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Feb 23 CSCC Solo Fun Event, Walesboro
March 1-2 Cendiv Roundtable, Merrillville
March 12 Board Meeting at FastTimes
Open to all members
March 22 Solo Test and Tune, 16th St. Speedway
March 30 CSCC Solo points event, Walesboro
April 12-13 Double Regional at IRP
April 27 Solo points event, 16th St. Speedway

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Hopefully by the time you receive this, we won't be living in a giant white icebox anymore. So much for "el Nino" this winter! From the comments I'm receiving, I know that everyone is starting to get a little cabin fever. Don't worry - the start of the 2003 Race, Rally and Solo seasons is just a few weeks away!

We easily filled the remaining Board Member positions at the January Board of Directors meeting at Fastimes Karting Center. No, we didn't hand out positions to the kart race winners, but rather had a vote to decide the make-up of the rest of the 2003 Indy Region Board of Directors. We were all very happy that there were quite a few people showing interest in being on the Board.

The new 2003 Board members include: Jason Baugh (Race Chair), Ken Osiecki (Rally Chair), Darren Daubenspeck (Solo Co-Chair), Chuck Hanson, and Scott Dales.

Matt Curry, Chuck Hanson, and I will all be making the trip to sunny and warm Kansas City for the 2003 SCCA National Convention. Highlights and feedback from the

trip will be elsewhere in this issue. Also look for an update on the Indy Region's first foray into the "World of Wheels" car show at the State Fairgrounds.

I urge those of you that have email to sign up for the Indy SCCA Yahoo email group to receive the latest updates and information. There are many different contact options available so that you can choose to receive individual emails, digests, or special notices only. It's a relatively low volume list and it is a great way to keep in touch with the latest news about the Indy Region. A link to the group site is located on the home page of the www.indyscca.org website, or you can go directly to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/indyscca/>



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Notes From A Nut - Try Something New !

By Dick Powell

As I indicated in the previous issue, my background with SCCA has been with the road racing activities, with no Solo activities, and only one beginner rally many years ago. I plan to remedy that situation by attending some of our Solo events, and also getting to some of the rallies.

How many others in our club have been involved with one of the activities, and never found out about the rest? Have YOU ever entered a rally? The beginner or Novice rallies are designed to be easier for a newcomer, and can be a lot of fun for a driver and navigator. You just might like it enough to keep on rallying, and that is what this club is all about.

Have YOU been to (or entered) a Solo event: they classify all cars so anyone can run-what-ya-brung. The speeds are lower than road racing, and if you hit a cone, it won't mess up your car. You might like it enough to keep competing in Solo's, and that is what this club is all about.

Have YOU been to one of our races at IRP, and seen the Production cars, Formula cars, and Sports racers on the track? Why not get to one of the events you have been missing, and join the fun with a lot of others.

Better yet, how about coming out to work at one of the events. You can get right out there at trackside and get the closest view of the racing activities. What a great way to meet other people with the same interests as you, and help our friends who compete in these events. You might like it enough to keep working at the races, or you might decide to start racing. The drivers schools can get you started, and continue to the Regional or National level as you get further along.

Call one of the contacts listed in the inside front cover, and they will be more than happy to help you get involved, and have you there to help.

LET'S DO IT !

Please take note of the CenDiv Roundtable meeting coming up on March 1 and 2. There will be a number of SCCA University courses, and specialty meetings. Registration forms, locations, and more info is available at the web link: http://www.cendiv-scca.org/news/2003_spring_training.html Something for everyone, check it out !!

Minutes of the January Board Meeting

By Alyson Kunack

This is a summary of the minutes of the January 15, 2003 meeting of the Board of Directors. Present at this meeting were: Steve Linn, Matt Curry, Dave DeBolt, Jason Baugh, Chris McGuire, Scott Dales, Chad Stringer, Chuck Hanson, Dave Hart, Alberto Pizzato, Jennifer McLeish, Ian Linn, Darren Daubenspeck, Dick Powell, Clemens Burger, Lou Ann Linn, Gus Hammerle, Alyson Kunack, and Ann Kunack.

The minutes of the October meeting were approved without objection. First order of business was to approve additional Board members. Multiple candidates volunteered. Ultimately chosen were Chuck Hanson, Scott Dales, Jason Baugh, Ken Osiecki, and Darren Daubenspeck.

Treasurer's Report. The year end balances should be ready by the next meeting. Dave DeBolt was given approximately \$300 for expenses relating to the 500 World of Wheels display. There was also some discussion of the projected costs involved with the newsletter.

Newsletter. The next issue will be delayed slightly. The points rules for the various programs will be published in an issue in late February or early March.

Membership. Dave presented a membership check for \$180. There are currently 609 members in Indy region. Indy region will have a booth at the 500 World of Wheels car show from January 31st through February 2nd. Shirts will be provided for the volunteers who work the show. Also, national has announced the Speedfreakz program is being phased out.

Activities. There was a lot of positive feedback regarding the annual banquet. Steve recommended that we go ahead and reserve the hall again for next year.

Rally Program. Ken Osiecki is the director for this year, but was unable to attend.

Solo Program. There is a tentative schedule set for this

year; Darren Daubenspeck is the new solo co-chair. There is still a need for good event sites. With regard to the solo truck, Steve has had no luck in finding a suitable truck within the desired price range. He is now considering a used bus; there are more possibilities, and they are cheaper and in better condition. He asked for the Board's approval to use the same funds initially allocated and approved for the step van/truck toward the acquisition of a bus. Chuck questioned the security of such a vehicle for storage, given the windows, but there are options to deal with that problem. Steve also warned that there might be a slight increase in the overall cost in the long run.

Race Program. The local RX-7 club will be putting on an event at IRP In March or April. Jason raised the possibility of getting involved. Also, he raised the possibility of getting new t-shirts printed to use as giveaways for events this year.

Jason is setting up a race committee to help oversee the program, and is looking for volunteers. Currently there are five people signed up. Also, we have the dates for the two events this year.

New Business. The budgets and rules for the various programs need to be determined, and will be discussed at the next meeting. Steve and Matt will be attending the National Convention In February, and asked if the Board was willing to reimburse their costs. A motion was made and carried, and the Board approved the reimbursement.

Chuck brought up that there were some problems with the Involved Member Award this year. Apparently last year some points were turned in by programs rather than the individual themselves, whereas this was not the case this year. As such, some members were overlooked. Various ideas were proposed to try to mitigate this problem, but the discussion was ultimately tabled.

World of Wheels Car Show report

By Dave DeBolt

WOW! WOW! WOW! WOW!

"**WOW**" stands for "World of Wheels" Car Show but it also stands for "**WOW!**" **WOW!** What a great show! **WOW!** What a great time! **WOW!** What a blast! **WOW!**

What a great chance to show the people from the state of Indiana who attended the 2003 "Car Quest '500 World of Wheels Car Show" just what the Sports Car Club of America is about and who we really are. I am not sure of the total attendance figures for the show, but I am sure that all most everybody who attended the show saw our booth and had a chance to look our display over. From the time that the cars and the materials that were used to set-up or construct our display started to arrive on Thursday afternoon, January 30th through Sunday, February 2nd at about 7:00 p. m. when we started to dismantle the display everything pretty much went like clockwork.

