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Calendar



Feb 20 Solo Steering Committee meeting, DOOKZ
Feb 22 Indy Region BOD meeting, DOOKZ
Mar 3 Great Lakes Division Spring Training, Toledo
March Indy Region Solo Spring Training Seminars
Apr 4 Season Starter Fun Solo, 16th St Stadium
Apr 22 Solo Points Event 1, 16th St Stadium

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Thanks to all that attended this years Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. I know some folks went home with some really great raffle prizes and dinner was great! My thanks again to John Wilmoth and Phil Wehman for all the work he did on our most-excellent trophies. Thanks also to Dick Powell for shooting photos of all our winners.

In between our celebration of the 2006 season, the Region membership elected its Board of Directors for 2007: Regional Executive – Steve Linn, Assistant Regional Executive – Andy Welden, Treasurer – Rich Lankford, Secretary – Dick Powell, Activities – Lou Beyer, and our new one, Brian Gard – our new Membership director. Thanks to all and I look forward to working with you over the coming year. Thanks to Jan Casteluccio for being our Ballot Chair as well as Jim Lin for stepping in for Jan at the meeting.

At the February Board Meeting (Thursday, Feb. 22) the elected Board will be appointing the balance of Directors. As is tradition, we expect to be appointing our Solo co-chairs (Darren Daubenspeck and Phil Wehman) as well as our Rally chair (Cheryl Swarts). We expect to fill the

final 3 at-large positions at this meeting as well. Anyone with any interest please contact me before the meeting and please plan on attending. Remember, this is YOUR club.



And one final, and very important, note. In some very late-breaking news coming in from our reporter at the National SCCA convention in San Antonio, the awards for the top Region newsletters and web sites were passed out. This year, the separate awards were combined into a "2006 Region Communications Award". Indianapolis Region took home **Second Place!!** A huge congratulation is in order for Dick Powell and John Wilmoth for all their efforts over the past year. You guys deserve it!

See you on track, on the road, or between the cones!

THANKS AGAIN, WORKERS (Our All-Volunteer Core)

See YOU at the Board Meeting... Share the FUN...

Minutes of Indy Region Board Meetings

by Dick Powell

This is a synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD December 14, 2006 at DOOKZ Sports Grille, 6:30 PM. There were 10 directors and 7 guests present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report Rich emailed the report to everyone before the meeting. The Track Bill from ORPI has arrived and was paid. The report was reviewed and approved.

Clutch Chatter Dick Powell presented a year-end report. The expenses for the year were within the initially proposed budget for the year. January is expected to be a single sheet mailer only to remind everyone of the awards Banquet and election of Officers. We will have a combined January/February issue for Feb.

Website John has almost all of the web material recovered and reloaded. We continue to have a very active website.

Membership Cheryl Swarts sent a report with Velma. We had 492 members in late November, increasing to 504 in early December. This time of year we have many memberships expiring, and members forgetting to renew. We should get some of the expired members back soon.

This is a synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD January 20, 2007 at Primo's North after the Awards Banquet. There were 8 directors present. Minutes of the previous meeting will be submitted in Feb.

Treasurers Report Rich Lankford reported that our checking and savings accounts had not gotten low during the year, and suggested we transfer some of the funds to CD's for higher interest. He plans to move \$10,000 from

Activities The Awards Banquet is set, and the down payment to Primo's has been submitted. The menu will be similar to last year.

John Wilmoth has the imagery finished for the trophies, and is preparing them. Phil Wehman and John will be assembling the trophies for presentation.

Rally The December rally was cancelled for lack of entrants - only 2 cars showed up. We are looking at revising the program for next year, with more incentives to participate. We are considering some additional incentives for being a rallymaster. We have 2 confirmed rallies for 2007 at this time.

Solo The Solo Steering Committee will meet at DOOKZ on January 7. Phil has prepared a preliminary schedule for 2007, is discussing with CSCC to avoid conflicts.

Race The Great Lakes Division Schedule is set for next year, with our three dates at ORP being May 5 & 6, July 7 & 8, and Sept 29 & 30.

Next meeting scheduled for January 20 after the Awards Banquet/Annual Meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

the accounts into a 1 year CD at 5% interest, and in a couple months, move \$5000 from the accounts into a 6 month CD at slightly lower interest, but which will make the funds available mid year if needed. The BOD approved this action.

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 22, 6:30 PM at DOOKZ.

Meeting was adjourned.

Congratulations to our 2006 Special Award Winners

Jack Hergenroether Memorial Trophy
Member Of The Year
Worker(s) Of The Year
Spirit Of Solo Award
Jack Tovey Solo Cup Champion
Fairbanks Competitor of the Year

Ralph Porter
Darren Daubenspeck
Pete & Wendy Hylton
Raleigh & Velma Boreen
Phil Wehman
Steve Linn

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2006 Indianapolis Region Awards Banquet

Report by Dick Powell

Saturday, January 20th was our annual awards banquet for about 85 Indy region members and guests, with a very nice buffet dinner at Primo's North Banquet Center. Lou Byer did a great job with the planning and preparation for the banquet, and deserves a lot of thanks from all of us for his work.

