directors to be an Appointed Director from the membership at large by a checkmark here: _____

A revision of the Region's Bylaws has been proposed. Indicate your approval or denial of the change by placing your initials in the box of your preference below:

I approve the Bylaws Changes:

☐

I reject the Bylaws Changes:

☐

Ballot USPS mailing Address:

Charles Hanson
1014 E. Brunswick Ave.
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RE's Report:**Charles Tashiro**

Hello, fellow Clutchers! Can you believe it's the end of the year?!? Where did the summer go? And with the weather in Indiana lately, it's certainly been a reminder of how we prefer it: warm and sunny!

As we close out the 2025, I'd like to say thank you to all of our club members for a very successful and very active year. Thank you for all of your participation, help, and support of our programs. I certainly hope to see each of you during 2026, if not as R/E, but certainly as a fellow driver.

I'd also like to thank you all for your support and well-wishes after my auto-immune disorder diagnosis at the beginning of 2025. My condition seems to have improved, since I have not had any symptoms or complications after a year of special medications. I hope to be diagnosed as being in remission in coming months, if not sooner.

Finally, in 2026, I believe we'll have yet another successful year with our renewed Rally Cross program as well as our Solo, Time Trials, and Road Rally programs. I look forward to being of service to you and the club, either by being elected R/E again or as a program chair.

And don't forget to register for and attend the annual banquet, especially if you know you've won an award!

Yours truly,

Charles Tashiro

Regional Executive

Membership Chairperon Report:**Dustin Hitze**

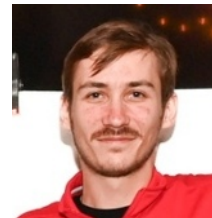
December 2025 Report:

5 New Memberships

5 Expired

1 Weekend Membership

525 Current Members



Regards,

Dustin Hitze



MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SCCA INDIANAPOLIS REGION, INC.
HELD TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025
AT RESERVED GUEST ROOM, McAllister's DELI
5822 CRAWFORDVILLE ROAD, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

A quorum being present, the Assistant Regional Executive (ARE), Darren Daubenspeck, called the meeting to order at 18:30 in the absence of the Regional Executive (RE). Proxy votes were assigned by Charles Tashiro to Darren Daubenspeck and by Bruce Faucet to Chuck Hanson.

Board members present were:

Darren Daubenspeck
Chris Carson
Del Bartlett
Chuck Nienhouse
Wendy Harrison
Mike Herrera
Dustin Hitze
Ethan Decatur (by phone)
Bruce Faucett (by proxy)
Charles Tashiro (by proxy)

Other attending were:

Lee Miller
Mickey Miller
Chuck Hanson
Chris Wheatley
Dave Currey

A. Elected Director Reports:

1. RE Report:

- a. the ARE having called the meeting to order, advised that he would conduct the meeting in the absence of the RE.
 - b. The minutes of the October 12, 2025 Board Meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.
 - c. The ARE noted for the record that the club is in its 80th year, and that he would like to see a new modified logo for the club reflecting the occasion, as the club had a special logo for the 60th and 75th anniversary years. He passed around an image of the logo from 2006. He said that there is a need for someone to sketch a new logo for promotional use. It was mentioned that the webmaster John Wilmoth did the 60th year logo.
 - d. The ARE reported that the timing system equipment had been removed from the Solo Bus, and their batteries removed. The equipment is in Dave Currey's basement for winter storage.
 - e. The ARE reported also that the October/November Clutch Chatter will be a double issue, and that November 14 was the cutoff for publication items.
 - f. The ARE suggested that the club explore a continued sponsorship with Vitour for 2026.
2. ARE Report (combined with RE Report above).

3. Treasurer's Report:

- a. The Treasurer was not present. The ARE confirmed that the RE has remote access to all club accounts. All corporation funds are in the checking and money market savings accounts, and noted the current balances sent from the RE.
- b. The ARE announced to the Board that recommendations for the office of Treasurer are needed for the upcoming election.
- c. The ARE reported that the corporation is current with all obligations to the national SCCA.

