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Sunday, February 22, 2004

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Indianapolis Region Solo2 Series
Sunday, March 7, 2004



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Calendar



February 11	Board Meeting, Fastimes
February 22	Road Rally, Indy
March 6-7	Spring Training Seminars
March 7	Indy Solo Test & Tune, 16th Street
March 20	NEOhio competition Clinic, Cleveland
March 21	Road Rally, Indy
March 28	CSCC Solo Points event #1
April 4	Indy Solo Points event #1
April 24-25	CSCC Solo School and Points event #2
May 2	Indy Solo Points event #2
May 8-9	Indy Double Regional at IRP
July 3-4	Indy National Races at IRP

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At our January BOD meeting we filled out the non-elected director positions and confirmed program chairpersons and publishers. We have some old timers to remind us of the history of our region, some carryover members to provide continuity, and some new blood to keep us thinking progressively. A very nice mix. I am excited to be working with this group. Indy Region is set up to have a great year in 2004!

Plan and Execute. Two words that can make a world of difference for our programs are 'plan' and 'execute'. This time of year we're in the middle of doing our overall planning. Schedules, rules, and budgets. Our January meeting set the tone and our February session will mostly be about pulling everything together to see what we have. It is not too late to get in your two cents. Actually it's never too late, but some things are relatively inflexible once set for the year. Please contact your favorite program chairperson soon if you want to be heard. As the first significant snowfall is accumulating outside tonight, I for one am ready for our competition events to get started this spring so that we can get to some of that "execute" stuff.

Activities. I'm glad that Lou Ann Linn has stepped up the activities program for the club this year. It is my hope that we can find more exciting ways to do fun things

together. She pulled together the road trip to the Detroit Auto Show and I hear it was a great adventure. Next up is the Rumble in the Dome! Many can remember when social events were a big part of the SCCA, and I think we can get back to that. Let Lou Ann hear your ideas and come out and join us for some fun activities.

Checked Flag. Unfortunately I must report that the region has lost two valued members in January. Jim Baugh was lost in an accident while responding to a call. He was a Putnam County sheriff's deputy. Many of you knew Jim as Jason Baugh's father. I first met Jim when he was crewing for Jason at a race at IRP, and he often helped to man the Trackside Supply trailer. He loved racing and had many stories about and photos of the professional racers he met while they were testing at Putnam Park road course. Just this evening I received an e-mail from Jay Shadoan's wife, Anne, letting us know that he passed away on Friday, January 23rd, after his courageous battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). I only briefly knew Jay while he served on the BOD in early 2002, but in that short time heard some great stories. He had a long history of SCCA involvement both in Indianapolis Region and elsewhere, and was an active racer for years. Please keep Jim and Jay's families in your thoughts.

THANKS AGAIN, WORKERS (Our All-Volunteer Core)

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FEBRUARY 4-7, 2004**

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Check SCCA.com for registration, schedule, and updates on seminars. See you there!

2004 Annual Tech: Our Race Car Tech Inspector Jay Quinn will be gone during January and February, but will be available by appointment after returning for 2004 Race Car Annual Technical Inspections. Call 248-9626 in March to get ready for the season. Jay can also help you get your GCR for 2004.

The Annual Central Division Spring Training and Seminars for Workers and Stewards is scheduled for March 6-7, 2004. This year it will be held at Brickyard Crossing; very convenient for all the Indianapolis Region folks! For workers wanting to refresh their memories, and for those who would like to start working in one of the race disciplines, this is an opportunity that should not be passed up. Keep watching in future issues, on our website, or on the CenDiv website for more information as it becomes available.

Membership Report

By Ian Linn

I would like to start my first column by personally welcoming the following new members to the club:

Jason Weida – Plainfield, IN	Subaru Member
Richard Watson – Rossville, IN	Subaru Member
James Michael Murrell – Greenwood, IN	Subaru
James Lopossa – Mooresville, IN	Subaru Member
Christopher M. Cross – Russiaville, IN	Subaru Member
Waylen Hunsucker – Indianapolis, IN	
John L. Carnes Jr. – New Castle, IN	
Joel Harleman – Coatesville, IN	
Garold Shaffer – Portage, IN	

If you are at an event and bump into one of these new members, go out of your way to make them feel welcome and answer any questions they may have.

