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Well, as you read this we should just be starting another new year and quickly approaching another new season of fun with the SCCA and the Indianapolis Region. I'm looking forward to this coming year and all that it will bring us and I hope you are also.

First, an introduction: Many of you already know me from my tenure as a Solo2 Chairman for the past two seasons, but for those that don't, or may wonder just who this nut is, my name is Steve Linn and I will be your Regional Executive for the 2003 season as well as continuing as a Solo2 Chairman in 2003. I originally grew up in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, where I made it a regular habit to pedal my bike out to one of the sites regularly used by the Ft. Wayne Solo2 program to watch all the crazy people slide their cars around. I picked up a few skinned knees on the trips home while trying to duplicate some of the lurid slides I had seen (banana seats don't have a lot of lateral support). 15 years later I decided to test my Solo2 abilities again, this time with my Nissan rather than my Schwinn. I have been an Indy Region member since 1998 and have been competing in the Street Touring S class for the last four years, garnering four consecutive STS Season Championships. As I figure that 2003 won't be hectic enough already, I am switching classes and will be running against all the evil turbo and AWD cars in Street Touring X this season! I have also been able to finally convince my lovely wife Mary Jo to give it a try and now am able to point and blame her when it's time to buy another new set of tires. We have also started running a few Rally's, which we have discovered can be a challenge in a mini-van with a 5 year old and a 2 year old riding in the rear gunner positions. For those of you involved in the Racing program, you may have met me on grid or at pit-out while trying to dodge oncoming race cars. If you met me while I was working a corner station that means you were probably having a bad day anyway!

But enough about me, let's meet the new 2003 Indy Region Board of Directors:

THANKS AGAIN, WORKERS (Our All-Volunteer Core)

Matt Curry will be returning to the board again as Asst. RE after a successful tenure as Asst. RE and Clutch Chatter Editor last year. Chris McGuire will be moving over from the Solo Chairman spot to take over as the region Treasurer. Dave Debolt stays on for another year as our very successful Membership Chairman. Alyson Kunack also retains here position as the Recording Secretary in 2003. Jennifer McLeish will be taking over the responsibilities as Activities Chair for the 2003 season. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of them for helping out in 2003. I also want to say thanks to Dick Powell for taking over as our Clutch Chatter editor for the coming year as well as Jason Baugh for chairing the Race Committee and Ken Osiecki for chairing the Rally series.



We do still have several open Director positions for anyone that would like to become more involved with the Board. We have several good candidates already, but I hope that anyone that may have interest please let us know soon as we will be filling the rest of the open positions at our first board meeting on Thursday, January 16. See the notice elsewhere within this issue for more details on the meeting.

I also urge everyone to sign up for the Indy SCCA Yahoo email group to receive the latest updates and information. There are different contact options available so that you can choose to receive individual emails, digests, or special notices only. It's a great way to keep in touch with the latest news about the Indy Region. There is a link from the main page of the www.indyscca.org web site or you can go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/indyscca/>

I hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday season and I look forward to seeing all of you during the coming year.

Steve

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Indy Region 2002 Awards Banquet

By Matt Curry

Approximately 100 Indy Region members and their guests met at the beautiful Crystal at the Riverwalk Ballroom east of Broad Ripple on the evening of Saturday, December 7, for the annual meeting and awards banquet. Thanks to the efforts of Steve and Mary Jo Linn, the arrangements, dinner and facilities were fantastic.

Following a scrumptious dinner, Cathy Hart presented a brief Treasurer's Report, and Dave Hart gave his final RE Report. The new RE will be presented at the end of the meeting.

Solo Co-Geeks Steve Linn and Chris McGuire were first to hand out award hardware. They presented 35 class awards for 21 classes. Most of the recipients were on hand to receive them and celebrate their success together. Albert Pizzato was modestly surprised to receive the Spirit of Solo Award for his great attitude and support of the program.



One of the many highlights of the evening was the presentation of the Conehead of the Year award. Presenter Chris McGuire donned the day-glow orange helmet that represents the award. A hush spread over the audience as the moment grew near. The winner was Dave Johnson, driver of an F Stock Camaro with an appropriate orange stripe!

The last Solo award presented, Solo Competitor of the Year, is a new award designed to crown the top Solo competitor across all classes based on indexed finishes in Indy Region events. The competition was a nail-biter between Mike Stensland, Clemens Burger, and the winner, Steve Linn. Steve was so modest about receiving this award that he had not even planned to have it presented at the banquet!