Steve Linn was the MC for the evening, starting by Thanking all the program chairs and their helpers for a successful year. This also being the annual meeting for the club, Steve went on to give us a short report on the state of the club, which was then followed by a Treasurers Report from Rich Lankford.



Steve Linn presided in the drawings for door prizes throughout the evening. The first drawing was for the Hoosier Tires (Special Thanks to Dave Garner of Hoosier Tire Midwest), drawn from the Yellow tickets with Lou Byers help so everyone had an equal chance of winning, but the winning ticket was sealed away until the end of the evening.

After some more booty, we got to the Solo Awards for 2006. Darren Daubenspeck read and Phil Wehman presented the Solo awards to 38 of our members (see List on page 9) for their results in 17 classes this year, followed by a special award to Chuck Hanson for his help in providing a place to keep "da Bus".



Thanks to Chuck, the funds that would have been spent for storage can be utilized more effectively for the club. Then it was time for the infamous "Conehead of the Year" award, with Michael LeVeque earning the award, presented by Darren and accepted by proxy by Warren. Michael always drives the Corvairs vigorously and very well; sometimes the cones just disagree about how fast you can go!



The Spirit of Solo award was given to Raleigh and Velma Boreen for their outstanding efforts to promote the Solo program throughout the year. They have organized the very successful CenDiv Solo event at Grissom for two years, an event that was voted the best in CenDiv by the competitors in the division. Darren also discussed some of the (many) other things Raleigh and Velma have done for the club, and added his special Thanks to them for all their work.

The Jack Tovey Solo2 Champion of the Year competition was close all year between Phil Wehman and Geoff Chambers, with Gus Hammerly and Joe Kniesly close enough to keep them honest. In the end, it was Phil who topped the final tally by a single point to get the special Trophy, presented by Jack (in absence, represented by Warren and a nametag).



Cheryl Swarts was unable to attend the Banquet due to recent complications, and was very much missed by many of us there. Steve took over for the Rally Awards, reading through the lists of winners (see Page 9) for the different classes, culminating with Chuck Hanson getting the Class A First Place Trophy.

Time for more door prizes! Did I tell you Steve really got a lot of stuff lined up for us? We had gift certificates from North American Race Parts (Thanks Gordon), certificates and goodies from Performance Driven LLC (Thanks Brian), lots of goodies from Indianapolis Motor Speedway (Thanks Tony), an illustration from our own special Artist Lou Byer, and certificates for Hi Resolution prints from John Wilmoth for anything in his on-line gallery. Steve had a busy night drawing for all those goodies.

Our Race program awards were presented by Andy Welden, starting with our competitors at the National level. Brian Doll had a great season to get 5th in points from our region, and Bobby Caldwell with his new Formula Continental was 4th. 3rd in points was Bill Partridge in his GTLite, and Ralph Porter's efforts in SSC got him to second behind Bill Baten, whose outstanding year in Touring 2 led the region in National Points. In the Regional Series, the points showed Andy Doyle in ITS was 5th, Lyle Riggen in his SP Cobra was 4th, Jim Sexton in ITC was 3rd, and Tim Selby in ITS tied for First in Points with Stephen Best in HP.

Our National level competitors who finished well in their classes in the CenDiv National Championship Series were presented with their trophies from CenDiv, with Bill Partridge First in Division in GTL, Ralph Porter First in Division in SSC, Bill Baten also the Class Champion in T2. Andy then presented the CenDiv Awards to the competitors who finished in the top 5 in their class in the regional championships: Andy Doyle for 4th in ITS, Tim Selby for 2nd in ITS, Tim Flock for 2nd in FC, Stu Coomer for 1st in SRF, Mark Terrell for 1st in FV, and Steve Best for 1st in HP.

The recipient of the Hergenroether Award is selected by all winners from previous years on the basis of attitude, sportsmanship, and competitiveness. This is truly a recognition of an outstanding racer by his peers. Ralph Porter is the winner this year, after a year of hard competition ending with a Third Place finish at the Runoffs in the very competitive SSC class. Ralph thanked his Wife and workers for making this year possible. Sharon worked hard with him all this year, getting a new car on track in midseason, and finishing the year very well at Topeka.