As the newly elected Membership Chair, I would like to share with you (the club) my goals for the New Year.

First – Retention, Retention, Retention. The key to having our club grow to become a strong self-sufficient organization is to retain the members that we currently have (595 members as of 01-01-04) and recruit new members. No one is going to renew their membership if they feel we have nothing to offer. To this point, I will be working closely with our Activities, Clutch Chatter, and Webmaster chairpersons to ensure that all of our mem-

bers are informed of the opportunities to get involved.

Second – Activities. In the last 5 years or so, the number of non-competition events has dwindled down to 1...the year-end awards banquet. That doesn't leave a lot of opportunities for the portion of our membership that may not actively compete in Rally, Solo, or Club Racing. It is my belief that many of our former members may have renewed if there were more chances to get involved.

Third – Recruiting. I plan on working in conjunction with as many of the Marque clubs as I can to try and get crossover members. I plan on attending several car shows to hand out literature and spread the word. If there's an event that you feel would be worth attending, send me an e-mail and I will try to set it up.

Finally, I have a couple of simple requests of you the membership: Talk to your SCCA friends and ask yourselves "what else can WE do as a club to improve the experience?" And secondly, I challenge you to find someone that could be a potential member and invite them to our next event. In fact, I would like everyone to try and bring someone new to each event you attend.

I am always open to suggestions and hope to see you at an event soon.

Activities Report

By Lou Ann Linn

Several Indy Region members took advantage of the first activity of the year; a day trip to the 2004 Detroit Auto Show. Ian and Lou Ann Linn, Frank and Candi Pope, Gabriel (an exchange student from Brazil), Dick Powell, Allison Kunack, Jim Lin, and Julie Hanson and Friend spent Saturday January 17th looking at and drooling over the new car lines and the concept cars that the manufacturers had on display.

The group had plenty of laughs on the way up to Detroit as well as coming back home. Ian, a former Chicago resident, did a great job of getting us through the snow, sleet, freezing rain, rain, detours, and a 5 car accident on I-94. On the return trip, Ian (with approval of the group), decided to try a different route, I-75 southbound and once again we were routed off the highway and got a very scenic tour of downtown Toledo. It took some time to get thru town, since we did not have a map and were following the traffic. One would think that having National Rally drivers and navigators with us would have helped with directions, but that was not the case. There were many wisecracks and jokes that were shared amongst all and Candi even had one of her "blonde" moments when she spotted the In-Gut Convenience store. (Memo to Candi: it was actually called the In-Out Convenience store.)

At our first activity of 2004, a good time was had by all

and I hope to see many more of you join us for upcoming events that will be scheduled throughout the year.

Our next activity for 2004 will be the Rumble in the Dome Presented by Garage Doors of Indianapolis on February 28, 2004. The event will feature top drivers competing in National Midget Cars, Outlaw Winged Midgets, and more on the 1/5th mile indoor oval. Discounted suite tickets as well as general admission tickets will be available to members and non-members who are interested in attending. There are also tickets prices for kids 12 and under available for \$5.00.

If you are interested in attending this event with the region, please contact Lou Ann Linn at 317-979-9949 or e-mail me at louann70@netzero.net.

Please check the web site and the e-group for further information regarding the event.

As a bonus to the region, if we purchase a package of tickets, then our group will get a welcome announcement in addition to our listing in the event program. Let's make this a great turn out for the SCCA and show our support for the racing community!

Hope to see you at the Dome!

These are the minutes of the January 13, 2004 meeting of the Board of Directors. Present at the meeting were Matt Curry, Frank and Candi Pope, Darren Daubenspeck, Dave DeBolt, Dick Powell, Steve Linn, Ian and Lou Ann Linn, Jim Lin, David Burkhead, and Waylen Hunsucker.

The first order of business was to fill the remaining positions on the Board of Directors. The elected members voted for the two former member positions. Darren Daubenspeck and Steve Linn were unanimously elected. The Board then selected three members at large, unanimously approving Candice Pope, Jim Lin, and Dick Powell.

