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**Zombies In Zionsville
Saturday, October 24!!!**





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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

Welcome to the October Edition of the Indy Regions' Clutch Chatter!

Election season is upon us. I would like to encourage anyone who has any interest to get involved. Obviously, vote, but more than that. If you're a "younger" member of the club, please step up and get involved. There is both room and NEED for the younger membership to start shaping the way forward. The old guards know the past, the young know the future. The present calls for a balance of both.

Lastly, if you haven't decided what you're doing this weekend come on out to the the Annual Halloween Road Rally!

Sincerely,
Ben Drexler EP 42





ELECTION SEASON 2027:

2027 Indy Region Board of Directors Election

It is time to begin the process for the 2027 Indy Region SCCA Board of Directors election. We are looking for members who are willing to help with the election and members who may be interested in serving on the Board. Your SCCA Region runs on volunteers like you!
Election Committee

Chris Wheatley will serve as the Election Committee Chairperson and is looking for at least two members to assist with the election process. Election Committee members cannot currently serve on the Board of Directors.

If you are interested in helping with the Election Committee, please contact Chris at election@indy-scca.org with your name and SCCA membership number.
Board Candidates

There are six elected positions on the Board of Directors:

- Regional Executive (RE) – Leads the Region and Board and represents the Region to SCCA.
- Assistant Regional Executive (ARE) – Assists the RE and assumes the RE's duties when needed.
- Secretary – Maintains meeting minutes, Region records, and the Region calendar.
- Treasurer – Manages the Region's finances, accounting, payments, budget, and tax reporting.
- Membership Chairperson – Works to recruit and retain members and encourage member involvement.
- Activities Chairperson – Helps coordinate Region activities and develop the annual event calendar.

If you are interested in running for one of these positions, please consider putting your name forward. Members may nominate another member after confirming that person is willing to run or may nominate themselves.

To submit a nomination, contact Chris at election@indyscca.org with the candidate's name, SCCA membership number, and the position for which they are being nominated. Nominations must be received at least 45 days before the election. Election results will be tallied at the annual banquet this winter at the end of January.

If you have questions about the election process or would like to get involved, please contact Chris at election@indyscca.org.

Charles Tashiro



UPDATES FROM THE RE:

Hello, fellow Clutchers!

I can't believe it's October already! Where has the summer gone?!? It seems like yesterday we were celebrating Independence Day!

We only have a couple of Road Rally events and the Annual Banquet on the schedule for the remainder season. I'm sure we

will also have the karting dates soon, too, for the off-season. Please read about each programs' happenings from the respective chairs in the following pages of this issue.

Please also consider becoming a candidate for the upcoming Board of Directors coming up later this year. Those elected will be announced at

the Annual Banquet in January. If anything, please consider becoming a member at-large for the board. Those persons will be selected by the Board at the Banquet.

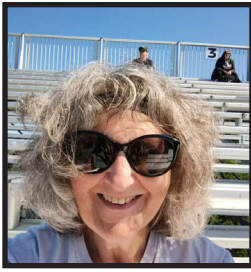
Hope to see everyone soon!

Yours truly,
Charles Tashiro

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<https://812teeshop.etsy.com/>





CHAIR UPDATES ROAD RALLY:



Saturday, October 24!!

It's only a few weeks until Zombies in Zionsville. If you're planning to attend, please register soon so we know how many to expect. Details and registration can be found at the following:

<https://www.trackrabbit.com/event/details/10019826-Zombies-in-Zionsville-2026-10-24>

If it seems cool, but you're just not sure then keep reading for some re-assurance.



Steps for having a spooky good time at an Indy Region Halloween RoadRally

1. Find a friend (or two or three) that you trust to be in a graveyard with – possibly after dark.
2. Find a vehicle that you trust to be in a graveyard with – possibly after dark – that has enough seat belts for all of you.
3. Go to Track Rabbit at the link above and register for the RoadRally.
4. Gather your gear for the rally – a clipboard, pens/pencils, a device to help you navigate, and a good flashlight.
5. Get to The National Bank of Indianapolis at 10590 N Michigan Rd Carmel IN 46032 between 3:30 and 4:30pm on Saturday, October 24.
6. Check-in, sign waivers, and eat candy.
7. Get a copy of the map with this year's cemeteries, Halloween Houses, Haunted Bridges and other important sites marked on it.
8. Plot a course to get to as many sites as you can and then reach the end point (Moontown Brewing Company in Whitestown) within three hours.
9. Attend the mandatory participant meeting at 4:45pm.
10. Leave the parking lot at 5pm plus your car number to start your adventure.
11. Obey all traffic rules and answer as many questions as you can before arriving at Moontown Brewing by 8pm plus your car number.
12. Turn in your answer sheet.
13. Order food, share scary stories, and collect any prizes you might have won.
14. Tell everybody you know what an awesome time you had

Wendy Harrison
Road Rally Chair



2026 Road Rally Calendar:

Saturday, October 24, 2026:
Halloween GTA Road Rally

Saturday, December 5, 2026
Holiday Shopping Shuffle GTA Charity Road Rally

Clutch Chatter

Michael Terry II



CHAIR UPDATES TIME TRIALS:

Hello Indy Region Members!