4. Secretary's Report:

- a. Secretary Bartlett reported that following his meeting with former Treasurer, John Clyne, he would be finalizing the third and final response to the Attorney General's C.I.D.

5. Membership:

- a. The Membership Chairman reported that the club has five new members, six weekend members and seven membership expirations leaving membership at present 529.
- b. The ARE inquired about using the World of Wheels car show to recruit new members. The chairman observed that typically shows involved a lot of money, but not much reward, and preferred recruitment at the IMSA event. The ARE stated a space at IMSA was about 10x the cost of the World of Wheels space. Chris Carson suggested that the club do more with Cars and Coffee type events. Mickey Miller suggested displaying video of our activities at such events.
- c. Lee Miller inquired about updates for Involved Member jackets. It was pointed out that information is available on the website for involved members. Dustin Hitze said he would bring a form for jacket eligibility to the next board meeting.

6. Activities:

- a. Via phone, Ethan Decatur confirmed he is arranging the schedule for the banquet to be held Saturday, January 17. He also reported that the first payment to the venue of \$3,100.00 had been made, but a second payment in an equal amount is due.
- b. The ARE inquired about the program awards for the banquet. He said there did not seem to be progress with respect to the trophies. He recommended that the award banquet would not be "the RE show", and that program chairs would be expected to present trophies and awards as has been traditionally done in the past years.
- c. The ARE asked for a status report on the Winter Karting League. Chuck Neinhouse reported that the Winter Karting program was underway and that Justin Ritter is managing the program under Ethan Decatur's Activities program.
- d. Details of the 2026 Election were discussed with respect to the banquet. Election timing in the current bylaws was discussed. It was recommended that in person ballots would be accepted until 18:00 the evening of the event with a 20 minutes cutoff notice preceding. Mailed ballots must be postmarked with the Friday before the banquet.

B. Appointed Directors' Reports:

1. Solo Report was given by Chuck Neinhouse.
 - a. The chairman reviewed the program's cash flow for the 2025 season, and it was positive.
 - b. The chairman noted his progress on 2025 year end award procurement.
 - c. It was discussed that some participants at the Points #7 Solo event at Grissom thought the course was too "tight" for the site, and was negatively received. The next day Points #8 course was more "open" and fast, like a normal Grissom course, and was more popular with the drivers. The comments were noted in the interest of future events.
2. Road Rally Report was given by Wendy Harrison.
 - a. She handed out a summary of the year's events and reported net revenue for the year. She announced that current Road Rally Championship standings are available.
 - b. She also said that participants brought pets to the October RoadRally and the restaurant let her know that was not acceptable. In the future she will make sure she mentions on the event announcements that we will be dining in the restaurant at the end of the RoadRally.
3. Rally Cross (RX) Report was given by Mike Herrera.
 - a. He reported the November 9 Badlands RX event was canceled due to not achieving the required number of entrants, and the site conditions were too wet and sloppy for a safe event.
 - b. He said the national office is considering a national event in 2026 at the Badlands.
 - c. Six events are proposed for 2026. He reported he has backup staff help to step in as qualified substitutes to run the events.
 - d. The ARE commented that scheduling needs to be coordinated with the Solo Program to avoid conflicts, as they use the same equipment. The RX chair stated that the program could likely use INR region's equipment if there is a conflict with an Indy region Solo event.
 - e. The chair has an 80% proposed budget for 2026.
 - f. The RX chair requested assistance to develop the points & awards rules for the RX program. It was suggested to use the existing rules on our website for both the Solo and Road Rally programs as a starting basis, but modify them for the different structure of RX scoring. A spreadsheet needs to be created for Rally Cross and a dedicated Rally Cross laptop is needed. David Meyer, Chuck Neinhouse and the chair are to confer on issues.

