

# Clutch Chatter

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NEWS AND STORIES ABOUT EVENTS OF YOUR REGION OF YOUR CLUB



Saturday, April 26 at Lincoln Tech, West 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Indianpolis

Saturday, May 3 at just south of the Grissom Air Reserve Base



## 2025 Tire Rack SCCA Grissom National Tour



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May 30 - June 1, 2025

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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

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
Indy BoD Meeting, McAllister's Deli Crawfordsville Rd	May 13
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
Columbus SSC Solo Points #3, Walesboro	June 8
Indy BoD Meeting, McAllister's Deli Crawfordsville Rd	June 10

## SCCA Regional / Divisional / National Information

IndySCCA Region Web Page: <a href="https://www.indyscca.org">www.indyscca.org</a>
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Ft. Wayne Region Web Page: <a href="https://sites.google.com/view/fwscca/home">https://sites.google.com/view/fwscca/home</a>

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## 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.



Hello, fellow Clutchers!

April will have been a good month for us, as the season opens up with a Time Trials with the 2025 Tire Rack SCCA Time Attack Challenge at Road America, the Tire Rack Street Survival, and Solo fun event at Lincoln Tech. Hope to see you at one or more of these events are the season progresses, too!



Yours truly, Charles Tashiro Regional Executive



## Membership Chairman Report: Dustin Hitze

Dates 3/1/25 to Current;

- 552 Current Members
- 25 Expired Memberships
- 23 New Members
- 6 Weekend Memberships



## Treasurer's Report:

## **Justin Lawrence**

Hi all! I'm Justin Lawrence. I'm the Treasurer and have been a member of the Indy region SCCA for almost 3 years. Like most I had a buddy who started doing autocross and wouldn't stop telling me how fun it was. After some time, he finally got me to go and after the first event, I also had the bug.



Going forward, Program Chairs and their designees who request reimbursement for expenses will need to comply with the following directions:

- 1. Supply a receipt for the expense. This can be a paper hardcopy, an emailed PDF, or an emailed or texted JPG image.
- 2. Identify which program to charge Solo, TT, RoadRally, Activites, etc..
- 3. An approving signature on the receipt or approving email from the Program chair authorizing the expense and reimbursement.

If you have any questions about these requirements, please contact me for clarification.

## Secretary's Report:

## April 8, 2025 BOD Meeting Minutes, McAllister's Deli on Crawfordsville Road, Speedway, IN

BOD members present: Charles Tashiro, Dustin Hitze, Kieth Hagen, Darren Daubenspeck, Chuck Nienhouse, Ethan Decatur, Chris Carson, Wendy Harrsion, Bruce Faucett

BOD members present via phone: Justin Lawrence

Non-BoD present: Sue Faucett, Lee and Mickie Miller, Jeff and Marsha Alexander, Joseph 'Del' Bartlett, Vinnie Taibi, Brandon Akers, David Currey

Meeting Chair: Charles Tashiro; Acting Secretary: David Currey

Meeting Called to Order: 6:30pm

February meeting minutes approved. Motioned by Darren D. Seconded by Wendy H. None opposed, motion is approved.

#### RE Report:

- Letter has been received by the State's Attorney General Office regarding the financial condition of the club.
- Issues regarding legal standing, insurance and information storage discussed.

## ARE Report:

Clutch Chatter article submission by officers and program chairs requested by the end of the week.

## Treasurer Report:

- Account holdings disclosed
- All withdrawals and deposits accounted for in 2025
- Separating out the individual programs to see performance discussed. Issues arise when receiving payment from website registrations.
- After event financial reporting from program chairs discussed.
- Cloud storage to be set up by Charles T. and Justin L.
- Track Rabbit made a clerical error and asked for a refund from the club and has been paid back.
- Motion to approve refund motioned by Bruce F. Seconded by Darren D. None opposed, motion is approved.

### Membership Report:

- 552 members currently
- Discord Server established and holding steady at 40 to 50 active users
  - O Social media chair if established can take administration at any time.
- Facebook Official page has been administrative control to Charles T.
- Instagram account to be pursued by Charles T.

## Activities Report:

Budget was discussed for 2025.

- Motion to approve funds for TRSS motioned by Darren D. Seconded by Kieth H. None opposed, motion is approved.
- O World of Wheels Vs IMSA Vs Grassroots meetups discussed
- O Formatting issue regarding clear projections of Net values requested for approval next month

#### Rally Report:

- First event of the year is complete.
  - O Low attendance likely due to bad weather and poor social media visibility
- The July event requires social media boost as the event is out of town in Bloomington, In.