Steve praised Chris for his efforts over the last two years as co-chairperson. Chris is being booted out to make room for an as-yet-to-be-named replacement.

Next on the agenda were the Rally awards, presented by outgoing chairman Chuck Hanson. Chuck provided a recap of the year's events. Eight trophies were presented for five classes, six of which went to driver/navigator pairs. Many good words were said about Chuck's outstanding efforts over the past couple of years with the rally program. Next year Ken Osiecki takes over the program.

Dave Hart and Jason Baugh presented the Race awards. Michael Baden, Club Formula Ford, and Shane Benson, Spec Miata, tied for first with a maxed-out 72 points for the top of the Regional race standings. Both also won the Cendiv regional championship for their respective class. Michael and Shane thanked the many people who supported them, including family, friends and the SCCA folks who make it all possible.



Dave Daughtery finished at the top of the Indy Region national race points. Ralph Porter was the only National driver to finish in the top five Indy Region points (second) and win a Cendiv national trophy (third). Ralph's touching speech reflected on how the racing family supported him this year after he lost his wife, Karen, and reminded us all of the great community that we have with our SCCA friends.



Appreciation awards were presented to Shane Benson of AIM Tuning, Jason Baugh of Trakside Supply and Dave Garner of Hoosier Tire for their support of Indy Region's race and solo programs during 2002.

One of the most surprised winners was the pair of Workers of the Year – Jeanie Spellman and Jay Quinn. These two were very involved in 2002, as they have always been in the past, providing invaluable service to both the race and rally programs. In addition, they also worked Tech at many other Cendiv races. They are truly deserving of recognition of their efforts and of this award.



Membership Chairman Dave DeBolt recognized members with anniversaries, including the 40th for Bill Campbell who is never at a loss of spry words. Next Dave awarded the ten most active members of Indy Region with Involved Member jackets: Ken Osiecki, Deb Osiecki, Jay Quinn, Jeanie Spellman, Matt Curry, Mary Jo Linn, Steve Linn, Chris McGuire, Dave De Bolt, and Scott Dales, not pictured.



Jennifer McLeish received the Speed Freakz Member of the Year award for the second straight year for her active role in growing the Speed Freakz program. While serving on the board as the first ever Speed Freakz chairperson, she promoted the program in a variety of ways, including a monthly column in the newsletter titled "Speed Freakz Spotlight".



Matt Curry was presented the John McGee cup representing Member of the Year for his work with Clutch Chatter, and his support of all three programs.

Rookie of the Year goes to the racer who begins the season on a novice permit, earns a national license, and scores the most points in six finishes. Shane Benson handily won this. He started out at the Indy Region driver school in the spring, and went on to win almost every race he entered. Michael Baden, 2001 Rookie of the Year, presented the award to Shane.



Speed Freakz Competitor of the Year went to Jennifer McLeish for the second straight year. She participated in both solo and rally events. She thanked several people who helped her, including her father for letting her auto-cross his new Miata.

2001 award winner Matt Curry handed over the Competitor of the Year hardware to Shane Benson who out pointed him to win the award. Matt explained how he started the year as Shane's instructor at driver's school. Shane scored points in all three categories – race, solo and rally.



The last award to be presented was the prestigious Hergenroether Award, the premier road racing award. The recipient is selected by the previous winners on the basis of attitude, sportsmanship, and competitiveness. The award went to Shane Benson, who graciously accepted the cup from 2001 winner Greg Buttrey. Shane completed his driving adventure for 2002 when he hauled home all the trophies he won in a Ryder truck.

Following awards and drawing for many door prizes (thanks Hoosier Tire and Trackside Supply!), Jan Castellucio announced the results of the voting for the new board members for 2003: Steve Linn, RE; Matt Curry, Assistant RE; Chris McGuire, Treasurer; Alyson Kunack, Secretary; Dave DeBolt, Membership; and Jennifer McLeish, Activities. Dick Powell was introduced as the new Clutch Chatter editor.