C. Old Business:

1. The proposed update to the corporation by-laws was given by Chuck Hanson. There was a general discussion of the use of must, shall and may when applied to compulsory or discretionary phrases. The proposed modifications were outlined by Chuck and discussion ensued in each proposal with the Board generally in agreement with the work of the ad hoc committee, but multiple errors were discovered during the read-through.
2. The ARE noted that a phrase was needed to adopt the Standard Rules of Parliamentary Procedure, and the Secretary agreed to provide.
3. The ARE suggested that the Digital Section of the Secretary's duties be stricken from the by-laws because it would be an undue labor and cost burden to the region. It was discussed that the Board consider finding a volunteer to administrate online secure file storage for BoD member online access. An ad hoc committee of Chuck Neinhouse, David Currey and Dustin Hitze volunteered to explore this option.
4. No vote was called for to approve the revised by-laws for the membership to vote upon for adoption or rejection at the annual meeting of the membership.

D. New business: None stated.

There being no other new business or new motions to consider, upon motion, second and discussion, the meeting was adjourned by a unanimous vote at 2000.

2026 Election: Region Elected Director Job Descriptions:

It's getting near that time of year when Regions are considering new elected director candidates for 2026. To recruit new leaders the following Job Descriptions for the 6 Region Elected Directors is presented. This list is by no means comprehensive, and is offered as a guide for the upcoming election, which will be final at the 2025 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet, on January 17, 2026, at the Biltwell Event Center.

Our current Treasurer has notified the BOD that he cannot continue in this role for 2026, so that is one known open seat at this time. All positions are to be contested. Please email bod@indyscca.org and/or election@indyscca.org if you are interested in being a candidate for any of the 6 elected director positions.

Regional Executive

- Chief Executive Officer of the Region.
- Official Spokesperson for the Region.
- Presides at all meetings of Members and Directors.
- Shall report on the status of the Region at each meeting.
- Shall call any special meeting of Members and Directors in accordance with the Bylaws of the Region.
- Prepares and adheres to agendas for all meetings.
- With Board approval, shall sign and execute, together with the Treasurer (or his designee), all contracts, notes, and drafts in the name of the Region.
- With the Board, participate in creating the Region's budget for the coming year.
- Shall perform or cause to be performed all duties assigned to him/her by the Sports Car Club of America, Inc.
- Shall Coordinate with the Treasurer and Secretary to cause books, statements, reports and other certificates and records to be filed as required by law.
- Shall complete (with aid of Assistant RE) Region SCCA Charter Documents and submit to the National Office no later than February 15th of each year.
- Shall enforce Region's Bylaws and perform all duties incidental to the office of Regional Executive.
- Shall give guidance to all activities of the Region.
- Shall have other such duties and authorities as prescribed by Bylaws or Regions Board of Directors.
- Communicate as needed with Executive Officers of other local sports car clubs, SCCA Regions, and SCCA Divisions.
- Shall maintain communications with the responsible SCCA Area Director.

Assistant Regional Executive

- Performs duties of the Regional Executive in that person's absence or incapacity.
- Performs other such duties as assigned by the Regional Executive.
- Performs duties as assigned by the Region's Board of Directors.
- Shall attend all meetings of the Members and Directors.
- With the Regional Executive, shall prepare the Region's SCCA Charter Documents and submit to the National Office no later than February 15th of each year.

Secretary

- Shall keep minutes of meetings of Members and Directors.
- Shall be the custodian of all records of the Region.
- Shall attend all meetings of the Members and Directors.
- Shall maintain the Region's calendar of events.
- Shall submit the Region's calendar to newsletter and website

Treasurer

- A. Shall have care and custody of, and be responsible for all funds, merchandise, and assets of the Region.
- B. Shall have custody of monies, debts, and financial obligations of the Region.
- C. Shall attend all meetings of the Members and Directors.
- D. Reports financial status of Region to Members and Directors.
- E. Shall maintain accounting records in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles.