Time for a break in the awards. Pete Hylton came to the podium to entertain us, and started with a shocking admission to being a sportscaraholic! He has been working to overcome this affliction, with much understanding and help from his wife and family, but it seems there are just too many MGs in this area, and he keeps backsliding. He explained how it all started so innocently with a nice TC, one that had strong roots and connections to the Indy racing history. But then there was another MG, and then another, and it gets more and more difficult to stop. He told us that his affliction is specifically with MGs, but we all need to be careful about any sportscars, as the dependency can occur before we realize it, and we may all get hooked! Pete went on to tell us about the early years of sportscars in the United States, from the importation of British cars to the development of sportscars by US manufacturers, and how the larger, more comfortable, and more luxurious sportscars were even getting the attention of some of the women. Some of them even got so completely hooked that they started racing sportscars. This was a wonderful presentation by Pete, and we all enjoyed it immensely, even though we will probably fail to heed the warnings about (our own) sportscaraholism. Thanks for trying, Pete.



Steve Linn presented Appreciation Awards for their support of our club and competition programs through the year to Shane Benson of AIM Tuning, Dave Garner of Hoosier Tire, and also to Dookz Sports Bar, O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis, North American Race Parts, Performance Driven LLC, Marion Tire, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indy Parks and Recreation, Lafayette Square Mall, and Mount Comfort Airport. All of us need to remember those who support our club when we need goodies throughout the year.

Steve filled in for Membership Chairperson Cheryl Swarts recognized our members who have attained multiples of 5th anniversaries during 2006, including up to 40 years as a member of SCCA for Bill Partridge. The listing of these members is in the membership report on page 12.

Steve then presented the Involved Member Awards to those members who accumulated more than 800 points in two or more disciplines for the year. Receiving the awards this year were (in alphabetic order) Jack Banker, Darren Daubenspeck, Pete Hylton, Wendy Hylton, Steve Linn, Dick Powell, Phil Wehman, Andy Welden, and John Wilmoth. I know there are a couple others who forgot to submit their points. Look in the March issue of Clutch Chatter to review the points system for this award, and start to plan how you might participate next year and get an Involved Member Award.



The Worker of the Year award was presented by Steve Linn to Pete and Wendy Hylton. Anyone who attended our races at IRP (oops; ORPI) saw how much Pete and Wendy were doing, and many of us realize just how much they both did before the week-ends even began. There was not enough time in the evening for Steve to try listing all the things they do for the club, just barely time enough to say a heartfelt THANKS!

The John McGee Member of the Year Cup was presented by Steve to Darren Daubenspeck for his monumental efforts through the year as Solo Co-Chairperson and prime organizer, as well as his work through the year as our communications chief for the races at IRP. Thanks Darren, for all the cheerful work and effort, and congratulations.



Time for Competitor of the Year. This award is based on finishes in at least 2 of the competition categories for our region, counting the best 9 results with no more than 4 from any one category. The 2006 Competitor of the Year is again Steve Linn, getting 48 points in Race and Solo, finishing ahead of Sam Crites with 40 points in Solo and Rally. Congratulations, Steve, for a solid season of competition while also doing a ton of extra work for our club.



The final door prize for the evening was for the set of Hoosier Tires, given for the occasion by Dave Garner. Thanks again Dave for your support of our club. Riley Dill is expecting to run some faster times next year in his E-Prepared VW with his new set of Hoosier tires, and especially Thanks You!

The final bit of business for the annual meeting was the announcement of election results. Jim Lin counted the ballots and announced the results. Our officers for 2007 are Steve Linn as Regional Executive, Assistant RE is Andy Welden, Treasurer Rich Lankford, Secretary Dick Powell, Activities Chairperson Lou Byer, and Membership Chairperson Brian Gard. These new officers will be selecting the rest of the Board Of Directors at the February BOD meeting at DOOKZ on February 22. Anyone interested in helping guide the future of the club as a director should plan to attend the meeting.

Thanks again to Lou Byer for organizing the banquet and making it a huge success, and for stepping up to be our Activities Chairperson again in 2007.

THANKS to our special Friends for their donations !



Year End Class Winners Trophy List Rally and Solo

Rally Classes		ASP 1st	Jack Tovey	STS2 1st	Geoffrey Chambers
Class A	Chuck Hanson	2nd	Aaron Haskell	2nd	Gustavo Hammerly
Class B	Candice Pope	CSP 1st	Joel Harleman	STX 1st	Kevin Kent
Class C 1st	Rick and Cheryl Swarts	2nd	Griffin Wenrich	2nd	James Feltz
2nd	Sam and Beth tied	DSP 1st	Steve Linn	3rd	Warren Kneisley
2nd	David and Jim Cates	2nd	Brian Gard	SM 1st	Scott Dales
Novice	Ken Dunipace	3rd	Robert Heeter	2nd	Kevin Miller
		4th	Jim Lin	3rd	John Wilmoth
		ESP 1st	Sean Murphey	4th	Dale Brier
		EP 1st	Riley Dill	SM2 1st	Brian Tabor
Solo Classes		DM 1st	Phil Wehman	Junior Kart	
CS 1st	Jeff Alexander	2nd	Stephen Brinkerhoff	1st	Robby Linn
FS 1st	Rick Fosnight	EM 1st	Lee Miller	2nd	Logan Hayes
2nd	Jon Adams	2nd	Jack Banker	Conehead	Michael LeVeque
GS 1st	Joe Kniesly	STS 1st	Brian Davis	Tovey Cup COTY	Phil Wehman
2nd	Darren Daubenspeck	2nd	Will Lahee		
3rd	Chris McGuire	3rd	Michael Hacker		
HS 1st	Larry Harts	4th	Jeremy Garrett		
2nd	Brad Hayes				