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On Saturday, December 7, it was my distinct pleasure to introduce at the Indianapolis Region's 2002 Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet a select group of individuals who have reached milestone anniversary marks of membership with the Indianapolis Region and the Sports Car Club of America. These individuals who have been members of the club from 20 to 40 years were honored for their continued dedication, support, and commitment to the club and to our automotive sport. The following people were acknowledged for their long term membership:

Honored for 40 years of membership-

William J. Campbell, Anderson, IN – Feb, 2002



Celebrating 35 years of membership-

Ed R. Nicholas, Spring Lake, MI – Dec, 2002
Fred Steinhoff, Indianapolis, IN – Oct, 2002

Attaining 30 years of membership-

David W. Dudgeon, Indianapolis, IN – Dec, 2002
Simone H. Smiljanic, Cincinnati, OH – Nov, 2002
J. Sue Young, Indianapolis, IN – Jun, 2002

Reaching 25 years of membership-

Craig Campbell, Anderson, IN – Apr, 2002
Jan C. Castelluccio, Indianapolis, IN – Jan, 2002
D. J. Fazekas, Indianapolis, IN – Jan, 2002
Stephen T. Garrett, Fishers, IN – Apr, 2002
Brian Jennerjahn, Hartford City, IN – Apr, 2002
Julie Johnson Partridge, Mooresville, IN -- Jan, 2002
Donald L. Kline, Plainfield, IN – Jul, 2002
Hugh F. Kluesner Jr., Bedford, IN – Dec, 2002
Gary T. Parker, Fishers, IN – Feb, 2002

Establishing 20 years of membership-

Lloyd R. Jennings Sr., Ft. Myers, FL – Feb, 2002
Craig A. Leeke, Lebanon, IN – Mar, 2002
Anita Nicholas, Spring Lake, MI – Dec, 2002

As a region, we also had a number of members who reached the 15 year, 10 year, and 5 year levels of membership with us. I also want to thank them for their continued membership and support, and encourage them to be our next group of 20 to 40 year membership achievers.

Reaching:

15 years of membership-

Chris Arbuckle, Carmel, IN – Jun, 2002
Darlene A. Badgley, Brownsburg, IN – Mar, 2002
Mark J. Badgley, Brownsburg, IN – Mar, 2002
Mark Forsythe, Danville, IN – Jan, 2002
Kendall B. Gerhardt Cicero, IN -- May, 2002
Fred Hasselbrinck, Indianapolis, IN – Apr, 2002
Robert K. May, Winter Garden, FL – May, 2002
Richard P. Powell, Indianapolis, IN – Feb, 2002
Doug Richmond, Zionsville, IN – Mar, 2002
Shirley Richmond, Zionsville, IN – Mar, 2002
John Sherman Rutherford IV, Ft. Worth, TX – Jul, 2002
David D. Schafer, Indianapolis, IN – May, 2002
Nancy J. Schafer, Indianapolis, IN – May, 2002
Joel Walworth, Fortville, IN – May, 2002
Steven T. Young, Cloverdale, IN – May, 2002

10 years of membership-

Sandi Best, Yorktown, IN – Feb, 2002
Stevie Best Yorktown, IN – Feb, 2002
Janie Curry, Carmel, IN – Jul, 2002
Kassandra Curry, Carmel, IN – Jul, 2002
Matt Curry, Carmel, IN – Jul, 2002
Kerry Darrenkamp, Indianapolis, IN – Apr, 2002
June Ellis, New Palestine, IN – Jul, 2002
Donald R. Hardman, Indianapolis, IN – Jun, 2002
Howard Charles Liebengood, Vienna, VA – Jul, 2002
Anna Grace Murphy, Carmel, CA – Mar, 2002
Austin Murphy Carmel, CA – Mar, 2002
Kevan Leigh Murphy, Carmel, CA – Mar, 2002
Linda Murphy, Carmel, CA – Mar, 2002
Jerry Weida II, W. Lafayette, IN – May, 2002

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And reaching 5 years of membership-