- F. Pays any listing or sanctioning fees in advance of any SCCA event.
- G. Pays invoices submitted to the region by outside vendors, Program Directors, or others.
- H. Shall transmit dues and income information received from the SCCA National office to the Region's Membership Chairperson.
- I. Shall make monthly, or more often if required, deposits to the Region's bank account.
- J. Obtain tax exemption certificate if required.
- K. With the Regional Executive, participate in creating and assist to determine the Region's budget for the coming year.
- L. Shall ensure preparation and filing of tax returns in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code of the United States and other controlling jurisdictions.
- M. Shall notify the Region's bank(s) when changes are made with respect to addresses, signatures, and other contact information for new officers or check signers.

Membership Chairperson

- The Membership Chairperson promotes continued growth of the Region through actively recruiting new members and retaining current Members.
- Shall be the Chairperson of the Membership Committee.
- Shall make new Members and other interested parties feel welcome at all Region events.
- Shall manage the Involved Members recognition program.

Activities Chairperson

- Manage all details of the January Annual meeting with guidance from the Board of Directors.
- Collaborate with other SCCA region officers and chairpersons (e.g., Solo Chairman, Rally Chairperson) to ensure a cohesive and well-rounded regional calendar.
- Communicate event details and information to the membership through newsletters, websites, social media, and other channels.
- Coordinate with the Membership Chairperson to promote membership growth and engagement by developing outreach initiatives and creating a welcoming environment for new and potential members at events.
- Work with the Regional Executive and Board of Directors to ensure activities align with the region's goals and the overall mission and vision of the Indianapolis Region SCCA

Other Appointed Directors

- D. Shall attend all meetings of the Members and Directors.
- E. Shall perform such duties and have such powers as assigned by the Board of Directors
- F. May be assigned as liaison to committees and specialty program managers who are not already members of the Region's Board of Directors.
- G. May be the Program Manager of one of the Region's Programs
 1. Is strongly encouraged to develop and empower a team of members to administrate the Program's Events
 2. Must develop an event schedule
 3. Must create a yearly Program Budget Proposal for review and approval by the Board of Directors
 4. Must manage all aspects of the Program and its events.



Activities Chairman Report: Ethan Decatur

The Winter Karting League for the 2025-2026 Season is Back! The site will be at Fastimes Indoor Karting, 3455 Harper Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46240



Remaining dates will be: December 21st, January 18th, February 15th, and March 15th, and the registration fee per event will be \$35.

Unless otherwise noted on the event's registration page on Motorsports Registry, the event schedules will be:

10:00:	Doors open
10:00 - 10:15:	Registration open
10:15 - 10:20:	Driver's meeting
10:20:	First kart off

Event requirements:

1. Must have valid driver license/permit per Fastimes requirements.
2. Must sign on site waiver for Fastimes.
3. Must have helmet (Fastime loaners available, but require headsock available for purchase)
4. On-site registration available only if space allows, max 32 competitors

Season Rules:

1. Time trials format
2. 2 heats per event
3. Time based results, not position based
4. Best individual time scored for points

Contact myself at activities@indyscca.org, or Justin Ritter at juskritt@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Also: Year end champions / awards recipients have been posted online and in the Oct/Nov Newsletter. **If you are the winner of any awards, PLEASE plan to attend the Awards Banquet on January 17, 2026, at the Biltwell Event Center, 950 S White River Parkway Drive West, Indianapolis.** This is so you can receive your award at our ceremony at our largest club event of the year. It's the best time to socialize with all the members without the pressure of our autosport activities taking precedent for the occasion – and the food is really good!

Please register ASAP at:

<https://www.trackrabbit.com/event/details/10018410-2026-Indy-SCCA-Annual-Banquet-2026-01-17>

RallyCross Chairman Report: Mike Herrera

4 Events are planned for the 2026 season, but the schedule is still being finalized, and is not yet ready for publication.