Arriving Thursday afternoon, we found that our display would be located just to the right of the entrance of the Blue Ribbon Pavilion in the second row of displays. This was to our liking because the Blue Ribbon Pavilion is one of the newest, if not the newest buildings at the Indiana State Fair Grounds, and it was where everybody had to go to purchase a ticket for the show and then enter the show through the foyer of the building. With its high ceilings, and with the **great** display set-up designed by our fellow Indianapolis Region SCCA members **Mr. John Ausbrooks**, **Mr. Lou Byer**, and **Mr. Ron Kellen**, who are now known as the SCCA '500 World of Wheels Car Show Committee, we had **tremendous** exposure. You could stand in any corner of the building and see our display. It stood out that much! **And** as importantly, as a number of people were kind enough to congratulate us on and point out, it was a display that was "professional looking" and was a "tribute to

the Indianapolis Region and the SCCA". **See the cover photos for a view of our display.** Not only did the display and the associated display materials look nice in themselves, but the four cars on display added to the overall richness of the booth and caused a great a number of people to step into our display for a "closer look".

On display was **Mike Hurst's** Group 5 National & Club Rally Mustang , newly painted for the show; **Paul Lazaro's** STX Solo Mitsubishi Eclipse GST, with new graphics for the show; **Ralph Porter's** Showroom Stock C Neon road racer; and **Dave De Bolt's** Formula Vee Lynx road racer. The variety of these cars and their clean and professional



appearance stirred much interest in and prompted many questions from the show attendees. And what was really



nice was that all of the cars generated an equal amount of interest and questions over the course of the show.

Finishing the display and preparations for the weekend show about 1 hour before the show actually opened on Friday afternoon at 5:00 p.m., the first group of "car show workers" anxiously awaited our first "customers" or visitors to our booth. I had always wondered what it felt like to be "on the other side of a table or counter" working at a trade show or similar type of show. I was about to find out. Actually, it was really a lot of fun! Maybe a little tiring, especially if you worked more than 1 four-hour shift; but the



Dave DeBolt and Alyson Kunack talk about the cars with interested WOW car show attendees.

chance to meet people and talk to them about their interest in cars and auto-sports and how the SCCA could fit into their lives and interests and offer them new opportunities to

experience and enjoy their cars in and with made the hours go quickly by. Before we knew it, 5 p.m. Sunday had arrived and it was time for the car show's awards ceremony.

For those of you who do not know, the "500 World of Wheels Car Show" is basically a show for street rods and custom cars. It is organized and administered nationally by the ISCA, International Show Car Association. Locally, the show is hosted by the Indy Hi-Winders Car Club. Entrants can not only participate in the Indianapolis show but can also enter shows in other locales or states hopefully winning show points at each show making them eligible for "Car of the Year" awards at the end of the calendar year. The numbers, names, and types of classes vary from show to show, based on the entry, and are rather mind-boggling to say the least. There are pre-WWII classes, modern classes, import classes, convertible classes, etc. To add variety to the shows, custom trucks and motorcycles, race cars, and restored cars are admitted as well. There is a class for almost every vehicle to fit into.

Each of the Indianapolis Region's entered cars was eligible for an award. And since, as stated before, our cars were looking their best, three of our Indianapolis Region members walked away with awards. Winning "Best of Show" for the "Import Tuner Class" was **Paul Lazaro**. Winning "Honorable Mention" for "Production Race Car" was **Ralph Porter**, and winning "Best of Show" for Formula Road Race Car was **Dave De Bolt**. Each winner received a handsome plaque approximately 12" x 10" presented by Car Quest '500 World of Wheels, Ray Skillman Discount, Indiana State Fairgrounds, Championship Auto Show Series, Indy Hi-Winders, and the ISCA. Another job well done by the Indianapolis Region! Good going guys and congratulations! After the awards ceremony it was time to dismantle the display. We started at 7:00 p.m. and we were mostly on our way home by 8:30, ready to reflect back on a most interesting weekend.

In conclusion, was the Indianapolis Region's entry into the "500 World of Wheels Car Show" a success? I think that question should be answered with an outstanding yes! As mentioned above, almost everybody who attended the show could see or saw our display. We met and said hello to countless tens of tens of show attendees. We passed out over 800 pieces of literature such as membership applications; various SCCA general information pamphlets; Indianapolis Region 2003 schedules; SCCA worker specialties information; who to contact in the Indy Region information; road rally, solo, and road race information; and "Speed Freakz" information. We also had a continuously running video showing different aspects of our club such as rally and road racing, as well as 'How to Become a Member' membership clips. We also gave away three chances to enter a rally or solo, or attend a race as a spectator for free. And the thing that I am most excited about is that we collected **121** names and addresses. People who wanted more information, people who were interested in joining, or people who wanted to attend one of our events. Yes, I think the show was very successful and an event that we can put on our calendars for doing again next year.

Any type of show or entry into a show could not be successful, like ours was, without a group of people who gave

of their time and devoted themselves to the project at hand. I want to thank the following people for their help and great support. First of all I want to thank **Mr. John Ausbrooks, Mr. Lou Byer, and Mr. Ron Kellen**. They were the heart and soul of the car show committee. The committee started meeting in October, if my memory is correct, and except for the holidays met almost every Monday night after that. These three gentlemen designed and built the SCCA centerpiece, the one you could see from any corner of the building; designed and built the back wall of our booth that displayed SCCA information and rally, race, and solo information; obtained and copied the pictures on the back wall showing some of our Indy Region events, designed banners for the back wall; designed a new tee shirt with logo for the show workers to wear; constructed a 2-hour loop video for viewing; organized and scheduled workers for 24 hours of show or booth coverage; and helped in the set-up and tear-down of the display; as well as a myriad of other things. Without these three gentlemen and their countless hours of unselfish work, the show, as the old saying goes, would not have gone on. Also, I want to thank **Mr. Mike Hurst, Mr. Paul Lazaro, and Mr. Ralph Porter** for exhibiting their cars at the Indy Region display. These gentlemen not only took time to prep their cars for the show and bring their cars to the show; they also worked in the display at the show for at least four hours and also helped in the set-up and tear-down of our display. Again, without these three gentlemen, the show would not have been as successful as it was. I also want to say

thanks to the following people who worked our booth during the show in four-hour segments by saying hello to and answering questions from all of those interested show attendees. They were **John Ausbrooks, Bill Baten, Rob Bohn, Bill Cambell, Craig and Lisa Campbell, Jan Castelluccio, Scott Dales, Darren Daubenspeck, Brian and Valerie Gard, Stephen Geiger, David Hauser, Mike Hurst, Alyson Kunack, Lois and Rich Lankford, Paul Lazaro, Steve Linn, Jennifer McLeish, Gary Parker, Alberto Pizzato, Frank Pope, Ralph Porter, Andy Weldon, and Sue Young**. Without you our display would not have had the warmth and friendliness that it had; nor, would we have collected those **121** names and addresses. Finally, I want to say thanks to **Gustavo Hammerly, Larry Lefebvre, and Alberto Pizzato** for helping in the set-up and/or tear down of our display. Without their hands our exhibit might not have been set-up in time, and their help definitely made a long day(s) shorter. I hope I did not miss anyone; if I did I am truly sorry. Not to belabor the point, but without these dedicated Indianapolis Region members who donated their time, this event would not have taken place. **Thanks again so very much to each and every one of you!** Thanks, also to the Indy Region BoD for their support and a special thanks to Mr. Greg Manker, show chairman and organizer for the Indy Hi-Winders Car Club who so graciously worked with us in our efforts to enter and be accepted as an entry for this show.