The appointment of Chairpersons for the competition disciplines were discussed and approved. Candice Pope is the Rally chair, Darren Daubenspeck and David Burkhead are Solo Co-chairs, and Pete Hylton is the race chair. Jan Castelluccio will continue to be pointskeeper, and Matt will track points for Competitor of the Year.

Matt asked each person to start thinking about who will be their replacement. The board discussed considering 2 year terms for some offices. Frank suggested the treasurer's office be a two year term, with an finance committee or an assistant for the second year who would be expected to run in the following election.

There were some budget discussions. It was decided that each cost center should prepare their budget proposals and distribute them by email before the next meeting. We should have the discrepancies ironed out before the meeting. Matt asked all to consider changing Clutch Chatter and the Website from being separate cost centers to being part of the 4 income groups. Also consider combining the activities budget as part of the membership budget.

Points Rules Changes will be finalized at the February meeting. Each group is to make their proposed changes and distribute by email before the meeting. Approval at the meeting should not require much further discussion. The Rules can be finalized and published on the website prior to the first event (Rally on Feb. 22).

Solo. Darren has prepared a preliminary schedule, and is working to coordinate with Columbus region and our Rally chair. Daren also presented a proposal for equip-

ment rental to other organizations, which was discussed and approved.

Membership. We currently have 595 members. The direct deposit from SCCA National Office is functioning, simplifying dues payments to our region. Ian suggested we consider promoting combined events with some of the marquee clubs where they would get member pricing for that event.

Clutch Chatter. Region points rules will be published in the March issue. Publishing on the website before the first event meets the requirements of our bylaws. Dick Powell is to look for ways to reduce newsletter expenditures, including considering reducing number of pages.

Activities. The Detroit Auto Show trip only has 8 persons, but we can still do this with a passenger Van. Julie Hanson has been able to get reduced price tickets for the smaller group. The board unanimously approved the payment of excess expenditures. Lou Ann has arranged a possible group outing to the Rumble In The Dome races on Feb 28 with a discount to our members. We will get requests for member response in Clutch Chatter and the Website. Lou Ann also had been getting rates and info for our awards banquet for Dec 4.

Rally. The first two rallies of the season are already set up, and Candi has found rallymasters for nearly all 10 events for the year. Steve Linn got volunteered (by Candi) to be the rallymaster for the last one in November. Candi has started on her budget, and has suggested some changes to the Points rules. She requests any input on rules changes be emailed to her for review. Candi will be working with Darren and CSCC to coordinate dates to eliminate conflicts.

New Business. The Board discussed having representation at the National Convention this year. It was not felt that we would gain from having any members attend this year. Meeting dates were discussed, considering who would have particular evenings open. Matt is reviewing the options. The next meeting is scheduled for February 11th at Fastimes.

We Remember Jay Shadoan 12/31/1937 to 1/23/2004

JASPER "JAY" C. SHADOAN, 67, Carmel, passed away January 23, 2004. In 1973 Jay purchased Frauman-Shadoan Insurance which eventually became Consolidated Insurance Services where he served as VP and partner until his retirement in 1997.

Jay enjoyed auto racing and was a member of the Sports Car Club of America. He served as National Convention chairman (1990), Regional Executive, membership chairman, regional newsletter editor, and in many other positions in his 30 years of membership. He won regional and national championships, and taught competition driving at Indianapolis Raceway Park for SCCA.

Jay organized and helped run many local, state and federal Republican campaigns, was a member of the

Marion County Sheriff's Board for 12 years and was on the board of directors for the Marion Co. Sheriffs Precision Motorcycle Drill Team. He also chaired the committee to pass the Habitual Offender law in Indiana.

Jay was a Big I member (Indiana and National) since 1970, coached youth football, baseball and basketball for 15 years while raising 5 sons, and was a member of Hillcrest County Club, and the American Legion, #0155.

Survivors include his wife of 24 years, Anne H. Shadoan & sons, Mark Darling, James J., Steven J., Michael T. Shadoan & Anthony H. Moore. There are 10 Grandchildren & 1 Great-Grandchild. Memorial contributions may be made to the (ALS) Lou Gehrigs Disease Association of Indiana.