Road Rally Chair Report: Wendy Harrison

Hi all! Thank you all very much for braving the cold and joining us for this year's Holiday Shopping Shuffle. We collected almost 50 non-perishable items (plus a lot of yellow Dollar General bags) all of which are being donated to the Putnam County Emergency Food Pantry located in Greencastle.



Final scores are attached. A huge congratulations to the team of Elkins/Elkins for their perfect timing and bonus score of 83 which put them in first place. I think that's the highest bonus

score I've seen on this event. Everybody came to the event from towns that were an hour or more away. Thank you all for your support of our RoadRally program and I hope to see you at events in 2026.

2025 Holiday Shuffle Road Rally Final Scores

Place	Car #	Team	Class	Overall Score	Tiebreaker
1	3	Elkins/Elkins	GTA2	0	83
2	1	Brake/Brake	GTA2	0	73
3	4	Hurm/Hurm	GTA2	0	63
4	2	Decatur/Deogracias	GTA2	5	
5	5	Wilson/Wilson	GTA2	24	



IndySCCA Winter Karting League						
			11/23/25			
Place	1 st Name	Last Name	Heat 1	Heat 2	Heat 3	Points
1	Nikhil	Khopkar	22.923	22.856	22.856	100
2	Brad	Zenthoefer	23.177	22.923	22.923	99.41
3	Kevin	Burns	23.132	22.966	22.966	99.04
4	Chris	Finnigan	23.084	22.991	22.991	98.82
5	Joe	Doroff	23.172	23.016	23.016	98.6
6	Kevin	Berba	23.235	23.036	23.036	98.42
7	Jim	Dapuzzo	23.329	23.104	23.104	97.83
8	Will	Lahee	23.284	23.108	23.108	97.79
9	Clemens	Burger	23.306	23.184	23.184	97.13
10	Justin	Ritter	23.451	23.239	23.239	96.65
11	Esteban	Velez	23.327	23.452	23.327	95.88
12	Dallas	Reed	23.527	23.343	23.343	95.74
13	Vance	Nonno	23.436	23.349	23.349	95.69
14	Caleb	Snider	24.726	23.388	23.388	95.34
15	Dustin	Franklin	23.467	23.497	23.467	94.65
16	Wes	Myers	23.837	23.58	23.58	93.66
17	Zach	Douglas	23.589	23.711	23.589	93.59
18	Brandon	Merida	23.8	23.674	23.674	92.84
19	Leonardo	Bonvino	24.476	23.737	23.737	92.29
20	Justin	Van Emon	23.838	23.742	23.742	92.25
21	Chuck	Neinhouse	24.311	23.804	23.804	91.7
22	Nathan	Wojtko	24.041	23.838	23.838	91.41
23	Rod	Adkins	24.16	23.901	23.901	90.86
24	Westten	Rodine	24.213	23.932	23.932	90.58
25	Jacob	Kelley	24.013	24.066	24.013	89.88
26	Riley	Pingel	24.98	24.191	24.191	88.32
27	Sara	Lamkin	25.348	25.268	25.268	78.89



Hi all! Not only does December bring snow and Holidays, it brings the Performance Racing Industry show to Indy, and this year SCCA members were able to get a \$10 discount on the entry fee. If you have never been to PRI and you are interested in seeing what all is there be sure to set aside a whole day. Having been a few times, I learned to zero in on what is new, different, and aligned with my needs as an SCCA member. This year I was able to talk with a Bosch engineer about the cool technology in the Corvette GT3 car Robert Wickens' has been driving.



For those that don't know Robby, he was an Indycar driver that was paralyzed from the waist down a few years back in a bad crash at Nazareth. These days he's an IMSA sports car racer and the Corvette (pictured below) he drives using hand controls at the wheel.