Membership Report

By Dave DeBolt

Membership News from the National Convention: SCCA announced at the National Convention that the "Speed Freakz" program for members under the age of 26 is history. Citing poor support for the program, a name or title that was not well received by a lot of people, and bad pricing, the program officially ends at the conclusion of the end of the day, June 1. The "Speed Freakz" program will be replaced by another program called "First GEAR". In the "First GEAR" program, individuals 21 and younger can join the SCCA for one year at a discounted price of \$45.00. If the individual wants to compete in an event requiring a competition license, the individual must upgrade to a regular individual membership.

Indianapolis Region Members don't forget that the SCCA National Office is now located in Topeka, Kansas. The new address for our headquarters is:

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Solo Report: It's Getting Closer

by Steve Linn

We're happy to announce that Darren Daubenspeck has stepped forward to be a Solo Co-Chairman for the 2003 Indy Region Solo2 Series. Darren is a great supporter of the club and his experience and enthusiasm will be a terrific asset to the program this season. Thanks Darren!

Again, during the 2003 season we will be REQUIRING Event Chairmen for each Solo event. This will allow members 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. 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 in running a successful event, plus you can qualify those year-end class trophy points. Don't worry, the Solo Chairs will still be there to guide you along.

We will be posting the names of those that have volunteered to be an Event Chair (see the Solo Schedule in this issue) in both the Clutch Chatter and on the website. It's easy to volunteer – just contact us!!

Solo Events without a designated Event Chair will be cancelled. Remember – this is YOUR club!

This year's Test & Tune will be on March 22 at the 16th Street parking lot. The Test & Tune is more than just a

chance to shake the cobwebs out of both car and driver, but also a chance to learn more about event procedures. A couple of items we will be concentrating on at this year's T&T both involve our laptop computer: Registration and Timing & Scoring. There's no magic involved (ok, maybe a little), but we are looking for volunteers who want to learn how to operate the TS99 Autocrossing software and we plan on giving anyone with any interest the opportunity to work with the program at the T&T. We plan on rotating in several teams for Registration and T&S during the day. If you want to learn more about these disciplines (it keeps you off-course and away from cone shagging!) please let us know.

Please note that we have already had a schedule change for the season – and it's a good one! Our late August event is now on Sunday, August 24th, and will be held at the Grissom Aeroplex in Peru. This will be a great opportunity for those of you that have never made it to a Divisional or National event held at Grissom. Expect a big and fast Nationals-style course!

We will also be having a special final event at the end of the season. The October 12 event will be an Indy Region Solo Worker Invitational. This invitation-only event will not be open to the general public. In order to attend you must:

Be an active Indianapolis Region member in good standing. Qualify your year-end points by working in one

of the Specialty positions at an event during the season.

We expect this to be a fun-filled event with lots of runs due to the limited number of entrants and the opportunity to run the last few threads off of those year-end worn out tires!

I urge those of you that have email 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 relatively low volume list and it is a great way to keep in touch with the latest news about the Indy Region. A link to the group site is located on the regions main page of the www.indyscca.org website or you can go directly to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/indyscca/>

As always, we can be contacted at:

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2003 Indy Region Solo2 Series Schedule:

Sat., March 22, 16th Street Lot – Test & Tune
Event Chair: **Chris McGuire**

Sun., April 27, 16th Street Lot – Points Event #1
Event Chair: _____

Sat., May 17, Anderson Plant #3 – Points Event #2
Event Chair: _____

Sun., June 8, Site TBA – Points Event #3
Event Chair: _____

Sun., June 22, Walesboro, IN – Points Event #4
Event Chair: **Scott Dales**

Sat., July 19, 16th Street Lot – Points Event #5
Event Chair: **Steve Linn** (Australian Pursuit)

Sat., August 9, Anderson Plant 3 – Points Event #6
Event Chair: _____

Sun., Aug. 24, Grissom Aeroplex – Pts. Event #7
Event Chair: _____

Sat., Sept. 20, Anderson Plant 3 – Points Event #8
Event Chair: _____

Sun., Oct. 12, 16th Street Lot – Region Worker Invit.
Event Chair: _____

2003 Columbus Region (CSCC) Schedule:

February 23, Walesboro, IN – Fun Event
March 30, Walesboro, IN – Points Event #1
April 12, Walesboro, IN – Solo School

April 13, Walesboro, IN – Points Event #2
May 26, Walesboro, IN – Points Event #3
June 22, Walesboro, IN – Points Event #4
July 27, Walesboro, IN – Points Event #5
September 1, Walesboro, IN – Points Event #6
September 14, Walesboro, IN – Points Event #7
Oct. 18-19, Walesboro, IN – Super Weekend #8
November 9, Walesboro, IN – Points Event #9
www.cscscca.org

2003 National ProSolo Schedule:

March 1-2 Ft Myers, FL
March 22-23 Fontana, CA
April 12-13 Dallas, TX
April 26-27 Topeka, KS
May 10-11 Atwater, CA
May 24-25 Petersburg, VA
June 28-29 Oscoda, MI
July 19-20 Wendover, UT
August 9-10 Peru, IN
August 16-17 Denver, CO
Sept. 6-7 Topeka, KS, ProSolo Championship
www.scca.org/amateur/solo2/prosolo/index.html

2003 Solo2 National Tour Schedule:

February 22-23 Ft Myers, FL
March 15-16 San Diego
April 5-6 Houston, TX
May 3-4 Atwater, CA
June 7-8 NeDiv, site TBA
June 21-22 Rome, NY
July 5-6 Peru, IN
July 26-27 Bremerton, WA
August 23-24 Denver, CO
Sept. 9-12 Topeka, KS, Solo National Championship
www.scca.org/amateur/solo2/nat_tour/index.html

2003 CenDiv Solo2 Series Schedule:

May 24-25 Peru, IN
June 7-8 Oscoda, MI
June 21-22 Rantoul, IL
July 13 Flint, MI
July 26-27 Columbus, OH
August 2-3 Milwaukee, WI
August 16-17 Peru, IN
August 31 Toledo, OH
October 11-12, Cincinnati, OH
www.solo2.cendiv-scca.org

Solo 1s: The Black Art of Winning Autocrosses

By Warren LeVeque

No, the article is not written from personal experience in winning; but in all of my years of participating in motorsports, I have witnessed a lot of winners.

Some of the winners are close personal friends and a lot of the winning has been at my expense. We're not talking about being "just happy to be here", as is the case of with most of us. We're talking about the absolute necessity of winning over all other considerations. Some observations:

1. You must have some talent. You'll notice that I didn't say ultimately talented, just decent hand/eye coordination. Some folks will just never get it; neither can they walk and chew gum at the same time. It's not their fault, mother nature can be cruel. Mother Nature hasn't seemed to care much about me either.

2. You must be physically able to stand out in the sun and do your work session. Modern servo devices will do the hard

(Black Art of Winning Autocrosses continued)

physical work for you in the car. Unless you're "ahem" still stuck in the '60s and like muscle intensive sports cars.

3. You must be able to see about 100 feet and spot the important pylons.

4. You must be able to afford to win. Mark Donahue once stated "Only race in a class that you can afford to win." If you have an HS budget, stay in HS. All of the trophies are the same size. If you don't want to afford cheater tires, and racing fuel, stay in STS.

5. Pick the right car and class. If it's just pure fun to drive a V8 engined Vega in the exotically prepared, tube frame, E Mod class, so be it; just as long as you're realistic about your chances.

Be aware that to stay competitive in some of the faster "stock" classes you may have to buy a new car every year at \$30,000 plus. This is a very expensive preparation.

Be willing to coldly, (without emotional attachment) trade in your favorite car for better models every year.

Match your reaction time to the car. If you have slow reactions like me, stay out of A Mod.