#### Solo Report:

- Awards discussed for 2025 season. Options and availability.
- Mobile Hotspot to be shared between Solo and Time Trials Putnam events.
- Volunteers needed for One Lap of America and Driver's School
- Cam Challenge (ShootOut) will not be hosted by Indy Region this year.
- Next year's event which would involve Bunker Hill Drag Strip discussed.

#### RallyCross Report:

• 6/15 event is going ahead. Equipment to be provided by INR and Milwaukee Region.

#### Time Trials Report:

- Budget presented. Motion to approve by Chuck N. Seconded by Wendy H. None opposed, motion is approved.
- Next Year will pursue more localized events as many events are outside the range of Indy region members.

#### Old Business:

- Raising member dues discussed. Decided not to pursue.
- Bylaws changes discussed.
  - O Need discussed to designate an Executive Committee for meetings in case of time sensitive emergencies.

#### **New Business:**

- 4th At-Large member discussed as Time Trials and RE are held by the same person with the goal of having 13 total BoD votes.
- New secretary candidates present:
  - O Del Bartlett and Sue Faucett provided qualifications.
  - O Candidates were discussed
  - O Motion to hold a vote for the secretary BOD position by Bruce F. Seconded by Darren D. All in favor of holding a vote.
  - O Del wins BoD Secretary election with 9 votes and 1 abstention.

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:45pm Motioned by Bruce F. Seconded by Charles T.

## Activities Chairman Report: Ethan Decatur

Tire Rack Street Survival School – April 26th

One of the most impactful events we host each year is the Tire Rack Street Survival School, and this month, it's happening on Saturday April 26th at Lincoln Technical College. For those unfamiliar, this isn't your average driver's ed program. Street Survival is a hands-on, one-on-one driving experience designed to teach teen drivers how to control their vehicles in unpredictable, real-world situations.



Using their own cars, students learn emergency braking, skid control, accident avoidance, and how to be more aware behind the wheel. It's all about building real confidence through practice—not just theory. We're proud to work with the national TRSS program for this event, as well as dedicated SCCA volunteers to bring this life-saving program to our community.

If you have any questions about the event, please email them to activities@indyscca.org

If you know of a teen that would like to sign up for the school, they may do so here: https://www.motorsportreg.com/index.cfm/event/register.trss/uidEvent/99D2890C-B3A0-63B1-32738BACB48FE255

Please contact me at 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 <a href="mailto:relation-rela



## Photos from the Dogwood DejaVu Road Rally

Rally Winners Greg and Theresa Wilkins

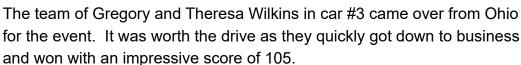


Pre-Rally Strategy with Bob Sonntag and Ernest Roales from SIR Region



## Road Rally Chair Report: Wendy Harrison

It rained – a lot. Rivers were flooded, fields were flooded, roads were being closed, but we still ran Dogwood DejaVu on April 5, 2025. Four teams braved the elements and had fun driving some very challenging roads in the rain.





Heather and Jordan Elkins in their Mini (car #2) were enthusiastic about rallying in the rain. They placed second with a score of 263 and beat everybody else to the end point by a good 15 minutes.

Tyler Hohne and Sara Longdon in car #1 had never run a RoadRally before. They were quick learners and running like pros by the mid-point. Tyler was glad to practice his honed driving skills in some wet, slippery conditions. (No yellow flags in RoadRally!)

The only equipped team, Earnest Roales and Bob Sonntag in a new Genesis, had an admirable score until checkpoint 20 when the Genesis got a flat tire. Unfortunately, there was no spare tire and after trying unsuccessfully to reinflate the tire, they had to call for a tow and were not able to finish.

Munching on pizza at the end point, the opinion seemed to be that rallying in the rain is much more exciting than rallying in fair weather. I agree. Thank you to those that came out for an exhilarating drive.

Our next RoadRally will be on Saturday July 5. It will start on the Southwest side of Bloomington and take teams by things that they probably have not seen before (Sasquatch?) Hope to see many of you there.

Indianapolis Region SCCA RoadRally 2025 Upcoming Events:

- 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

Heather and Jordan Elkins



So Much Rain for the Rally!



Solo Chairman Report: Charles Nienhouse
Hi all and welcome to the 2025 Solo Autocross season!