Another task at PRI was to check out new helmets since my old Bell was aging out. If you haven't heard, the SCCA is going to require SNELL 2015 and later certified helmets starting in 2027. Fortunately, we have a bit of a reprieve in SOLO next year and SNELL 2010 helmets will still be allowed for the 2026 season. While looking around for a new lid I ended up learning quite a bit. For one, the SCCA will also accept helmets certified by the FIA and SFI.

Yeah, this is a bit more complex than I first thought! It might be best to print out that page! Here's some explanation - the prefix letters mean different things as follows:

SA = "special application" for automobiles


















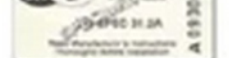
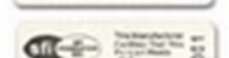
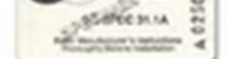


EA = "elite application" for use with HANS devices, coolers, aligns with FIA 8860

K = karting

M = motorcycles

The suffix letters on the motorcycle SNELL certification are "D" for DOT and "R" for EU regulations. None of these details really apply to SOLO because all of the listed helmet certifications will be accepted at 2026 Autocross and Rallycross events. However, for 2027 events the 2010 certifications will NOT be allowed.

Here is a full listing of helmet certifications that will be allowed next year: (Next Page)
(from: <https://www.scca.com/announcements/983-2026-solo-rallycross-helmet-certification-allowances>)

SNELL SA2025 	SNELL M2025D M2025R  
SNELL SA2020 	SNELL M2020D M2020R  
SNELL SA2015 	SNELL M2015 
SNELL SA2010 SAH2010  	SNELL M2010 
SNELL EA2016 	FIA 8859-2024 8859-2024-ABP 8859-2020 8860-2018 8860-2018-ABP 8859-2015 8860-2010       
SNELL K2025 	
SNELL K2020 	
SNELL K2015 	SFI 31.1/2020 31.1/2015 31.1/2010 41.1/2020 41.1/2015 41.1/2010      
SNELL K2010 	



On the evening of December 11, Vitour Tires hosted a PRI “afterparty” at the Silo Auto Club on East Washington Street. The event was well attended and there was a lot of car talk and camaraderie in the lounge and by the cool cars out on the floor. As an added bonus there was an informal Sim racing competition featuring rFactor 2 and GingerMan Raceway.

In addition to indoor karting, Sim racing is a good way to keep yourself mentally prepared for the 2026 season and rFactor 2 is one of three popular software platforms. The other two are iRacing and Assetto Corsa. If you want to give it a try without spending a ton of money on a sophisticated sim rig and software I suggest going to Steam and downloading Assetto Corsa. : [Steam Search](#)

Thrustmaster makes affordable steering wheels and pedals that are widely available online. : [PC Steering Wheels | Thrustmaster USA](#)

2025 Season Results can be found here:
<http://indyscca.org/SoloFiles/SoloResults/2025/2025SoloResults.html>

Have Fun!
 Chuck Nienhouse,
 Indy Region SCCA Solo Chair





Hello again, fellow Clutchers!

We had a somewhat successful 2025, since there was less-than-anticipated participation at our last two events of the year. Certainly though for 2026, we look to have six or seven events at three or four venues. In the past, we partnered with the national Time Trials program, but their schedule for this coming year does not include any tracks that are relatively close. Therefore, we might not include theirs for 2026, but consider one as "options".

We will however, again implement the Pro-Pass option, which will be a one-time purchase that will allow you to participate in all of our events for the season. At this time though, we are still organizing the schedule by coordinating and negotiating with other clubs and tracks for firm dates. I can offer right now that there are preliminary dates in May and June so far. But at the time of this submission to the Clutch Chatter, no contracts are in place.

We're also looking to possibly return to MotorSportReg.com for event registration. Track Rabbit has been relatively good, but maybe it's time to return to the service which has been preferred by other clubs and their members.

And as always, please consider being a part of the Time Trials Chief Staff, as we rely on a core of people for necessary, critical roles during the events.... and we can always use more.

More to come soon and I look forward to seeing you at any or all of our events during 2026! And don't forget to sign up for the annual banquet, especially if you know you've won an award!