Don't chose a car that has some large handicap in the class; size, horsepower, wheels, weight, etc.

5. Drive the competition car daily and to the track. You will need all of the practice that you can manage. Driving an SUV to work and a Motor Home to the track is not really useful practice. It also trains your brain stem wrongly just before an event.

6. PRACTICE. The frequent winners get an unbelievable amount of practice. Thirty events a year is not unusual. They go to all of the test and tunes and all of the Pro Solos to get the most time possible in the car. Solo schools are good practice. It's also good to practice some in a car much faster than yours so that when you get back in yours the needed reaction times seem much slower.

Practice at the right venues. Practice in the rain, in sand traps, and gravel pits is about as useful as training in your SUV or Motor Home.

7. Practice against skilled competitors. Running very hard and on the edge is the best practice. This means traveling to big time events.

8. Teach or assist at a school. This makes you think and be aware of the theories.

Don't reject any theories until tried. Trust only the timers, not your feelings about your run. Solicit expert feed back about your runs. Videos help.

9. Ride with known good drivers. It doesn't matter what class. Those drivers who appear so smooth from a distance may surprise you inside the car.

10. Don't waste any runs learning the course; that's what your feet are for. Work the course at a good vantage point. Redraw the course stressing only the 10 or 12 pylons that actually count. Working a cushy jop in the timing van with your head down doesn't help learn the course. See number two.

11. Pysche your competitors. You may think that this only happens on the race track; but it is just more subtle at autocrosses. Jackie Stewart and Danny Ongias would run the first lap of a race at qualifying speed on cold tires just to psyche the competitors.

I have seen many Champions do this on the first run of an autocross. The intentionally dirty run raw time would demoralize the other competitors. I'm out physched every year at the SCCA Nationals. But, I've put this lesson to use at the Corvair Nationals.

Pysching can be: over obvious car preparation, such as Dzus buttons needlessly every where, switching tires between runs, electronic information gathering, tire scraping and spraying, tire warmers, electric tire heaters, bubble wrapped tires, stickered tires, loud exhausts, pyrometers, camber gauges, the latest car, tires and shocks, etc.

Walking the course with a pedometer. One of the greatest physche jobs of all; sitting back and letting your competitors see you doing nothing.

12. Letting your brain stem do the driving. You have been training your brain stem for quite some time. Relax and let it do the work without too much analyzing.

13. Taking chances and being willing to lose. Consider spins, and downed pylons as honorable battle scars. If you don't let it all hang out; someone else will and may be lucky on ONE run. Conservative runs will guarantee you 2nd place forever. Trust your car. Use your car up even at the risk of damaging it. Did you spent \$30,000 on performance to not use it? Think of your car as an expendable tool.

14. Choosing an entry free class. A solid, but hollow victory. Of course there are no entry free classes at the nationals, so you have to take a chance sometime.

15. Choose your races. Instead of following a series, choose the type of races and racers which best challenge you. Select the venue and the drivers; forget about the points and treat the event like the national championships.

16. Bump yourself up into a faster class. This almost guarantees that you won't win or receive high points, so you can concentrate on just running faster, rather than being conservative and protecting your points position. Many ladies practice in the open classes for this reason. If they'd let me run in the lady's class, maybe I'd be more challenged.

17. Practice using one gear too high. This way you won't stay addicted to surplus power and will be forced to drive smoother and faster.

18. Read the preparation rules. Are you taking advantage of all of the gray areas? Your competitors are. Accept no compromises. If you desire less preparation, go to a less prepared class. If nothing else; being totally prepared gives you more confidence.

19..Do not cheat! Besides being caught, you will rely too much on the altered device and not your driving skill.

20. Actually test camber, caster, spring, bar, and shock settings in a test session. What works is right! Don't be seduced by "suspension romance".. Dynamic and static settings are two totally different settings. Your competitors settings, which you are too anxious to copy, may be wrong. He may be beating you for some other reason.

21. Leave the settings alone for the day. If you change them every run, you are driving a different car every run. Practice in the same car. Lock up your air pressure gauge for the day.

22. Take a club office and lobby for fair classes and courses.

(Black Art of Winning Autocrosses continued)

23. Design some courses . Most designers subconsciously favor their cars. The best defense is a good offense.

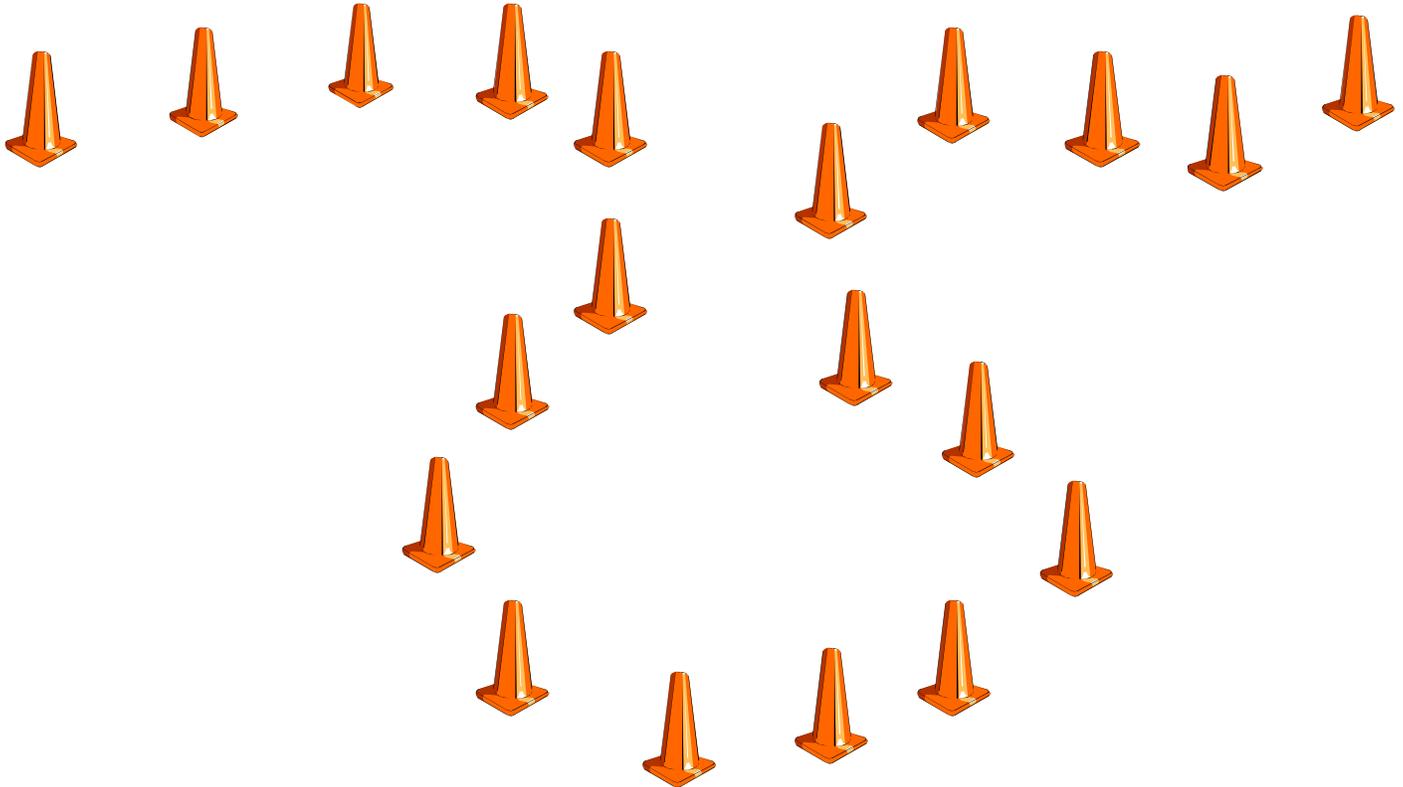
24. Learn to read the entire course not just individual maneuvers. A very fast speed around an individual maneuver may actually produce a slower speed over the entire course. Knowing where to go slow may ultimately be faster. What you see 50 feet in front of you doesn't count.