Holly W. Banta, Indianapolis, IN – Sep, 2002
Valerie R. Baten, Indianapolis, IN – Apr, 2002
William A. Baten, Indianapolis, IN – Apr, 2002
Yngvar Brynildssen II, Indianapolis, IN – Mar, 2002
Jeff Dorsa, Brownsburg, IN – Dec, 2002
William R. Drane II, Indianapolis, IN – May, 2002
Dennis J. Dunkman, New Palestine, IN – Apr, 2002
Brian C. Gard, Greensburg, IN – May, 2002
Beth A. Glendenning, Kokomo, IN – Jul, 2002
Cathy M. Hart, Fishers, IN – Apr, 2002
Nick M. Hart, Fishers, IN – Apr, 2002
John Holman, Bloomington, IN – May, 2002
Clark Howey, West Point, IN – Aug, 2002
Pat Howey, West Point, IN – Aug, 2002
Sylvia L. Johnson, Richmond, IN – Mar, 2002
Iris G. Joseph, Mooresville, IN – Jun, 2002
Christopher McGuire, Fishers, IN – Sep, 2002
Marcia McLochlin Indianapolis, IN – Mar, 2002
Joshua L. Scott, Indianapolis, IN – Oct, 2002
J. M. Spellman, Indianapolis, IN – Apr, 2002

It was also my pleasure to introduce at the banquet ten Indianapolis Region members who by their support and dedication to the Region and the S.C.C.A. for the year, were honored as "Involved Members for 2002".

Receiving jackets or additional years embroidered on previously received jackets were:

Jeanne Spellman
Jay Quinn III
Matt Curry
Steve Linn
Scott B. Dales
Christopher McGuire
Deb Osiecki
Ken Osiecki
Mary Jo Linn
Dave De Bolt

My last honors of the evening were to announce the "Speed Freakz" Member of the Year and the Region's Member of the Year award winners. It was really my distinct pleasure to introduce Jennifer McLeish as the winner of the "Speed Freakz" Member of the Year for 2002, for the second year in a row. And, it was quite an honor to introduce as the recipient of the John McGee Award as our Member of the Year, a most deserving Matt Curry. Congratulations to Jennifer and Matt for their awards and thanks to all of the people mentioned herein for their work and efforts.

If you have any questions concerning membership, please call 317-891-8596 (Home), 242-3762 (Work), or e-mail me at a2zracers@aol.com or david.debolt@gm.com
Thanks! Let me hear from you!!

View From The Second Seat The Rally Report

By Ken Osiecki

This is my first report as rally chairperson. I hope to continue to build the program that Mr. Hanson has developed over the last several years. Chuck has offered to assist and guide me when he is available, and I will appreciate all the help he can give me.

I am not a newcomer to rallying, as I started rallying about the same time as Chuck, which was a long time ago. I developed most of my skills by navigating, hence the banner title I have chosen. I currently run with my wife, Deb, doing the driving, while I still take the second seat. I did venture into the PRO RALLY area before they were PRO RALLY, and I personally enjoy brisk winding roads, as some of you know from running the events I (we) have put on.

The rally program dates are being decided and will be firmed up at the January board meeting. We are presently looking for rallymasters for the season. A couple of

volunteers have stepped forward but more are needed. We will also again be looking for workers for all of our events, as well as National rallies that we are planning for later in the year.

I am also looking for someone to step up as Assistant Rally Chairperson to assist and learn. I am now on the road a lot and it is possible that a run may come up and conflict with a rally. With an assistant, the event would have minimal disruption if I had to suddenly leave town.

In the October Clutch Chatter issue, Chuck mentioned a series of events out West which are short rallies put on once a month. If there is interest in this, I will meet with the interested parties and start to organize such a series.

I hope to see you at a rally soon.

Once again, I am still looking for someone new to step up and begin to learn how to run the Solo program. This will be my last season as Solo Chair for a while, and we need to utilize this year to train someone new to take over in 2004. The Solo Chair job is a big undertaking for just one person to try and run eight or nine events in a season, especially if it is their first time as the Solo Chair. The ideal situation will be to have someone new that is trained this year be able to take the lead next year while training someone to then replace them. This is the cycle that we would like to see so that the program will continue to prosper.

In order for the program to continue to prosper, we need our Solo competitors to start stepping forward and taking on additional duties within the Solo program. During the 2003 season we will be REQUIRING Event Chairman for each event (Chris McGuire has already volunteered to do the Test & Tune in April). This will also allow folks to get more of a feel as to the actual running of individual events while the Solo Program Chairmen will concentrate on the program as a whole and transitioning the behind-the-scenes duties over to new Solo Chairs in 2004. The duties of an Event Chair are all the things you already see us do at an event: Arrive early, set the course, run registration, run the drivers meeting, assign run groups, oversee the running of the event, and hand out trophies at the end. By working as an Event Chair, you will get a good idea of all that is involved during an event, plus you can qualify those year-end trophy points. Don't worry, the Solo Chairs will still be there to guide you along.