Results are posted at:

<http://www.indyscca.org/TimeTrials/results/2025/2025TimeTrialsResults.html>

Yours truly,
Charles Tashiro
Time Trials Chair

2025 Time Trials Championship Year End Results:

Class	Name		Total Points	Participation:	Eligible:
S2	Joseph Gerdorn	1 st Place	60	4	60
S2	Chris Wheatley	2 nd Place	69	7	48
S3	Nathan Doyle	1st Place	57	4	57
S4	TJ Campbell	1st Place	60	4	60
T4	Liam Parkes	1st Place	51	4	51
T5	Richard Michael Sawicki II	1st Place	60	7	60
M1	Michael Young	1st Place	56	5	49
M1	Dallas Reed	2nd Place	47	6	47
M2	Sean Mcpike	1st Place	57	5	57
M2	Justin Vandergriff	2nd Place	54	4	54

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

Well, this is my last monthly update. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Area 4 Director for the past five years. Together we've seen some dramatic changes in the club. I'll be headed to my last face to face BoD meeting this week. It'll be out in Kansas City and I am very much looking forward to it.

Dave Brown (OVR RE) has been selected by the BoD to assume my position and finish the term as your Director (I abstained so as not to have the appearance of any impropriety). I'm sure he'll reach out and give you his contact information once he gets on-boarded into the SCCA system.

Here's what I did since my last report.....

Video Conference Meetings:

- Club Racing Board (CRB) (11/4): The group discussed a variety of topics. Town Hall meetings at the convention and Runoffs, the Hoosier Super Tour (HST) schedule, SMX spec tire, etc. This is the busy season for the CRB as the Runoffs are over and the requests for rules adjustments are in full swing. Changing economic criteria have forced members to step back from some events. That decline in participation has forced the CRB and BoD to reconsider some changes that have been made over the last couple of years. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen here.
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (11/12): We reviewed the training subcommittee's safety steward EV awareness training module. This will be added to the Solo and RallyCross Safety Steward training course within the SCCA Academy.
- Board of Directors (BoD) (11/24): As we are about to meet face to face in Kansas City, this month's meeting was canceled.
- SCCA Events:None

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 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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For Sale / Classified Advertisements:

FOR SALE: EuroSwift SC92, with Honda L15a7 engine, Hewland transaxle.

Seller states: The car was good mechanically when I bought it a year and a half ago. PO made extensive repairs to the suspension and safety wired everything. The body was rough, but body was repaired, smoothed, and painted gloss black. I got some good spares too and at least three pair of nice wheels. Also included are a set of unused Hoosier rains, a set of road race tires with a few laps on them.

Recent Upgrades: Installed new master and clutch cylinders, installed autocross gears and an aluminum carrier. Also did aluminum brake calipers and sorted a number of other things that needed attention. Some modifications to the interior to give more legroom.

Asking \$30,000 including a new-ish trailer. We'll be running it 'til it sells.

Tom Walgamuth
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twalgamuth (at) comcast.net



FOR SALE: 1980 Triumph TR7 Spider, 2.0L, 5 Speed manual transmission, dual SU Carburetors, 46,197 Miles
Seller states: Car always garaged and has never seen snow. Clutch and Brakes replaced ~30 miles ago.

From Wikipedia: "In 1980, a limited edition version of the TR7 Drophead was launched for the US market by the US importer. Called the "TR7 Spider", it was available only in "Maraschino Black", with reflective red striping and badging plus black interior trim. Alloy wheels and the steering wheel from the TR8 were fitted, along with a "pewter grey" carpet and grey striped upholstery. Based on an exhaustive inventory of the factory build cards at the British Heritage Motor Centre archives, it has been confirmed that only 1,070 carburetted Spiders were built at the Solihull factory."

Asking \$7,000. Contact Rich Lankford, at 317-809-2792 or email to: richlank@sbcglobal.net