25. If there is no other way to get a trophy, beg some fast lady to drive your car.

26. A second driver, not only warms your tires, but also pushes you to go faster to protect your reputation and allow you to visualize you car under racing conditions.

27. Look pitiful and hope some one lets you drive their faster car. Borrowed cars go faster.

28. Hope that all of the people giving me this good advice weren't just setting me up. See number 11.



INDY REGION SOLO2 SPRING TEST & TUNE

Indianapolis Region Solo2 Series
Saturday, March 22, 2003

This event will be Test & Tune sessions open to both experienced autocrossers interested in clearing the winter cobwebs from their vehicles (and minds) and anyone else with the desire to try autocrossing.

While not a formal (or even informal) school, we will have experienced drivers available for some one-on-one coaching of novice competitors or anyone else that would like some pointers (or to simply get lots of ride-alongs!)

Rain or Shine

Location:
16th Street Speedway / Bush Stadium Parking Lot
1501 West 16th Street, Indianapolis

Sorry, No Karts Allowed at this Event.

Note: A Minor Waiver must be signed by BOTH parents or legal guardians. A parent or legal guardian must accompany all Minors during the entire event. Contact the Solo Chairman for copies of Minor Waivers before the event. Restrictions on high center of gravity vehicles are also applicable. Contact the Solo Chairman for more details.

Registration: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM
Tech: Starting at 08:15 AM
Drivers Meeting: 10:15 AM
Test & Tune sessions: 10:30 AM - ???

Cost: \$15.00 SCCA Members, \$25.00 Non-Members

Contact: Steve Linn (Solo Chairman)
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or
Chris McGuire (Event Chairman)
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View From The Second Seat The Rally Report

By Ken Osiecki

The rally program is moving ahead. The schedule has been determined and is listed later in this article. Due to a change of work schedule, the rallymaster for March had to change to the May event. With only five weeks to the March date, I do not think it is prudent to try to schedule an event. It is therefore with regret that the March event is canceled in the interest of safety.

Rallymasters for April, May, and June are set. I need volunteers for the rest of the year. If you would like to try setting up a rally and have never done one before, we have people who will help. Step forward, and we will help where we can.

I will thank all the workers ahead of time because without them we could not put on these events. Remember that you have to qualify your points for the year end championship award. This is an enjoyable way to build up points for the new Involved Member Award also.

I am looking for someone to step up as Assistant Rally Chairperson. I feel that this is necessary because of my work schedule, which is not a schedule but rather on demand deliveries. I would like for a volunteer to assist and be available if I have to be out of town due to work. I had to miss the February Board Meeting because of last minute notice to make an out of town pick up at 1:00 AM the following morning. I am now on the road frequently, and it is possible that a run may come up and conflict with a

rally. By having an assistant, the event would proceed with minimal disruption if I suddenly have to leave town.

Schedule for the 2003 rally season:

Date	Rallymaster	Type
April 19	Jim Cates	Map
May 18	Candi Pope	?
June 28	Ken & Deb Osiecki	Tour
July 20	?	
August 30 ?		
September 27/28		
October 25/26		
November 15/16		
August 16	Chuck Hanson	Tour on National Schedule

Sept, Oct, and Nov dates to be determined. We will have more information on the types of upcoming rallies in the future issues of Clutch Chatter.

If you have any questions about the rally program, call my home number 317-375-9986. Leave a message if nobody answers and I will return your call.

Hope to see YOU at a rally soon.

Notes from the Rally Seminar of the SCCA National Convention

By Chuck Hanson

The National Board of Directors, and Steve Johnson, have reaffirmed their support for the Road Rally Program as a fundamental part of the SCCA.

The Road Rally Board has stated that its primary purpose is NOT the National Road Rally Championship. The primary purpose is to be the facilitator of road rally programs by all of the Regions in SCCA (or at least any Region that wants to consider having one).

In order to facilitate this, each Divisional Road Rally Steward will now have a direct liaison member assigned from the RRB, and will be brought into the RRB monthly meetings (teleconference) to provide input to the Board.

The Divisional Stewards will be strongly encouraged to provide more support and encouragement to local programs. The method that is envisaged is to become a repository of resource information, particularly in the form of

networking to people nearby that might be able to provide local advice; i.e. former rallyists who might be willing to give some short term assistance to help a program get off to a good start (much like John Calhoun and Michael McGraw did for me with last years National).

I will be doing some of that with Southern Indiana Region and Indiana Northwest Region as a result of contacts made at the convention. I will also be making a presentation about starting local programs at the Spring Training event on March 1 in Merrillville.

Event safety is, and must always be, a top priority in road rally. We must always be aware that this aspect of our sport brings us directly to peoples neighborhoods, so we do not want to be perceived as bad guests. There have been events where this has been sadly neglected with predictable results, including shots fired at rally cars and police stopping events.



16th Street Spring Solo



Indianapolis Region Solo2 Series

Sunday, April 27, 2003

The first Indy Region points event of the 2003 season!

Rain or Shine (It's still only April – dress appropriately!)

Location:

16th Street Speedway / Bush Stadium Parking Lot
1501 West 16th Street, Indianapolis

Sorry, No Karts Allowed at this Event.

Note: A Minor Waiver must be signed by BOTH parents or legal guardians. A parent or legal guardian must accompany all Minors during the entire event. Contact the Solo Chairman for copies of Minor Waivers before the event.

Restrictions on high center of gravity vehicles are also applicable. Contact the Solo Chairman for more details.

Registration & Tech:	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM
Driver's Meeting:	10:15 AM
Event Start:	10:30 AM

Cost:	\$15.00 SCCA Members, \$25.00 Non-Members
Contact:	Darren Daubendpeck (Solo Chair)
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	e-mail drdspeck@on-net.net

The Race Report: First Event Coming

By Jason Baugh



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www.racertrader.com

The time is almost here for Indy Region's first race event of the season.

The Indy Spring Sprints, Presented by Trackside Supply, is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 12-13 at Indianapolis Raceway Park. To make this Double Regional SCCA Central Division Championship Series event a success, many volunteers are needed. This is an excellent opportunity for any member, experienced or not, to get involved in the racing program. We need photographers, corner marshals, grid and paddock staff, timing and scoring staff, registration staff and much more. Just show an interest and the Region will find something for you to help out with.

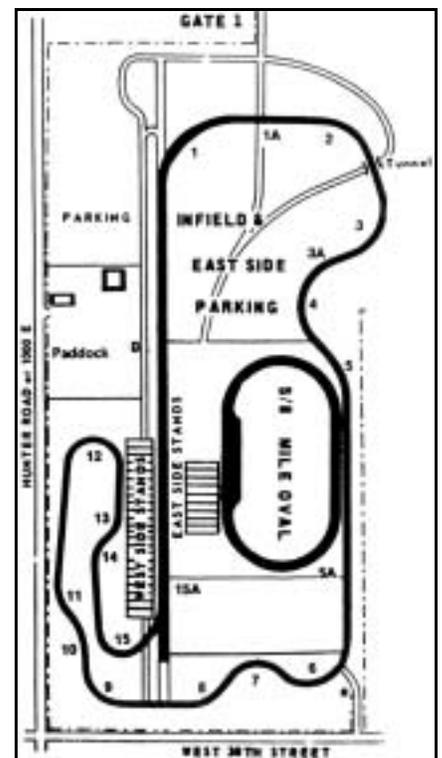
Plus, anyone interested in assisting with the organization of the event is welcome to join the Race Committee now.