Solo Report: Getting Started for 2004 !

by Darren Daubenspeck

As you probably know by now, the Indy region will be sponsoring a CenDiv Divisional Event at Peru on June 25-27. The two-day event will be counted as a region series points event. I'd like to extend a big THANK YOU to Raleigh Boreen and Rick Swarts who have volunteered to be the Event Chairs for the CenDiv. However, they can't possibly pull the event off alone. This is a BIG deal event that will require more effort than the typical regional event to pull off. We need volunteers to step up to take specialty chair positions. The next CenDiv organizational meeting will be on February 5th, at 7:00 PM, at Raleigh and Velma Boreen's residence in Westfield. If you are interested in attending to find out more, please contact either of the Solo Co-chairs or the Boreens for directions.

It takes the dedicated efforts of Co-Chairmen, Event Chairmen, Event Specialty Volunteers, and an Uncredited Cast of Thousands (well, maybe not that many) to pull off our events, so please step up to give back!

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 our website main page www.indyscca.org or go directly to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/indyscca/>

We have a tentative Indy Region solo schedule readied for your planning purposes, but locations have not yet been decided for each of the dates. Please take the dates presented below with a grain of salt, as a final decision HAS NOT yet been made. Please do not post anything to websites or mail lists, as this IS NOT a final schedule. As always, please check the www.indyscca.org website and the yahoo e-group for more current information, because it is updated frequently between Clutch Chatter publications.

We should get Columbus dates listed next issue.

March 7	Test and Tune
April 4	Points Event #1
May 2	Points Event #2
May 23	Points Event #3
June 6	Points Event #4
June 26-27	CenDiv - Points Event #5
July 17	Points Event #6
August 21	Points Event #7
September 6	Points Event #8 with CSCC
October 3	Worker Invitational

Keep in mind, this schedule is still fluid at this point, so stay tuned to future Clutch Chatters and the website for more current information. During the 2004 season we will be REQUIRING Event Chairman for each Solo event. This will allow members to get more of a feel for running 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!

As always, the solo chairs can be contacted at:

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Help the Solo program by helping some marque clubs !

The Indy Region Solo program has been approached by a few car clubs for rental of autocrossing equipment for their national meets which will occur in Indianapolis this year. All have asked to rent timing equipment, and two have asked to rent pylons.

The BOD has decided that it would be permissible to rent our backup timing system and some pylons to these groups. Naturally, we will require a damage deposit and formal lease documentation that the Solo Co-chairs will generate.

However, we need a SCCA member, who has some autocross experience, to volunteer for the day to transport, and be present to set-up, monitor, and safeguard our timing equipment whenever the system is "on the ground" in use. The backup system very simple to set-up and operate, as it simply gives times on a display – it does not need a PC.

The BOD has decided that it would not be appropriate for the SCCA member to officially perform T&S services, because it may violate some administrative rules that we must follow. This means that the volunteer does not have to record times or classes – which takes away some of the work and drudgery of volunteering.

The marque clubs will have to provide a means to pick up, count, return, and re-load the pylons into our Equipment Bus. The SCCA volunteer would need to verify the quantity of returned pylons.

On the plus side, the marque clubs will probably allow you to take a few rides in their cars, or run your own car through the course, so it may be an opportunity to get in some extra autocrossing practice! And, the volunteer would be helping to ease our budget woes by helping to bring in some cash inflow to the Solo Program!

If you're interested in volunteering to help out for the day, or have further questions, please contact Darren Daubenspeck directly at drdspeck@on-net.net or 317-865-0864.

The clubs that have requested our assistance, and their event dates, are: Impala SS Club, at 16th Street, August 28th; 3000/Stealth Club, at IRP, July 16th; Mazda Club, at IRP, May 1st (We already have a volunteer for this event); Cougarfest, at IRP, July 24th

“POPE” on Rallying

If you read my column last month I had a contest on who could figure out what “POR” meant. The winner would receive a free entry for a rally. I received many good and some weird answers but only one “correct” answer.

- The Winner of the freebie isdrumroll please.....
Jim Cates !!!! Congratulations!

It appears it is going to be a banner year not only for Rallying but for the club as well. One of my goals this year was to get younger people involved, that appears to be reachable as I have had many inquires about rules concerning minors. This is very exciting. I am still working on getting more “old timers” to run.