Descriptions and Criteria for Indy Region Special Awards

By Steve Linn
And Pete Hylton

The Spirit of Solo Award is presented to the Solo person or competitor that may not have won a year-end class award, but showed the most enthusiasm, helpfulness, and spirit, and exemplifies what we believe all Solo competitors should be like. This award is chosen by the Solo Chair(s) after the finals points event of the season, but before the Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet.

The Worker Of The Year is selected by the Regional Executive as the person the RE believes made the most significant differences in the running of the clubs activities based on the special work they did during the year. Many times the work of an individual may be more behind the scenes and is not readily apparent to the general membership, but the valuable contributions to the club are known by the RE and recognized by this award.

**Michael Buchanen Fairbanks Memorial Award
Competitor of the Year**

The first award the Indianapolis Region ever presented was the High Point Award, which went to the driver scoring the most points in all of the Indy Region's events. It was first presented in 1952 to Bob Magenheimer, driving a 1948 MG TC that is now owned by Indy Region member and National SCCA Club Historian Peter Hylton. Bob repeated the feat and won the award again in 1953. Then in 1954, Mrs. Joseph Daniels donated a large silver plate to the region as the Michael Buchanen Fairbanks Award. It was named after her son, who had died in a car crash while attending Depauw University. As a matter of interest, Michael happened to be the grandson of Charles W. Fairbanks, Vice President of the United States under Teddy Roosevelt from 1905 to 1909. The new Fairbanks Award replaced the High Point Award, and continued to be given to the top competitor across all forms of competition in the Indy Region. As the club evolved into having more and more events, this interpretation evolved such that the award was given to the top competitor who competed in all forms of competition. This is a subtle distinction, but an important one. Originally it did not matter what events you competed in, you scored points in any event you ran, and they counted toward the award. In the later interpretation, you HAD to compete in all forms of competition. This is the reason that in the seventies the Fairbanks Award was not always presented. Unless someone scored points in all three disciplines of Racing, Rally, and Solo, they were not eligible to win the award. In 1982, after the Fairbanks Award had sat in a closet for 4 of the 6 previous years, the Indy Region Board of Directors created a new Competitor of the Year Award, using essentially the rules we have today. However, a number of long time members objected to eliminating the Fairbanks Award, so the original plate was brought back, mounted on the base we have today, and the name of the award was officially changed to the Michael Buchanen Fairbanks Memorial Competitor of the Year Award.

1954 Bob Magenheimer	1967 Harvey Hess	1982 Pete Hylton	1997 Dave Hart
1955 Bob Magenheimer	1968 Mike Robbins	1983 Cindy Hylton	1998 Dave Daughtery
1956 Luke Stear	1969 Mike Robbins	1984 Cindy Hylton	1998 Dave Hart
1957 Chuck Rickert	1970 Mike Robbins	1985 John Scherer	1999 Matt Curry
1958 Bob Clifford	1971 Mike Robbins	1986 Glenn Davis Jr.	2000 Dave Hart
1959 Mike Norris & Phil Vickery	1972 Will Zobbe	1987 Roger Baker	2001 Matt Curry
1960 Mert Jaguar	1973 Vic Drummond	1988 Frank Pope	2002 Shane Benson
1961 A.J. Werner	1974 Keith Hess	1989 Pete Hylton	2003 Chad Stringer
1962 Gerry Mason	1975 Keith Hess	1990 Pete Hylton	2004 Bill Partridge
1963 Mike Robbins	1976 Not Awarded	1991 Mark Badgley	2005 Steve Linn
1964 Dave Causey	1977 Jud Jaqua	1992 Pete Hylton	2006 Steve Linn
1965 Harvey Hess	1978 Not Awarded	1993 Cindy Hylton	
1966 Jack Hirt & Mike Robbins	1979 Chuck Hanson	1994 Mark Badgley	
	1980 Not Awarded	1995 Not Awarded	
	1981 Not Awarded	1996 Sam Crites	

**The John McGee Memorial Award
Member of the Year**

John McGee was one of the most respected members that Indianapolis Region and the Central Division of the Sports Car Club of America ever had. He served the Indy Region in nearly every capacity and he competed in all forms of club activities. But he was best known as one of the finest stewards that the SCCA race program ever saw. He served as Indy Region's senior steward for years, he was Chief Steward for the Indy National Race for as long as anyone could remember, he mentored numerous new stewards into the racing program, served Central Division as it's Executive Steward, and in 1983 received the Dave Morrell Award at the SCCA National Convention. For years the region had given out a Member of the Year Award to someone who had shown long-term commitment and dedication to the region. When John died, the Indianapolis Region Board of Directors renamed the award as the John McGee Memorial Award.