We are closing in on the end of the 2026 Year!

Once again, I wanted to give a shoutout to all the members, participants, volunteers, and spectators who came out to Putnam Park in August! For this Section, I want to highlight a few things to look forward to:

I want to ensure that you are aware of the End-Of-Year Awards Banquet for 2026! It will be held at SIK in Speedway (Details to come). If you participated in August's Time Trial at Putnam Park and did not receive your podium trophies, please email me at timetrials@indyscca.org. To ensure we have your award available (This pertains specifically to our 2nd and 3rd place finishers), please email me NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 15th!. This is the deadline for all trophies that need to be printed. This allows for your trophy to be available and ready to hand off at the awards banquet.

Additionally, I will be sending out a survey through MSR for thoughts and opinions. As it was my first year, I would like to hear what you liked, did not like, or would change with the Putnam Event, or opinions on Time Trials in general. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Putnam Park Results should be available on indyscca.org soon. I will send out the email blast ASAP once they are correctly formatted and released.

As always, keep the shiny side up!

-Michael Terry II
Time Trials Chair



CHAIR UPDATES

SOLO:

Solo Season
Results



Hi all, September is now behind us and I have some cool and interesting autocross things to share. The Indy Points #8 event was the Sunday after the Lincoln Nationals ended and we had a good turnout. Here are the class winners:

Name	Class
Aaron Haskell	SS
Chris Shieldsmith	AS
Joel Wasser	BS
W. Brinkerhoff	BSL
Vance Nonno	CS
Shandy Kuzava	DS
I. Jones	FS
David Meyer	GS
Mickie Miller	GSL
J. Rossiter	HS
Blake Lipman	BST
Todd Morrow	CST
Eric Meeks	DST
Missy Stevens	DSTL
Bradley James	GST
David Currey	EST
C. Scafero	SSP
Tyler Rush	SMS
TJ Tryon	XP
Norm Currey	FP
Dustin Franklin	CAM-C
Bryce Weeks	CAM-T
Travis Clark	CAM-S
Nathanael Abney	EVX
Kevin Bryant	XB

Stephen and Wanda Brinkerhoff went back-to-back, coming straight from Lincoln, Nebraska. After completing their National runs on Friday they drove home and got some

much needed sleep, and then went straight to Grissom Sunday morning! In all there were 13 Indy Region members that made the trip out to Lincoln this year.

Name	Class	Pos
Conrad Adams	CSX	3
Kevin Berba	DST	21
T. Blankenship	CSX	12
S. Brinkerhoff	BS	41
W. Brinkerhoff	BSL	10
Brent Cary	GS	19
Jim Johnson	SS	36
Cathy Kenny	CSML	4
Will Lahee	B Mod	5
B. Porambo	DS	16
Michael White	CST	33
Teresa White	CST	35
Amanda Wilson	EPL	3

Looking over the Lincoln Solo Nationals results I noticed some interesting trends. First off, nearly everyone in a street tire class was running the new Bridgestones. I wonder if Yokohama will have something new next year? Speaking of "Japanese" equipment, the latest Toyota Supra dominated B Street. B Street used to be the class with the most variety, but I guess those days are over! In fact, Charles Krampert, who drove his Supra to victory in B Street, was slightly faster than the A Street winning Porsche Cayman driven by Billy Davis! Speaking of Japanese equipment, it seems everyone likes D Street. There were 64 entries in that class

alone, most of them being GR86's and BRZ's.

Another class that has seen a big change is G Street. This is now Hyundai's class with the top seven places occupied by Hyundai N cars. Also, the new class rules changes have shaken up Street Touring and the latest Miata MX-5 still rules the house. AST is the fastest Street Touring class by a large margin and the current Miata owns it. The rest of the Street Touring classes, while slower, are surprisingly close to each other with the winners of each class all within a 0.800 second window. Kinda makes you wonder why we have so many Street Touring classes!

The CAM classes are as popular as ever and had 125 drivers all together fighting it out for the trophies. Oddly enough, only 19 of the CAM drivers were from the Great Lakes Division – the birthplace of CAM.

While we are on the subject of National Championships, the Indy Region will need a volunteer to be the 2027 Grissom National Tour Event Lead. If anyone is interested, please contact me.

Chuck Nienhouse
Solo Chair
Indy Region SCCA
solo@indyscca.org

TREASURER'S REPORT:

2026 to Date of 9/30/2026

As the 2026 competition season draws close to a close, a report of club finances for the season's competition programs to date should be reported to the membership.

Our active completion programs currently include Solo(Autocross), Time Trials, Road Rally, and RallyCross. The RallyCross program has no expenses nor income.

To date, the Solo program has income of \$37,342.65, and expenses of \$28,896.24, for a surplus of \$8,446.41. The Solo Points #9 event has yet to occur, which should bring in additional income and incur additional expenses.