If you are interested in being a Rallymaster let me know. We still have slots available. We also have a lot of people to help with any questions or concerns. I also need some more people to become Safety Stewards. A Safety Steward pre checks the rally and then signs off on it. Let me know if you are interested.

I have tentative Rally dates for the rest of the year. This is contingent on the Race, Solo and other club activities.

Feb 22... Cruisin with Cary

March 21... March on Regardless

April 17.... “Wine”-ding thru Indiana (adult only)

May 18...

June 27.... “Retro” Run

July 25....

August 14-15 (national Rally) Need Workers

Sept. 19... Okoberfest

Oct 24... Chad's Rally ??

Nov.14 .. Steve's Rally ??

Below is the information on the first 2 rallies of the year. Hope to see you there.

Date: Sunday - February 22 “Cruisin’ with Cary”

Rallymaster: Brent Cary (an old timer)

Starts: Eastside of Bloomington IN.... Intersection of SR 46 and 446...LOOK for the Check Point signs.

Registration: 12:00 pm

Driver’s Meeting: 12:45pm

1st car out: 1:00 pm + car number

Type: Regularity Run (Hard surface roads)

The great thing about this rally is you determine what speed you want to run. The challenge is doing it the same way twice. You will run one 20 mile loop at which time your average mph will be determined. Then run a 30 mile loop. The goal is to have the same mph during that loop. There will be approx. 5 passive controls to gage each cars average time during the run. (passive meaning you do not stop). Weather will not be a factor. It is being run in the Hoosier National Forest. Great views.

Date: Sunday – March 21

“March Madness Rally, aka MORE (March on Regardless)

Rallymaster: Vic Brunamonti (another old-timer)

Starts: I-65 South, Exit 76

Registration: 12:00 pm (near McDonald’s at Edinburgh Outlet Mall)

Driver’s Meeting: 12:45 pm

1st car out: 1:00 pm + car number

Type: TSD

Quoting the Rallymaster “This is an 80 mile, all-paved, easy, TSD, trap rally...” It will end at approximately 4:30 pm (back at the Mall)

The Race Report: Going Racing in 2004!

By Pete Hylton

Just a couple of days before the deadline for this newsletter, our editor, Dick Powell pointed out that he hadn’t received anything from me yet. Now, having served as editor or assistant editor for more years that I want to count, I should have thought about the fact that he was going to want an article about the fast-approaching race season. It must be my steadily advancing years, but the thought frankly hadn’t hit me yet.

The temperatures today were below zero with the wind chill. Nonetheless, I was moving race cars and body parts in and out of the trailer and the garage.....so the season must be starting to get close. Of course, the fact that I was moving things around outside when the wind chill was below zero does throw some question as to the intelligence of putting me in charge of this year’s race program.

I have acquired a co-race chairman in the form of Jeannie Spellman. And I’ve been reviewing past supps and schedules along with the new insurance rates and policies, so the paperwork is starting to come together. There have been some brainstorming sessions regarding what special activities we can come up with to overcome our

date challenges (Mothers Day and Independence Day). And I’ve started soliciting chiefs of various specialties.

So it won’t be long before someone is tapping you on the shoulder to ask you to help with our two race weekends. The Board and I have high hopes that these will be another step on the road to Indy Region’s Race Recovery Program (IRRRP???) Sounds like either a stutter in the middle of our favorite race track.....or the sound I hear when Aeron gets me to take her on one of the Frog Hunts with the Eagle Creek Park Rangers)

At any rate.....by the time next month’s newsletter appears, I promise to flood you with details on the Double Regional Weekend for May 8-9. But for now.....I have at least met Dick’s current deadline, and assured you that the race program is still on track for a great year.

If you have any thoughts, questions, or an unquenchable desire to volunteer your help immediatelyplease contact me at 852-5923 or petehylton@surf-ici.com.

Pete Hylton, Indy Region Race Chairman

Get Ready for the 2004 NE Ohio Competition Clinic !

The 2004 Neohio Competition Clinic is on Saturday, March 20, 2004, at the IX-Center in Cleveland, OH. Mark your calendar for the new and improved day of competition information and activity.