1994 Peter Hylton	2000 Chuck Hanson
1994 Cindy Hylton	2001 Jan Castelluccio
1995 Bob Burns	2002 Matt Curry
1996 Mark Badgley	2003 Alyson Kunack
1997 Terrence Garrett	2004 Jeanne Spellman
1998 Myra Kulke	2005 Steve Linn
1999 Dave & Cathy Hart	2006 Darren Daubenspeck

The Jack Tovey Solo Cup Solo2 Series Championship

By Steve Linn and Warren LeVeque

A Solo Competitor of the Year Award is presented each year to the Solo competitor earning the most points during the season via PAX scored finishes at each Indianapolis Region points-scoring event, with 100 points for the fastest PAX time, and Ten points for the slowest PAX time. Individuals between those times get points proportional to their relative PAX scores. The points for each competitor's worst event during the season is dropped. In 2004, the Solo Competitor of the Year award was renamed in Honor of Jack Tovey.

Jack first got interested in fast cars when his neighbor got a new 55 Corvette. He was hooked by "performance envy" and has never looked back. He started attending Rallys and Gymkhanas (gimmick autocrosses) in the 1950s. He remembers CSCC (Columbus Sports Car Club) events in the Public Service parking lot, and then at the Walesboro airport, which CSCC has since returned to. Some of these Gymkhanas even had "LeMans" Starts'. Ask a "Senior" what that is! Other things we remember is how Jack had his red formula car shortened by Jim McKamey after hitting a curb. In the era of 8 ft. gates and 35 ft slaloms, short cars were supposed to be the fastest, so.... Jack won two National Solo I Championships in his motorcycle-powered car. The third year he didn't attend the Championships and they sent him the first place trophy and jacket anyway. How's that for scaring the competition away?

When asked what he would do if he were absolute Czar of autocrossing, Jack responded: "I would make stock cars absolutely stock; tires, suspensions, everything. The current stock cars' preparedness and equipment level is not good for recruiting new people. If the money were somehow available, I would have permanent sites and permanently marked courses for comparing times for development."

Several years ago Jack had major heart surgery to replace a faulty valve. We missed him for a year but he came back strong. Jack intends to keep working and racing for a few more years. While you may see him in his current ride, you are more likely to hear him first with his baritone voice and infectious laughter all over the paddock.

We're all watching Jack. The longer he runs, the longer we think we can run.

2002	Steve Linn	2005	Joe Kniesly
2003	Scott Dales	2006	Phil Wehman
2004	Matt Curry		

The Jack Hergenroether Memorial Trophy

A Perpetual Trophy Awarded Annually To The Outstanding Competition Driver of Indianapolis Region, SCCA Dedicated 1965

In 1956, Jack Hergenroether, a long time Indianapolis Region member and one of the people who helped get the region started, died in a motorcycle accident near Greenfield, Indiana. Indy Region member John McGee was instrumental in inaugurating the Jack Hergenroether Memorial Trophy, represented by a large silver bowl. It was to be presented to the top race driver in the Region on the basis of attitude, sportsmanship, competitiveness, and the manner in which the driver represented the Indianapolis Region. After the first couple of years of presentation, the selection of each year's winner was turned over to the past recipients of the trophy. The award carried a great deal of respect and as time passed the winners became a rather elite group. They placed the selection criteria very high with an emphasis on racing success, such that one had to almost win a National Championship just to be eligible to win the trophy. At the 1979 Indy Region Awards Banquet, the selection committee of previous winners announced that they did not feel anyone had performed well enough to earn the award that year, so they were not going to present it that year. Frankly, the membership was rather taken aback by the decision. The same scenario repeated again in 1980, and the Indy Region Board of Directors took matters into their own hands, reclaiming the Trophy and choosing Greg Graham as the 1981 recipient. The Board of Directors selected the winners over the next several years, but then again decided to turn the winners selection over to the past recipients of the Trophy, with instructions to put equal emphasis on all of the original criteria, not just on the ultimate competition success part.