To date, the Time Trials program has income of \$28,816.59, and expenses of \$48,048.57, for a loss of \$19,231.98. No more Time Trials events are planned for this competition season. These results are obviously disappointing, and a subcommittee of the Board of Directors is working to make changes for a 2027 TT program that will at least break even, and hopefully yield a small surplus.

To date, the Road Rally program has income of \$451.99 and expenses of \$236.76, for a surplus of \$215.23. The final Road Rally event of the season event has yet to occur, which should bring in additional income and incur additional expenses.

What do these number mean to you, the member? As of right now, the Region is looking at loss of \$9,414 for the 2026 calendar year....but we will have additional revenue from 3 more months of membership dues, and events including 1 Solo, 1 Road Rally, and the annual January Election & Awards Banquet. Those events will incur some additional expenses.... especially the annual Banquet, which the Region has traditionally absorbed some of the attendance expense for members to encourage meeting attendance.

Over many years, that Awards Banquet / Annual Meeting / Board of Directors Election event has become the only official social event for our members. Those of you with +30 years of membership recall when there were purely social, non-competition meetings of members - but those became poorly attended, unpopular, and were no longer scheduled.

Back to the report on the Region's financial health: Below are the yearly surpluses or losses reported on our last several Federal Tax returns.

2025	-\$ 477
2024	-\$7,370
2023	-\$1,609
2022	-\$5,333
2021	-\$12,480
Total:	-\$27,269

So, while the 2025 season essentially broke even, the 4 preceding years had 4 or 5 figure losses. It looks likely that the 2026 season will have a 4 figure loss. The Region needs a response from the membership to help guide our finances towards a surplus for 2027 to cease these repeated losses for the Region to survive past our 80th year of existence.

2026 SEASON

2026 INDY SCCA ROAD RALLY SCHEDULE:

April 18th	Dogwood Daze III Regional Tour Road Rally
Oct 24	Halloween GTA Road Rally
Dec 5	Holiday Shopping Shuffle GTA Charity Road Rally



2026 INDY SCCA TIME TRIALS SCHEDULE:

June 6th - 7th	Round 1	Gingerman Raceway
July 25th - 26th	Round 2	NCM Motorsports Park
Aug 29th - 30th	Round 3	Putnam Park Road Course



2026 INDY SCCA SOLO SCHEDULE:

April 25th	Tire Rack Street Survival	
April 26th	Fun Event 1	Lincoln Technical College
May 3rd	Points # 1	Grissom Aeroplex
May 9th	Work Day	Grissom Aeroplex
May 30th	Solo Drivers School	Grissom Aeroplex
May 31st	Points # 2	Grissom Aeroplex
June 21st	Subaru Challenge	Subaru of Indiana
June 28th	Points #3	Grissom Aeroplex
July 11th	Indy Vs. Columbus Points #4	State Fairgrounds
July 17th - 19th	Peru Nat Tour and Pts 5	Grissom Aeroplex
August 16th	Pts #6 / Hoosier Challenge	Grissom Aeroplex
August 23rd	Points #7	Grissom Aeroplex
Sept 13th	Points #8	Grissom Aeroplex
Oct 4th	Points #9	Grissom Aeroplex



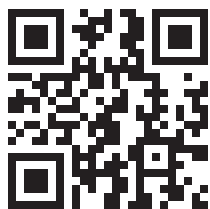
2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULE:

September 8th	6:30PM	McAlisters 5822 Crawsfordsville Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224
October 13th	6:30PM	McAlisters 5822 Crawsfordsville Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224
November 10th	6:30PM	McAlisters 5822 Crawsfordsville Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224
December 8th	6:30PM	McAlisters 5822 Crawsfordsville Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46224

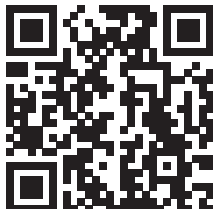
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GREAT LAKES DIVISION REGION LINKS:

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Ft Wayne SCCA



IN Northwestern
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South Bend SCCA

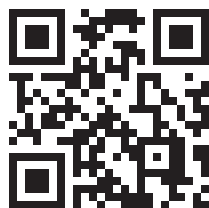


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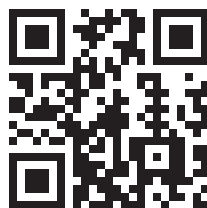
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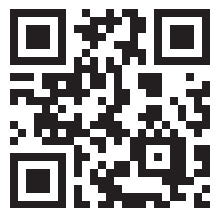


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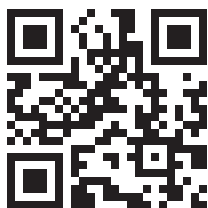
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Northern Ohio
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Northwestern
Ohio SCCA



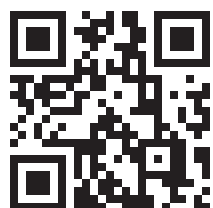
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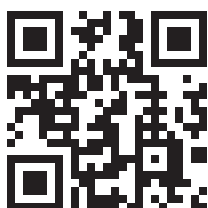


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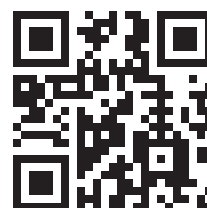
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