Contact Race Chairman, Jason Baugh, at 317.244.4700 or email: indyscca@tracksidesupply.com for more information.

Indy Region hosts the Indy Grand Prix National Race July 5-6 at IRP.

Regards,

Jason Baugh
Trackside Supply LLC



2003 Indy Region Awards Points Rules

RACING AWARDS

Purpose: To recognize the maximum number of Indianapolis Region of Record members by presenting year-end racing awards.

The awards and their criteria are as follows:

1. The Hergenroether Award is the premier road racing award in Indianapolis Region. It shall be presented to the outstanding competition driver on the basis of attitude, sportsmanship, and competitiveness as selected by previous recipients of this award.
2. The Rookie of the Year Award will be presented to the competitor accumulating the highest total points, awarded per GCR, for the best six finishes in regional and/or national events counting for Indianapolis Region points as defined in Rules 3 and 4 below. The competitor must:
 - a. have never previously held an SCCA racing license and
 - b. begin the season on a Novice Permit and meet National license requirements during the season.
3. Regional trophies shall be awarded for the 1st through 5th places on the following basis:
 - a. Points will be accumulated per GCR for the best six regional event finishes of which no more than two may be outside of Central Division.
 - b. Rules 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 will apply.
4. National trophies shall be awarded for the 1st through 5th places on the following bases:
 - a. Points will be accumulated per GCR for the best six national finishes in a single class, of which no more than two may be outside of Central Division.
 - b. Rules 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 will apply.
5. A driver will be eligible for only one National and only one Regional racing award, but may receive one at each level.
6. All activities covered under a unique sanction number shall be considered to be a single event.
7. If during the conduct of a single event multiple opportunities exist for a class to race, only one race will be permitted to count for points. If the format consists of preliminary races (e.g., qualifying race) followed by a feature race, only the feature race shall be counted. If the format consists of a special race for some classes (e.g., handicap, enduro) in addition to a normal race equal in length to that provided for all other classes, the race of normal length shall be counted. In the case that a class receives only one opportunity to race during an event, that race shall be counted, even if it is not of the same length as the races afforded to other classes.
8. The points standings will be published at mid-season and at the end of the year in *Clutch Chatter*.
9. It shall be the responsibility of each driver to supply the pointskeeper with results throughout the season.

2003 SOLO II AWARDS

1. Class championship year-end awards will be presented as follows:
 - a. Within each class defined in the current National Solo II Rules, as well as any defined regional level classes as published in the SCCA *SportsCar* magazine or Indianapolis Region *Clutch Chatter*. Indianapolis Region regional level class rules and/or event supplemental regulations may be used to further clarify scoring issues.
 - b. Class championship points will be awarded based on official results as follows:

FINISHING POSITION	POINTS
1	10
2	9
3	8
4	7
5	6
6	5
7	4
8	3
9	2
10 through last	1

- c. Class championship trophies shall be awarded to eligible Indianapolis Region members using the following formula:
Total number of SCCA member entries in the class for the season, divided by the number of points events in the season. Non-points events using normal classes will be included for the total number of entries in the season. This result (rounded up to the nearest whole number) is the average size of the class, and the number of class

awards will be determined using the following distribution:

AVERAGE ENTRANTS	AWARDS
1 to 3	1
4 to 6	2
7 to 9	3
10 to 12	4
13 or more	5

2. Year-end qualifications:
 - a. Must be an Indianapolis Region member before the start of the final points event of the season. Anyone who joins before the start of the final points event of the season will receive points for events run during the season as a non-member. Proof of membership must be submitted to the Solo Chairman. Anyone who joins after the start of the final event of the season will receive points only for events run after joining. If the final event of the season should be cancelled, points will not be awarded to non-members unless proof of Indianapolis Region membership is presented to the Solo Chairman showing valid membership before the day of the cancelled final event. Proof of membership must be presented within two weeks after the scheduled date of the cancelled event.
 - b. The member must compete in one given class in 50% of the region's Solo II points events. (Round up for odd number of events.)
 - c. The member's best finishes in 70% of the region's Solo II points events will be counted (rounded up to the nearest whole number.)
 - d. Ties for year-end points will be broken on the basis of quality of finishes, i.e. most number of firsts, most number of seconds, etc.
 - e. Members must qualify their points by working at least one event as, or under the supervision of, a specialty chief. Qualified positions include: Safety Steward, Chief of Tech, Registration, Course Design, Chief of Workers, Course Set-Up, Course Tear-Down, Trailer Towing, or any other position so deemed by the Solo Chairman.
3. It will be the responsibility of the Solo II Chairman and/or a designated representative to publish the class points standings toward year-end class points totals twice a year in Clutch Chatter and/or via the region web site. The first posting will be after the fourth points event. The second posting will be after the last points event of the season, but before the December Annual Meeting.
4. Year-end awards will not be awarded unless the region conducts a minimum of 3 points events.

A year-end Solo Competitor of the Year Award will be presented to the Solo competitor earning the most points throughout the year via PAX scored finishes at each points event, excluding Australian Pursuits or any other type of event in which PAX results cannot be obtained.

The maximum number of points that may be scored will be equal to the number of competitors officially entered at the event. As an example, at a solo event with 80 entries, the Fast Time of Day (FTD) via the current year PAX index will receive 80 points, second place will receive 79 points, third place will receive 78 points, continued down through the last place competitor at the event who will receive 1 point. The total points scored during the season will then determine an overall winner.

Ties for year-end points will be broken on the basis of quality of finishes in class, i.e. most number of firsts in class, most number of seconds in class, etc. The Solo Competitor of the Year points standings will be published via either the Clutch Chatter or the region web site twice per season, once after the fourth points event of the season and once after the final points event of the season, but before the December Annual Meeting.

A year-end Spirit of Solo Award will be presented to the Solo competitor that did not win a year-end class award, but showed the most enthusiasm, helpfulness, and spirit, and exemplifies what all Solo competitors should be like. This award will be chosen by the Solo Chairperson(s) after the finals points event of the season, but before the December Annual Meeting.