1965 Logan Blackburn	1976 Wayne Nelson	1987 Chris Schultz	1998 Ralph Porter
1966 Jack Hurt	1977 Logan Blackburn	1988 Bob Sweet	1999 David Daugherty
1967 Harvey Hess	1978 Dale J. Fazekas	1989 David Daugherty	2000 Aaron Ellis
1968 Erwin Dollinger	1979 Not Awarded	1990 Bruce May	2001 Greg Buttrey
1969 David Causey	1980 Not Awarded	1991 Alan Knell	2002 Shane Benson
1970 Don Ramsey	1981 Greg Graham	1992 Chris Schultz	2003 William Campbell
1971 Logan Blackburn	1982 Horst Muehlbrunner	1993 David Daugherty	2004 Bill Partridge
1972 Jim Lloyd	1983 Chris Schultz	1994 David Ham	2005 John LaRue
1973 Sid Rust	1984 Gerry Mason Jr.	1995 Kerry Alexander	2006 Ralph Porter
1974 Gerry Mason	1985 Gerry Mason Jr.	1996 Bruce May	
1975 Warren Mockler	1986 Pete Hylton	1997 Tim Selby	

At the Indianapolis Region's Annual Awards Banquet on January 20th, our 2006 Membership Chairperson Cheryl Swarts provided the list of individuals who have achieved milestone anniversary marks of membership with the Indianapolis Region and the Sports Car Club of America. Those members with 20 to 40 years membership were honored for their continued support and commitment to our sport.

Celebrating 40 years of membership —

William Partridge Mooresville IN

Achieving 35 years of membership was —

David Keenan Kalamazoo MI
 Stephen C Butz Indianapolis IN
 Larry R Metz Fishers IN

Achieving 30 years of membership were —

Andrew C Welden Indianapolis IN

Achieving 25 years of membership were —

William D McEvoy Carmel IN
 Cliff Cook Anderson IN
 Gerald D Mason Fishers IN
 Peter Vanhorn Terre Haute IN

Achieving 20 years of membership were —

Warren D White Fortville IN
 Stewart A Coomer New Albany IN
 Frank Murphy Greenwood IN
 Lois Lankford Indianapolis IN
 David L Whikehart Findlay OH
 Jeff Brueckheimer Columbus IN
 Laurence C Lefebvre Kokomo IN
 Terrence Garrett Fishers IN
 Stephen Dunlap Indianapolis IN
 William J Coughlin Indianapolis IN
 Harold E Kulke Pensacola FL
 Myra L Kulke Pensacola FL
 David Ortega Muncie IN

We also had a number of members who reached the 15 year, 10 year, or 5 year anniversaries. We congratulate them, and encourage them to continue to be the next group of 20 to 50 year members.

Reaching 15 years of membership were —

Craig Jones Zionsville IN
 Aaron W Ellis Farmington MN
 Bob Herrmann Indianapolis IN
 Pete Deshong Camby IN
 Sean Murphy Indianapolis IN
 Charles E Frasher Indianapolis IN

Reaching 10 years of membership were —

Fred E Edwards Sturgis MI
 Andrew S Van Vlymen Greenwood IN
 Clemens Burger Anderson IN
 Casey L Eiteljorge Indianapolis IN
 Jill Brueckheimer Dearborn MI
 Elizabeth Crites Greenwood IN
 Johnathan Pfeffer Avon IN
 Shelly Pfeffer Avon IN
 David B Hart Fishers IN
 John Reisert New Albany IN
 Stephen G Phillips Brazil IN
 Andrew E Yeager Indianapolis IN
 Paul Fox Indianapolis IN
 Alicia Marie De Bolt Cumberland IN
 Roberta De Bolt Cumberland IN
 Zachary D De Bolt Cumberland IN
 Gary W Bartlett Muncie IN
 Carol Kramer Indianapolis IN
 Ralph Kramer Indianapolis IN

Reaching 5 years of membership were —

Michael B Neal Brownsburg IN
 Jeffrey M Eiteljorge Indianapolis IN
 James C Lin Indianapolis IN
 Charles W Baden Anderson IN
 Roger A Neal Indianapolis IN
 Rocky Meskauskas Zionsville IN
 Darren L Stanley Bargsersville IN
 Michael LeVeque Anderson IN
 James Cates Indianapolis IN
 Kaitlyn Munday Avon IN
 Christopher Shields Lexington IN
 Daniel E Stone Sheridan IN
 Evan Jennerjahn Hartford City IN
 Randall Ashton Anderson IN
 David Schacht Carmel IN
 Charles Kothe Indianapolis IN
 Dennis Reinbold Indianapolis IN

We would like to welcome the following new members to the Indianapolis Region of the Sports Car Club of America:

David & Pauletta Dusterberg Morristown
 Pedro J Justiniano Indianapolis
 Eric Meyer Indianapolis

Donald Gwyn Jr Indianapolis
 Sherry S Gray Carmel
 Ryan Kowalewski Greenwood
 Jamey Smith Terre Haute
 Dr. Jack Farr II Bargsersville
 John Boelte Indianapolis
 Richard H Strickland Indianapolis
 Konstantin A Bulgakov Indianapolis

We look forward to seeing you at an Indy Region event in the near future.

With the addition of these new enthusiasts, the Indy Region is currently 489 members strong.



who'da thought the Brits would be the more aggressive ones on the track, eh? As Waylen was in a borrowed car, he didn't participate in the bump and run, and just cruised to have fun in the U.K. race.