But, if we do not have Solo Event Chairmen in 2003... we will not have any Solo events in 2003.

Remember – this is YOUR club!

WE STILL NEED A TRUCK! We are still asking for your help in locating a step-van to use as our cone-hauler and base of operations at our events. If anyone in the region has any knowledge, background, information, contacts, rumors, etc. that would help us in our quest to find an affordable "new-to-us" vehicle, please contact me.

We should have the 2003 Indy Solo2 Series schedule set by the beginning of February. I urge you to sign up for the Indy SCCA Yahoo email group to receive the latest

updates and information. There are different contact options available so that you can choose to receive individual emails, digests, or special notices only. It's a great way to keep in touch with the latest news about the Indy Region.

As always, I can be contacted at:
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Tentative 2003 Solo Schedule

2003 Columbus Region Tentative Schedule:

Feb 23, Walesboro, IN Fun event
Mar 30, Walesboro, IN

2003 National ProSolo Tentative Schedule:

Feb 22-23 Ft Myers, FL
Mar 22 - 23 Fontana, CA
Apr 12-13 Dallas, TX
Apr 26-27 Topeka, KS
May 10-11 Atwater, CA
May 24-25 Petersburg, VA
Jun 28-29 Oscoda, MI
Jul 19-20 Wendover, UT
Aug 9-10 Peru, IN
Aug 16-17 Denver, CO
Sept 6-7 Topeka, KS, ProSolo Championship

2003 Solo2 National Tour Tentative Schedule:

Mar 1-2 Ft Myers, FL
Mar 15-16 San Diego
Apr 5-6 Houston, TX
May 3-4 Atwater, CA
May 31-Jun 1 NeDiv, site TBA
Jun 14-15 SeDiv or CenDiv, site TBA
Jul 5-6 Peru, IN
Jul 26-27 Bremerton, WA
Aug 23-24 Denver, CO
Sept 9-12 Topeka, KS, Solo National Championship

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The Clemens Report: CenDiv Solo II Championship Series Wrapup

By Clemens
Burger

Just like practically any other race series, the CenDiv Solo II Championship Series presented by Subaru (yes, that's the official title) ends its season with an awards banquet, which this year took place in Merrillville as part of the SCCA Roundtable. The event that marked the end of the season was the only CenDiv event that I missed this year. However, this does not keep me from letting you know how took home the trophies.

The CenDiv Solo II Championship Series seems to get better every year. The rules governing the series and the hosting regions' pride assure that every year new standards are set. This year, the events took place in six different states on eight different weekends throughout the spring and summer, which almost exclusively consisted of two days of competition. The entry numbers ranged from 160 to 280 and often resulted in very close results. Winning was not easy, since the level of competition is typically high. No other division can offer a series like this.

Since the season is over now, I had the time to sit down and do some counting. Overall, over 760 different drivers competed in the series' events this year. Of these, 170 entrants ran at least three different events, the minimum required in order to qualify for a year-end trophy. 88 drivers actually took home a year-end trophy, of which five went to Indy Region.

Some of the larger classes included C-Stock, in which 36 different drivers competed and which had 18 drivers qualify for year-end trophies, as well as G-Stock with 42 different drivers, ESP with 43, and SM with 41. The most drivers by far ran in STS with a whopping 75. The series attracted again quite a few new competitors. There were a total of 89 drivers competing for Rookie of the Year honors.

Throughout the year, I mentioned quite a few names of drivers associated with Indy Region in my CenDiv Series reports. Of these, several managed to win year-end trophies as well. As always, I list them by class, starting with the stock classes, going all the way to modified and the new ST classes.

In E-Stock, yours truly finished in second place. Lee Miller finished first in A-Prepared. Brent Carey, the only National Championship trophy winner from Indy Region, was sitting in fourth place in C-Mod at the end of the season. Cheryl Swarts finished the season in first place, as did Steve Brinkerhoff in D-Mod. This year, the trophies came in form of nice jackets with series' name, driver's name, class, and finishing position embroidered.

I am sure that next year's series will surpass this year's again. If past seasons are an indicator of the ones to come, the 2003 CenDiv Solo II Championship Series should become the best yet. I hope that Indy Region will be well represented again. There are always a few events that are within a very reasonable distance from Indianapolis and even the farthest ones are only a few hours away. There is no commitment to run the entire series. A driver can enter anywhere from one to all eight events. Will I be able to mention any new names next year?