The Indy Region SCCA will be hosting some special events in addition to the eight points and two fun events we have every year. We are still in need of volunteer workers to successfully host these special events. Each of these events requires a unique set of volunteers:



- Tire Rack Street Survival Class for Teen Drivers, April 26<sup>th</sup> at Lincoln Technical Institute in Indianapolis
- One Lap of America on Saturday, May 3rd at Grissom:
  - Need volunteers for Timing & Scoring, Gate & Waivers, course workers, setup & cleanup.
     Note that this will be a relatively short day and the course will stay setup for Sunday's Indy Region Autocross event.
- Solo Driver's School on Saturday, May 17th at Grissom:
  - Need volunteers that are not participating in the driving school for Gate & Waivers, course workers, course design, setup & cleanup. This course will also stay setup for the following Sunday's Indy Region Autocross event.

What is the payoff? Volunteers will get free food, drinks, and a \$15 credit from each event worked to put toward driver registration for any Indy Region 2025 points or fun autocross event.

Over the winter the SCCA made some changes that will impact everyone competing in the Street Touring classes. Technically, Street Touring is still the group of classes that builds upon the "Street" category by allowing bolt-on performance modifications that do not prevent daily use on public roads. What has changed is the nomenclature for each Street Touring class with some realignment of the cars for each class.

To put it simply, if you raced in STU you would now be in BST, STR is now CST, STX is now DST, STS is now EST, and STH is now GST. To complete the new alignment of Street Touring with the existing "Street" classes, the SST and AST classes were added. The table below pretty much summarizes the new alignment.

New class						
name	es	Max tire size		Max wheel width		Popular Cars
SST		unlimited		unlimited		Audi RS3/RS5/TT RS/TTS, BMW M2/M240i/M3/M4/Z4M, Cadillac ATS-V, Camaro ZL1, Camaro 1LE, Corvette C5 Z06/C6/C6 Z06, Mustang GT350/Boss 302, Lotus, Boxster, Cayman, Supra, non-turbo 911 before 2017
AST		245 (AWD)	255 (2WD)	7.5 (AWD)	9.0 (2WD)	Fiat Spider 2016-2020, MX-5 Miata 2016-2025, Pontiac Solstice GXP, Saturn Sky Redline
BST	was STU	295 (AWD)	315 (2WD)	11.0		Acura Integra Type-S, Audi S3/S4/S5/TTS Quattro, BMW 228i/M235i/3 series turbo/4 series, Cadillac ATS 2.0T, Camaro, Corvette C5(non-Z06), Challenger, Mustang GT/Ecoboost, Focus RS, Civic Type R, Elantra N/ Veloster N, Kia Stinger, Mini Cooper, Nissan 350Z/370Z, Pontiac Firebird/GTO, WRX STi, Toyota Corolla GR, Golf R
CST	was STR	225 (AWD)	255 (2WD)	7.5 (AWD)	9.0 (2WD)	BMW Z4, Honda S2000, Miata 1994- 2005, MX-5 Miata 2006-2015, RX-7, Toyota GR86, Toyota MR2, Pontiac Solstice, Saturn Sky, Subaru BRZ 2022- 2025
DST	was STX	245 (AWD)	265 (2WD)	8.0 (AWD)	9.0 (2WD)	Acura RSX, BMW 3 series, Chevy Cobalt S/C, Honda Civic Si 2002-2015, Mazda RX-8, Saturn Ion Redline, Scion FR-S, Subaru BRZ 2013-2021, Toyota 86 2020-2021
EST	was STS	225		7.5		BMW Z3, Mazda 3 (no turbo), Mazda RX-7 (no turbo), Dodge Neon RT/ACR, Honda Civic 1984-2015, VW Golf (non turbo)
GST	was STH	245 (AWD)	265 (2WD)	9.0		Acura Integra 2022-2025, Audi A3/A4/TT, Ford Focus ST/Fiesta ST, Fiat 500 Abarth, Civic Sport/Si, Subaru WRX, Golf GTI

Something to pay attention to is Section 14.K. Limited Slip Differentials. No limited slip differentials are permitted in the EST class except for whatever factory installed viscous coupler the car may have

originally come with. Conversely, any mechanical limited slip differential can be installed in a GST car providing it is FWD only. Sorry WRX drivers, you will need to keep your driveline stock.

For the rest of the ST classes (SST, AST, BST, CST, and DST) two-wheel drive vehicles may use any mechanical limited slip differential and AWD vehicles may substitute one differential (front, rear, or center) with an aftermarket limited slip.