Similarly, the overall U.K. champion is to go to the USA to compete in the first race of the 2007 North American MINI Cooper Championship next year. The final race of the 2006 championship will be held at Buttonwillow Raceway Park in California on October 30th. For additional information on the NAMCC visit the website at www.minidriving.com. The NAMCC is a feature of the Phil Wicks Ultimate Driving Academy

Waylen ran into a familiar face at the UK Race. If you ran Indy Region Solos in 2003, you probably remember Gareth Nixon, in his black Subaru WRX. His Scottish or Irish brogue (I'm not international enough to tell the difference) was very easy to pick out in the grid. I don't remember why Gareth was in the States, but he has gone back to the UK. Well, Gareth is one fast dude on a solo course, and congratulations to him for becoming both the UK MINI Challenge Champion 2006, and the Club Class Champion as well as Frederick Nordström (Advent Motorsport) for clinching the S Class Championship. Waylen and Gareth raced together, and caught up on Indianapolis Solo memories at the track - and no doubt at the pub later too!

This year the UK MINI Challenge entered its 5th, and most successful year. Forty-nine competitors competing over 16 rounds at some of Europe's finest circuits have yielded some of the closest wheel-to-wheel racing in Britain. Regular grids of up to 35 cars demonstrate the desirability and competitiveness this formula is becoming known for.

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<http://www.minidriving.com/>
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Waylen Hunsucker, Indy Region Member and proprietor of Way MotorWorks (a Mini Cooper and BMW maintenance, tuning, and repair shop) captured the first championship crown of the newly formed North American MINI Cooper Championship (NAMCC) at Carolina Motorsports Park on September 23rd & 24th. Waylen drove the Way MotorWorks/M7 Tuning MINI Cooper S in Class 3, and drove the racecar to every event - no trailer queens in his shop! The first race was in Las Vegas on March 25, and the next weekend was the second race in Sebring, Florida on April 1st. En route to Sebring, he had to turn the roll bar behind the seats into a full roll cage due to a rule/sanctioning change. Talk about your stressful weeks..... How many miles do you have on your racecar?

As a reward for capturing the championship, Hunsucker won an all expenses paid trip to the UK to race at Donington Park, in Derby, UK on October 21st & 22nd as a U.S. entry in the highly competitive U.K MINI Challenge Series. Waylen reported that in the U.K. race series, there's a bit more NASCAR style rubbing and bumping going on -

Pete Hylton Honored at National Convention



TOPEKA, Kan. (Feb. 6, 2007) – Sports Car Club of America members gathered last weekend in San Antonio, Texas for its annual meeting, Convention, awards and Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

In Saturday night's gala awards ceremony concluding the three-day event, emcee Peter Hylton (Indianapolis Region) was presented the Woolf Barnato Award—the Club's highest honor for long-time service to the Club. A surprised Hylton, who spent the previous three days entertaining the masses, was nearly caught speechless. He recovered, however, remembering the words of the late John McGee, who would close all correspondence with "Yours, for the sport." Hylton served on SCCA's Board of Directors (and remains the youngest-ever member elected) and has been its volunteer archivist since 1996.

Peter Hylton takes a moment to reflect after receiving SCCA's highest honor—the Woolf Barnato Award on Saturday night. (SCCA/Prill Image)

WAYLEN HUNSUCKER REPRESENTS AMERICA IN ENGLISH MINI CHALLENGE

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Having won the lightly-contended but hard-fought North American Mini Cooper Championship, Waylen Hunsucker, known to his friends as Way, represented our side of the pond at the English Mini Challenge championship at Donnington Park in October. In the best "What I did on my English holiday" we'll let Way tell how it all came out.

Since the MINI is what brought me to England I wanted to spend my sightseeing time doing every thing MINI that I could find. I rented a car to practice shifting with my left hand, which I would have to do in the races. I found it more of a challenge to stay on the correct side of the road. I visited several MINI dealerships, including the famous Park Lane MINI.

Of course, visiting the MINI factory was a must. I received a totally cool private tour that allowed me to spend as much time as I wished at each step of the build process. If that wasn't enough, I was able to see both the R50/53 MINI and the new R56 MINI being assembled. They actually brought an R56 out for me to check out. After looking it over carefully I have to tell you it is very similar to the current model we all love. So don't worry. I think we will like the new one too.

At the Heritage Museum there was a special tribute to Alex Issigonis, the designer of the original Mini, and on display were all three of the original Monte Carlo Rally cars, including #37 in unrestored condition.

All too soon it was time to concentrate on the reason for my trip to England, the MINI Challenge at Donnington Park. With adjustments already made to make the seat fit me, I was ready to roll with some race practice. Unfortunately, the track had been double-booked and I ended up testing with a novice group, with no passing allowed. Do you have any idea how frustrating it is to get stuck behind a two-liter diesel BMW that seems like it is being driven around the track by someone's grandmother? I spent the day abusing the poor transmission with that left hand shifting situation.