ROAD RALLY AWARDS

1. General:
 - a. All Indianapolis Region road rallies will be year-end counting championship point rallies unless otherwise noted. "Non-point" rallies such as fun rallies will be clearly advertised as such.
 - b. Year-end championship awards will not be awarded unless the region conducts a minimum of three points events.
2. Classes of Competition: Classes of competition on points rallies will be determined by the rallymaster and/or the rally chairman. The classes will be drawn from one of the following two groups:

(Region Awards Points Rules continued) (Rally Awards)

- a. Group I classes are to be used for TSD (Time, Speed, Distance) rallies.
 1. Class "A": Unlimited equipment. Comparable Divisional and National classes are "Equipped" and "Limited."
 2. Class "B": Any timekeeping device, stock odometer in stock location, any computer/calculating equipment that does not have automatic input of mileage, tables, or slide rules. Comparable to Divisional class "Stock."
 3. Class "C": Any timekeeping device, stock odometer in stock location. No calculating equipment beyond paper and pencil.
 4. Class "N": (Novice) Same as Class "a year-end rally trophy by any SCCA Region when they enter their first event of the C," except that neither the driver or navigator may have had a first place finish where they finished ahead of someone else in class on any SCCA competition rally, nor have been awarded season. Any Team that qualifies as a Novice at their first event of the season shall remain a Novice Team for the balance of the season.
 5. Historic Class "A": Vehicles must be 25 years or older and use equipment from the period; i.e. Halda Speed-pilot, Halda Twinmaster, and Curta calculators.
 6. Historic Class "B": Vehicles must be 25 years or older and use equipment from the period; i.e. stock odometers, Steven's Calculators or other slide rule type devices, tables, or paper and pencil.
 - b. Group II classes are to be used for non-TSD rallies - rallies sometimes know as gimmick rallies. Examples of this type of rally would be a map rally.
 1. Class "E": (Experienced) Combination of Classes "A," "B," and "C" or anybody who is not a novice.
 2. Class "N": Same as Group I - Class "N"
3. Member's Qualified Points: A determination of a member's qualified points for a year-end championship award will be accomplished or affected by the following:
- a. A member's best finishes in 75% of the region's declared points events or best 6 finishes, whichever is less, will be counted toward a year-end championship award. Note! - A 75% multiplication factor resulting in a .5 event will be rounded up. Example: 6 events x 75% = 4.5 = 5 events to be counted toward an award. Otherwise, events will round to nearest whole number. The above will be done on a basis of:
For rallies with more than one class other than Novice, points will be awarded for class position per the points schedule.
For rallies with one class other than Novice, points will be awarded per the points schedule, with the points to be counted in the class giving the competitor the greatest advantage.
Points schedule:

FINISHING POSITION	POINTS
1	12
2	9
3	7
4	6
5	5
6	4
7	3
8	2
9 through last	1
 - b. Points will be counted only for Indianapolis Region members.
Anyone who joins on or before September 1st in a given year will receive points for those events run as a non-member.
Anyone who joins after September 1st in a given year will receive points only for events run after joining the Indianapolis Region.
 - c. The member must compete in one given class in a minimum of three (3) or 50% of the region's rally points events, whichever is less. (Round up for odd number of events).
 - d. Both the driver and the navigator will receive the same number of points.
 - e. Members must qualify their points by working one Indianapolis Region SCCA event.
Members staging (writing) a rally or pre-checking a rally will automatically fulfill this requirement.
The rally chairman will be responsible for keeping a record of those people who have fulfilled the work requirement towards year-end point eligibility.
It will be the responsibility of the rally competitor to:
Seek work agreeable to the rally chairman.
Have the work certificate issued to each rally competitor at the beginning of the season by the rally chairman certified by the event chairman.
Return the work certificate to the rally chairman by the 15th of November of the current year for recording.
 - f. Members staging or writing a rally; i.e., being a rallymaster, will earn 12 points in the class in which they compete during the majority of the season.

4. Publication of Points:
 - a. The rally chairman will be responsible for tabulating and publishing the points.
 - b. At a minimum, the current points standings will be printed in the regional publication before the next to last scheduled points event.
5. Year-end Awards: Year-end awards will be determined per the following format:
 - a. Year-end awards will be awarded to competitors earning the highest points totals by class.
 - b. Competitors eligible to receive awards in more than one class will receive them only in the class giving them the highest year-end finishing position. If the competitor's season ending point totals are the same in two classes, they will receive an award in the higher ranked class. Classes will be ranked in order as follows: A > B > C
 - c. Anyone who qualifies as a novice at the beginning of the season will count all points gained that year toward the novice class standings. (See II.A.4)
 - d. Ties for year-end awards will be broken on the basis of quality of finishes; i.e., number of firsts, seconds, etc.
 - e. The number of awards presented in each class will be per the following awards schedule:

<u>QUALIFIED MEMBERS</u>	<u>AWARDS</u>
1 to 2	1
3 to 6	2
7 to 10	3
11 to 14	4
15 or more	5

COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

Purpose: To encourage participation in all Indianapolis Region points events and to recognize the best performance by an Indy Region of Record member within the Indy Region racing, rally, and solo programs by presenting a year-end trophy. The individual scoring points in at least two categories and earning the greatest number of points throughout the season by these rules will be named Indianapolis Region Competitor of the Year.

1. Points will be awarded for class finish (or over-all finish in events with only one class) in racing, rally, and solo events which count for Indianapolis Region Championship points.
2. Points will be allocated to competitors finishing ahead of at least one other starter as follows:

FINISHING POSITION	POINTS
1	9
2	6
3	4
4	3
5	2
6	1

3. The competitors nine best finishes will be counted with no more than four events from any one category of competition.

The points standings will be published at mid-season and at the end of the year in Clutch Chatter.

INVOLVED MEMBER AWARD

The purpose of the Involved Member Award is to recognize Indy Region members who exhibit exceptional participation during the year. It is not a competition between members. In fact, the more award recipients the better. It is truly a celebration of dedication, support and commitment to Indy Region SCCA.

An Involved Member Award will be presented to each Indianapolis Region member, 16 years of age and older, who earns a minimum of 800 points in a calendar year by participating in at least two of the following four areas of participation: meetings and other club-sponsored special events, rally, race and solo.

An Involved Member Award will be presented to each Indianapolis Region junior member, under 16 years of age, who earns a minimum of 400 points in a calendar year by participating in at least two of the areas of participation.

The Involved Member Award will be an embroidered lightweight jacket or fleece. A member will be awarded a jacket only once in five years. A repeat award will be recognized by embroidering the award year on the jacket.

Points are awarded as follows:

Indy Region Board of Directors	100 per year
Newsletter Editor	100 per year
Webmaster	100 per year
Event Chair	100 per event
Event Co/Assistant Chair	75 per event
Race or Cendiv Roundtable Chair	100 per event
Banquet or Trophy Chair	100 per year
Pointskeeper	100 per year
Working Chief of Specialty	75 per 1-day event 100 per 2-day event
Event/Race Worker	50 per day
Working Crew	50 per day
Event Participation (race, rally, solo)	50 per day
Working Functions	50 per day
Clutch Chatter article/photos	50 per article
Cendiv Roundtable/SCCA National Convention	30 per day
Function/event attendance (meetings, car shows, parties, banquets, etc)	15 per event

Points are only awarded for Indy Region events, Cendiv Roundtable, and SCCA National Convention. There will be no combination of points for a single event; points from only one category may be scored per day. For example, a member who is a worker and a driver on the same day at the same event may only score points for one category or the other.

Each member is solely responsible for tracking and reporting their points; no one else will do this for you. To be eligible for an award, the Indy Region member must fill out the form below or a reasonable facsimile and mail it to Dave DeBolt at 222 Yorkshire Blvd W., Cumberland IN 46229 or e-mail it to a2zracers@aol.com. The form must be delivered no later than November 16, 2003 in order to receive the award at the annual awards banquet. All forms must be received no later than January 10, 2004, in order to be eligible for an Involved Member award for 2003. Confirming receipt of submitted points is the sole responsibility of the entrant. A person's eligibility will be verified by the Membership Chairman.

Date	Event	How Participated	Points

2003 Points Rules Changes Recap

Yes, folks, there was some add/change/delete activity with the points rules for 2002. If you have any questions regarding the rules, please contact the program chairpersons or a board member.

Race: There are no rules changes for the race program this year.

Solo: The changes this year clarify that the final points event is the time limit for membership for qualifying.

Rally: The only rules change for this year is to decrease the minimum participation from 4 to 3 events for qualified points

Speed Freakz: The Speed Freakz program has been eliminated by SCCA National Office. Therefore, there can be no further regional awards for a non-existent program.