Issue #1: The Start For A New Editor

By Dick Powell

Having read the pleas for someone to take over the editorship of Clutch Chatter, I have agreed to try to fill the position. This is quite a challenge to follow the traditions of Cindy Hilton and Matt Curry. They built this newsletter into the best in the country, as shown by the National Recognition Awards, and keeping the publication at that level is going to be quite a chore. Fortunately, Matt is mentoring and guiding me, and I have the previous issues to review and remind me what is needed. I hope I can continue to make the Indianapolis Region Newsletter the best available.

I joined the SCCA in St. Louis in 1987 to crew for a good friend's H-production Sprite. After some good years, I moved to Indianapolis in 1994, and have been enjoying the racing at IRP since then.

I currently crew for John Salisbury (CenDiv from North of Chicago) with his H-production Spridget, and we enjoyed a fourth place finish at the Runoffs this year. I have not been involved with any Solo or Rally activities, and have not generally been active in other SCCA activities until now. This means I am going to be relying heavily on all those who have been contributing articles and info to the newsletter to continue to feed me the goodies. Even as I attend more activities and see them for myself, I still don't know enough about them to write the articles.

What this means is: if we are going to have a first class newsletter, and I believe we can, then WE, meaning all of you and me, will have to work together to get the material for publication. LET'S DO IT !

Apparently Tamandli is a Hungarian name. Steve's father was born in Hungary in 1908. Steve was born at home in Feb. 2, 1937 in South Bend IN. This makes him another of our Social Security eligible racers. He has been married 40 years to his wife, Margaret. They have two daughters; Beverly, 40, and Terry Lynn, 36.

I remember first meeting Steve at Portage IN, in 1978, where he was driving a very impressive turbocharged Datsun 240 Z. Steve's previous background was in drag racing a 1967 390 cid Mustang so the specs. of his Datsun shouldn't surprise you.

This 400 hp Datsun ran 12.20 at 122 mph in the 1/4 mile. It had a .55 AR Rajay turbo putting out 26 psi. The 390 Holley carb was water injected in two stages. This was driven through a Ford C 4 automatic transmission. This was fairly heavy at 2350 pounds. Steve ran some "Z" club event at Grattan Raceway in the 70s. I believe that this car is now being used by a new owner for performance rallies.

In autocrossing Steve has always run in E Modified.

For a while this "Z" motor was transplanted into an Austin Healey Sprite. This was followed in 1985 by a 215 cubic in. (3.5 liter) BOP aluminum V8 bored and stroked to 266 cid. The power was run through a Turbo Hydramatic 350 transmission. This car ran at 1525 pounds. The Sprite is still occasionally campaigned by Dan Wasdahl.

I was watching when Steve beat the former two time National Champion Bob King in his Rotary powered Sprite and previous Champ Gary Walton in the "wide" 914 Porsche. Bob King had led on the first day by .8 sec. On the 2nd day it rained and Steve won by 1.1 seconds.

By 1990, Steve was burned out by "age and hot exhaust" and considered quitting. Instead of quitting he was urged and helped by Jim McKamey to build an EM "Fiero based on a B 18 Chevron formula car chassis with rocker arm suspension and Fiero body panels. This 1640# car also had an aluminum V8 of 266 thru 302 cubic inches. According to Steve this engine had 270 hp and 240 ft. lbs. of torque. The transmission choice this time was a Hewland FT 200. His speed in the gears with this trans-axle are, 60, 80, 90, and 115 mph. This "barely adequate" car obtained wins in 92, 93, 95, 96, and 1998. They were always close, he says modestly.

Steve was an instructor at the original McKamey Auto-cross School. I remember his trying to be kind about my car being a "handfull".

Steve's future is health dependent. He recently had a Thyroid disorder and underwent iodine radiation. He goes to events now mostly for the "people" thing. This may be his last car because of the work and research involved, but he smiles and says, "I don't want to give anything away". He would like a CM or FM car, if he didn't have his Fiero. He pays for routine labor now so he can spend more time on his cars.

This is an impressive resume for a retiree (at 57 yrs. old) from United Airlines living on a pension.

In an effort to know Steve better I asked him about other interests.

Steve would like to see EM become a heavier class since there just aren't any "modern" cars light enough to become EMs. This was accomplished in part by the recent AP rules revision. He likes the young people brought in by classes like STS but thinks that possibly STS should be limited to cars no older than 20 years.