Just remember, this is a summary and may contain errors so consult the 2025 SCCA Solo rule book to know for sure what Street Touring class you should enter your car in. You can find the 2025 rules here: https://www.scca.com/pages/solo-cars-and-rules

Please consider volunteering for the Grissom Work Day happening May 10<sup>th</sup>. This is our one chance each year to spruce up the site and fix the crumbling pavement and clean up the mess left by winter.

	2025 Indy Region Solo Events Schedule:					
April 26th	Tire Rack Street Survival	Lincoln Technical College				
-	We need Worker Volunteers for this event!					
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fun Event 1	Lincoln Technical College				
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	One Lap of America	Grissom Aeroplex				
•	We need Worker Volunteers for this event!					
May 4 <sup>th</sup>	Points # 1	Grissom Aeroplex				
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May 10<sup>th</sup> Work Day @ Grissom Grissom Aeroplex

We need Worker Volunteers for this event!

May 17<sup>th</sup> Solo Drivers School Grissom Aeroplex

<u>We need Worker Volunteers for this event!</u>

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 #3 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

8/8 – 8/10 Tire Rack Street Car Shootout 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



Hello, once again fellow Clutchers!

Our season started with the 2025 Tire Rack SCCA Time Attack Challenge at Road America on 4/12 and 13. There will be seven events in total with the schedule as follows:



Event 1: April 12-13 at Road America

Event 2: May 17-18 at NCM

Motorsports Park

Event 3: July 30 at Putnam (Half-day

event)

Event 4: August 2-3 at Autobahn Event 5: August 8 at Mid-Ohio

Event 6: 8/30 at Putnam Event 7: 8/31 at Putnam

Hope to see you at one or more of these events!

Yours truly, Charles Tashiro Time Trials Chairman







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

Spring is rearing its head which means it's time for regions to work on events for the summer competition season. I have a trip to KC this month and I'm off to MidOhio for the OVR HST in May.

I want to start this month's update by addressing the 800 pound gorilla in the room. On 3/14, a major social media frenzy erupted over some proposed, corrected language in the GCR that was published in FasTrack. While the language in the revised edition was corrected grammatically, a firestorm ignited over some pronouns used in the text. A Chair of the CRB, I can assure everyone that no ill intent was meant. We listened to the feedback, recognized the error and are already working on revising the GCR and all other SCCA rules books to use more inclusive and welcoming terminology. Please bear with us as this will take some time to get it right.

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

- Video Conference Meetings:
- Club Racing Board (CRB) (3/4): We discussed a wide variety of topics including GT3 and STU data collection, tire marking, reginal classes, SM and SMX tires, and the Rush sports racer. We also worked on the agenda of the face to face meeting out in Kansas City (4/11, 4/12). The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen here.
- Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (3/12): Steve Hyatt was our special guest for this meeting. He is the SCCA's representative on the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA). He is on a standing committee that reviews racetrack safety protocols. This group issues revised guidelines every few years and they are currently working on the 2028 version. We agreed to stay in touch as each group could benefit from the sharing of language for their respective committees. We also reviewed the GCR language concerning SCREV. We also discussed Appendix K from the Solo rules.
- Runoffs Tech Staff (3/18): As CRB Chair, I was invited to the quarterly meeting of the Runoffs Technical Staff group. This was made up of various tech inspectors that will attend the Runoffs, the Technical Staff folks and others who were involved with inspecting cars at the Runoffs. As it is early in the season, there wasn't too much to discuss as very few trends have emerged from the early season races. I updated them about items on the CRB agenda that had import to them.
- Board of Directors (3/24): The new IT Director was introduced to us. His name is Kevin Dayo. Speaking of replacements, Justin Hawkins will be replacing Jeff Dahnert in a few weeks. They'll overlap while the annual audit is performed. Both of these fellows will be great additions to the management team out in Topeka. As to the financials, we are a bit behind the curve so far but its early and we have plenty of time to catch up. We went into Executive Session to hear about the firestorm that erupted on 3/14. Kristen Poole gave us details about the number of Facebook posts, views, traffic, etc. As I am not a Facebook guy, I was appalled to see what some people wrote about the situation. She showed some screenshots of posts and it made me very angry. As I stated above, we are working tirelessly on solving this issue and ask for your patience as we work through this.

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 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.

## **Dayle Frame**

## For Sale / Classified Advertisemetns:

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.

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