Involved Member: A complete new set of rules has been published for this year. An important primary change is that **any member** who accumulates the necessary 800 points can receive an award, not just the highest 10 as was the case for previous yearly awards.



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Dear Prospective SCCA Member:

To apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, the world's largest member participation automotive organization, please complete the form below in full and return, with payment, to your region or the SCCA Membership Department, PO Box 19400, Topeka, Kansas 66619-0400.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____
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IF APPLYING FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (husband/wife & children), list names and ages of children **under age 21**:

03 Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____
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05 Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____
06 Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____

Have you been an SCCA member before? No Yes Year _____ Previous Member Number _____

PRIMARY INTEREST(S) IN SCCA:

Please send me a Crew License. (Check box)

Please indicate the area(s) of SCCA in which you plan to participate, or which interest you most. Your response will be used to allocate your national dues to the areas you indicate. Thank you.

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Annual National dues			Annual Regional dues		Total
01 Regular Member	\$55.00	+	Regular Member	\$20.00	\$75.00
03 Spouse Member*	\$15.00	+	Spouse Member	\$10.00	\$25.00
10 Family Membeship	\$85.00	+	Family Membership	\$25.00	\$110.00

*Spouse must be regular member's legal spouse.

Speed Freakz Membership (You must be under age 26)

Birthdate: ____/____/____

	National	Regional	Total
15 <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Speed Freakz*	\$ 25.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 30.00
16 <input type="checkbox"/> Competition Speed Freakz**	\$ 45.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 50.00

* May compete in rally and solo events; may be active in many race specialties.

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2003 CenDi v Race Schedule

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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Indy Region implemented the 'opt in' approach for mailing Clutch Chatter with the April issue. Unless you sent in the 'opt in' form (below), you will not receive a copy in the mail. A complete, printable, electronic format copy of Clutch Chatter in Adobe pdf format is available to view or download on the Indy Region website at indyscca.org.

When an issue of Clutch Chatter is completed and ready for publication, the pdf file will be posted out on the Indy Region website and a **special notice e-mail** will be sent to the Indy Region e-group with a link to the download page. This should be available several days before the mailed copies arrive, since it won't have to go through the printer or the mail.

In order to receive this special notice e-mail, you will need to be a member of the **Indy Region e-group**. Membership in the e-group is free and open to anybody, plus it's very simple to join. Just go to one of the following links and follow the instructions:

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If you want to receive the e-mail notifying you that the new issue of Clutch Chatter is posted on indyscca.org, but you don't want to get all of the other regular e-mails that come through the e-group, you can select to receive

only special notices. To change your e-group settings, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/indyscca/>, then select **Edit My Membership**, then change your **Message select** option to **Special notices**.

You don't have to receive the e-mail to get the newsletter — it will be posted on the website and available for download by anybody. The e-mail will just be letting you know that the new Clutch Chatter is out there.

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 outdated versions of Windows. There is a link to the Adobe page on the Indy Region website, too.

New members of Indy Region will receive Clutch Chatter in the mail. They will be able to elect to opt-out by filling out and mailing in the form below.

Non-members. Clutch Chatter is a valuable tool for recruiting new members into the region, and drawing participants to our events. Our new process will be to purge them from the list after three months. If they participate in another event after the three months, then they stay on the list.

If you **change your mind**, you can complete and mail in the form below.

Opt-In/ Opt-Out Form

Return completed form to:
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 2835 Madelynne Dr, Apt D
 Indianapolis IN 46229

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Opt-in to continue receiving Clutch Chatter via mail by completing and returning this form.
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Name: _____ SCCA Membership # _____

Address: _____
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Your answer to the following question has no bearing on your choice:
 Do you have an e-mail address or readily available internet access? Yes _____ No _____

Classifieds

Classifieds are offered as a free service to Indy Region members. Please submit to Dick Powell (contact info on inside cover). Deadline for April issue ads is March 15.

Motorola GP300 radios (2), chargers and one headset. All equipment in good condition and functions as new. \$425

Also:

12 x 20 Holiday Canopy This is a very nice canopy, heavy duty red and white striped, excellent condition. Comes with all hardware and poles. New cost was approximately \$1200. \$350 OBO.

Contact David Schacht (317) 263-2249 days (317) 818-1086 evenings or dschacht@simon.com

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1977 BMW 320, only driven for short distance on weekends and not at all for the past three years (barn stored), this car is set up for Solo II, FSP, could easily be converted to street or track. BBS wheels, (set of Alpina wheels available at extra cost), Flowmaster muffler, Repco pads, four point harness, header, Suspension Techniques sway bars front and back, Eibach springs, Bilstein shocks, strut brace, quick shift kit, twin webers (40DCOE) on Korman manifold, K&N air filters, 3.91 limited on car, spare 3.64 limited. \$2800 or offers.

Richard Atkins (812) 446-1313

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For Sale: 1971 MGB-GT, one owner, in storage six years, needs freshening, \$3,000 obo. Call 297-5474 6-10 pm, Sue Young and Andy Welden

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For Sale: '79 VW Rabbit, ITC car. Built in '92 by our own Pete Hylton. 1.5L engine, 4spd trans, autopower cage, fiberglass competition seat, 5 point belts, Bilstein Sport struts/shocks, Neuspeed race springs/bars, 4 mounted Hoosier Dirt Stocker rains, 3 mounted Toyo dry tires, 4 extra rims, spare body/engine/suspension parts. Reliable starter car for ITC, great potential with engine upgrade to 1.6L. Also potential for Solo in D Street Prepared or E Prepared, or upgrade racing to F or G Prod. 5th place in Indy Region Regional Racing in 2002, 4th place in the Champ Series! Asking \$2500.

For Sale: '99 18 ft. Open Car Hauler, dual axle, elec. brakes, diamond plate bed, open in the center, tongue jack, load leveling hitch/attachments available. Asking \$1700.

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For Sale: '96 Ford Econoline E250 Cargo Van. 138" wheelbase, preferred equipment package (XL trim, captains chairs, power windows/locks), 5.8L EFI V8, Electronic 4-speed Automatic Trans, 3.73 axle,

Windows all around, AC, sliding side door, 4 wheel ABS, Chrome step-bumper, 35 gal tank, driver airbag, class 3 trailer hitch, 77,000 miles. Recent maintenance: spark plugs/wires, pcv valve, fuel filter, belts, coolant flush, rear axle seals. Running on Amsoil. Load leveling hitch/attachments available. Excellent tow vehicle - had no problems towing above car/trailer for 4 seasons. Asking \$7150.

Julie Hanson (734)-699-1690 or jahracr@quixnet.net



WANTED TO BUY: StepVan or box truck, medium size, to be used for short trips on week-ends several times a year. Good running condition, trailer hitch a plus but not required. Any color, year, make, or model considered. Please contact Steve Linn (contact info inside cover) if you have any information on where we may acquire such a beast at a modest cost to the region.

'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.

HaulMark 24foot enclosed trailer, winch and battery, folding tire racks, two spare tires, workbench with vise, equalizing hitch insert and anti-sway bar. Three rows of uni-strut tie down strips and four additional tie-down points. \$4250. Gary Parker, 317-590-7437 or bearfamily17@juno.com

Indy Region's March Board Meeting at



Karting: If you haven't tried indoor karting, then you don't know what you're missing! Anybody (SCCA or non) can show up and run. Bring your friends. It's just a reason to have a lot of fun together! Show up any time between 6-10PM and run the karts.

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 317-594-0584
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