There's a new format and new topics. You can follow one track throughout the day or attend sessions in other tracks. The three tracks are Beginner Road Racing, Advanced Road Racing, and Solo.

In addition, you can watch several Neohio members build a Spec Miata right before your eyes! Work will begin on the build as participants register for the Comp Clinic and finish by the end of the day. The vehicle will be raffled for charity at the Neohio 12 Hour at the Ledges event, July 23-25, 2004.

For more information, go to www.neohio-scca.org. You can also contact Sherrie Weitzenhoff by e-mail at SWeitzenho@aol.com and by phone (330) 666-2627 (no later than 9 PM eastern time) or Connie Peplowski by e-mail at times99@earthlink.net and by phone (440) 442-4521.

Notes From A Nut - Early Season Start

By Dick Powell

As great as last year was, I believe the coming year is going to be even better! We have more events planned for everyone to enjoy, and our activities chairperson is determined to keep us busy! Some of us already had our first club activity with a trip to the Detroit Auto Show. Thanks to Lou Ann for planning, Ian for driving, and Julie for helping us get the tickets; I really enjoyed the (loooooong) day.

Our other chairpersons have been busy too. Darren has planned for 10 Solo events through the season, and they can classify your vehicle to enter the events. Join the FUN behind your own wheel in the safety of the cones and away from the cops. Candice has prepared for 10 rallies this year, and has rallymasters committed for each of them.

You can get a partner and enter in the Novice class, and find out how much FUN a rally can be. Pete Hylton has been preparing for a great Racing schedule this year, hoping for record entries in our Regionals and Nationals. There is always room for more people to get on the corner stations at the races, or to help with Timing and Scoring in the tower, and be part of the FUN of Sports Car Racing. YOU can contact the people who chair the events by finding their contact information inside the front cover. Each one of them will be more than happy to point you in the right direction to get you involved.

This is YOUR club, come on out and join the FUN with the rest of us! LET'S DO IT!

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DATE	DRIVER'S SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	NATIONALS	OTHER EVENTS
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Apr 17-18	DET @ WAT			
Apr 24-25	QUAD@ BHF	QUAD@ BHF	INR @ GM	Safety Day at NL
May 1-2			BVR @ BHF	VSCDA @ GM
May 8-9	NEO @ NL	INDY@IRP (D) (C)		
May 15-16			DET/FTW @ GRA	SVRA @ RA
May 22-23			MIL/CHI/BVR @ BHF	
May 29-30 Memorial Day		WMR @ GRA (D) (C)		
June 5-6		MIL @ BHF (C) (C)	OVR @ M-O	AMA @ RA CART @ MIL
June 12-13		NEO @ NL (D) (C)		
June 19-20			CHI @ RA JUNE SPRINTS	F1@INDIANAPOLIS VSCDA @ BHF
Jun 26-27	MICHIANA @ GM	MICHIANA @ GM (C) MIL @ RA (D) (C)		ALMS/WC @ M-O
July 3-4		CINCY @ M-O (D) (C)	INDY @ IRP	CART @ CLEVE
July 10-11		BVR @ BHF (D)		
July 17-18				BRIC VSCDA @ RA
July 24-25		MIL @ RA DET @ WAT NEO @ NL ENDURO	MIL @ RA	
July 31-Aug 1		FTW @ M-O (D) (C)		
Aug 7-8		LSR/WMR @ GRA (D) (C)		Brickyard 400 @ Indy CART @ RA Grand-am @ MO
Aug 14-15		CHI @ RA (D) (C)	NEO @ M-O	
Aug 21-22				ALMS @ RA VSCDA @ GRA
Sep 4-5 Labor Day			WMR/SBR @ GRA	
Sep 11-12		OVR @ M-O (D) (C)		
Sep 18-19				VSCDA @ RA
Sep 20-26			SCCA RunOffs @ M-O	
Oct 2-3		WOR @ M-O (C)		
Oct 9-10		CHI @ BHF (C)		
Oct 16-17				VSCDA @ MO

BHF-Blackhawk Farms	GM-GingerMan	NL-Nelson Ledges
GRA-Grattan	IRP-Indianapolis Raceway Park	RA-Road America
M-O-Mid Ohio	WAT-Waterford Hills	
(C) Champ Series	(D) Double	



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