Steve likes action movies and 50s and 60s rock music and instrumental music. He also doesn't believe that Rap and Hip Hop is music. He enjoys PBS on Television, Hill St. Blues, West Wing, the original Law and Order, and computer research. His favorite adventure writer is Desmond Bagley. He loves to read technical articles. His favorite car is a BMW M 3.

Steve had a brief foray in road racing in the late seventies, He went to a road racing school and " was bored out of my mind". "There was nothing to do between the corners. The car had to be right and carry you as opposed to autocrossing where the driver carries the car". In autocrossing the events are ever changing. He also worked some road races.

Steve's opinion on spectator racing:

Lemans Series is interesting.

Nascar is boring.

Nothing happens in F1.

Never watches Cart or IRL

Steve is learning about possible future hobbies like radio controlled airplanes and ballooning.

Don't count Steve out yet, he doesn't believe that a little gray hair has any effect on solo performance.



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DATE	DRIVER'S SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	NATIONALS	OTHER EVENTS
Mar 1-2	CENDIV STEWARDS/WORKERS TRAINING SEMINAR, MERRILVILLE, IN			
Apr 12-13		INDY @ IRP (D) (C)		
Apr 19-20	DET @ WAT			
Apr 26-27	QUAD@ BHF	QUAD@ BHF	INR @ GM	
May 3-4	NEO @ NL		BVR @ BHF	VSCDA @ GM
May 17-18				SVRA @ RA
May 24-25 Memorial Day		WMR @ GRA (D) (C)	MIL/CHI/BVR @ BHF	
May 31-June 1			OVR @ M-O	
June 7-8		MIL @ BHF (C) (C)		AMA @ RA
June 14-15		NEO @ NL (D) (C)	DET/FTW @ GRA	SCCA PRO @ GM VSCDA @ BHF
June 20-22			CHI @ RA JUNE SPRINTS	SVRA @ MO
Jun 28-29	Area 4 @ GM	Area 4 @ GM (C)		GRAND-AM @ M-O
July 4-6		BVR @ BHF (D) (C) CINCY @ M-O (D) (C)	INDY @ IRP	
July 12-13		SBR @ GM (D) (C)	NEO @ NL	
July 19-20				BRIC VSCDA @ RA AMA @ M-O
July 26-27		DET @ WAT	MIL @ RA	
Aug 2-3		FTW @ M-O (D) (C)		CART @ RA
Aug 9-10			WMR @ GRA	
Aug 16-17		CHI @ RA (D) (C)		CART @ MO VSCDA @ GRA
Aug 23-24				ALMS @ RA
Aug 30-31 La- bor Day		WMR/LSR @ GRA (D) (C)	NEO @ M-O	
Sep 6-7		OVR @ M-O (D) (C)		
Sep 15-21			SCCA RunOffs @ M-O	VSCDA @ RA
Sep 27-28				F-1 @ INDY
Oct 4-5		WOR @ M-O (C)		
Oct 11-12	NEO @ NL	CHI @ BHF (C)		
Oct 18-19				VSCDA @ MO
Oct 25-26				

BHF-Blackhawk Farms	GM-GingerMan	NL-Nelson Ledges
GRA-Grattan	IRP-Indianapolis Raceway Park	RA-Road America
M-O-Mid Ohio	WAT-Waterford Hills	
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The **pdf format** is very popular and widely used. It is supported by Adobe Reader, which is available to download for free, commonly pre-installed on new computers, and widely compatible with all but the very out-dated versions of Windows. There is a link to the Adobe page on the Indy Region website, too.

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'82 Chevy Suburban, 350 V-8, 1/2 T with overload springs and air shocks. Reese hitch, electric brake controller, removable rooftop wind deflector for towing. OD trans, 3.43 axle. Great tow vehicle. \$3250.

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Board Meeting: The board has to take care of some business before we can jump in the karts. Anybody is welcome to sit in on the meeting. We'll start at 6PM.

Where: Fastimes is located just south of 96th Street, east of Keystone/US 431, south of Woodland Bowl. The address is 3455 Harper Rd. For directions or more information about Fastimes, click www.fastimesindoorkarting.com or call them at 317-566-0066.

Contact: Jennifer McLeish jmcleish@iupui.edu 317-329-0710
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