I also had to stand by while a mechanic worked on the set up for the race. I'm not used to watching the car I am going to drive being worked on by someone else. Every time I tried to jump in and help I was told that I was on holiday and I was not to get dirty.



Waylen was a little lost on the wrong side of the car.

On the second day I got one practice session and then a qualifying round. With 37 cars on a damp track I was having trouble getting a

good quick lap, but gave the car owners a bit of a heart attack by performing what race control called a "beautiful on course spin" followed by a trip to into the gravel. We had to tear it apart to remove all the gravel.

In qualifying, with 35 cars on a track under two miles, I didn't get much open track. My fastest lap put me in 15th place for the first race with the second fastest lap landing me at 13th for race two.

Sunday brought surprisingly dry conditions but the predictions of rain were on everyone's mind. Race one was to begin with a standing start. Ominous warnings were given to take care in turn one on the start, with one racer putting his car in the grass in turn one on the warm-up lap! I got through the start without any problems and passed a few cars early but in pushing myself later in the race I missed a few shifts, with that left-hand thing again! In the end I was able to finish in 10th place. Not bad, I thought.

Four hours later, I had a second chance, but the forecasted race also came with a heavy downpour, and I had never raced in the rain before. The rain was so heavy that you couldn't see the car in front of you until brake lights were illuminated. As the standing water cleared everyone sped up. I started moving up the field getting as high as sixth place.

With two laps to go, passing a Cooper, I lost it, green grass, black track, back to green grass with a view of upcoming gravel. I shifted, accelerated and drove it back onto the track. I found I had just dropped back three places with my grassy excursion. I was able to make up one place but just ran out of time as the race finished. Eighth place for me out of 35 cars. Bringing the car back in was a great experience, mainly because the team was so very happy I had brought it back in one piece. The race had started with 32 cars and finished with 15. Wow, that's rough.

As a competitive person, my goal had been to win the race, but even though I was not able to accomplish that, I did win a great experience and made some great new friends.

Editor: We'd say that taking eighth place out of the 37 cars that had qualified to run is a pretty significant accomplishment on a track you've never seen before, in a car you've never driven before, against drivers who had done both many times. Congratulations, Way!



35 cars on the track creates a little traffic.



It wasn't his car, but he was ready to go race.



Not the greatest conditions to go racing.

Solo Report: 2007 Sneak Peek!

by Phil Wehman

Welcome to the 2007 Indy Region Solo Program! I'm Phil Wehman, co-chair of the Solo Program. Along with your other co-chair Darren Daubenspeck, we are working to put the finishing touches on this year's program. But we're not doing it alone. With help from the participants who have attended and volunteered the efforts at the Solo Committee meetings on January 11 and February 1, we have an exciting season shaping up. By the next news letter, we will have the season schedule ready for publication. As usual, we'll also be publishing updates on the Indy Regional Yahoo e-group.

In the meantime, here are some sneak peaks of the 2007 season:

- After the success of the Annual Tech program last year, we will be continuing again for 2007. The details are in an article elsewhere in this month's Clutch Chatter.
- We've given Larry Harts the go-ahead to design a standard course for Grissom that we will run once each year. The goal is allow competitors to compare times across seasons.
- We're proposing the creation of a voluntary pax-based class, the details of which are published in a separate article in this month's Clutch Chatter.
- We will be continuing the Rookie program this year, with details to be announced later.

- We will be hosting a joint CSCC/Indy Region event in addition to the traditional joint event hosted by CSCC at Walesboro.
- There will be other announcements coming out in next month's Clutch Chatter and e-mail group, so stay tuned.



While the schedule isn't quite nailed down yet, I can tell you we are trying to utilize all of our sites. We're probably going to have 8 points event plus a Test and Tune and a Worker's Invitational. Due to the popularity of Mt. Comfort, we will attempt to hold more events there. There may be another major event for the Indy Region and hopefully we'll have the details next month.

Our season will start in April, but if you can't wait that long, CSCC will be running a fun event on February 25 at Walesboro, followed by their first points event on March 25.

Please, stay tuned to the Clutch Chatter and the Indy Regional Yahoo e-Group for further announcements about Solo Steering Committee meetings.

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Solo Steering Committee Report

January saw the first Indy Region Solo Steering Committee meeting at DOOKZ Sports Bar. Despite the short notice, we still had about 14 folks show up to weigh in on where they thought the program should be headed. A few topics that were discussed were things we could do to retain more first time competitors, rule changes for 2006 (no changes were insisted upon), 2006 Season Capital Purchases, a 2006 Season budget, and entry fees. The concept of a Solo Rookie of The Year was batted around, and may see the light of day this year. Upon surveying fees from a few neighboring regions, the committee thought there would be room for us to increase entry fees slightly (\$20 members, \$30 non-SCCA members) to account for the following: 1) The slight cost increase from Nationals for Sanction & Insurance that was NOT budgeted last year 2) A change to a more substantial 1st Place Event Trophy (to get some wood & plastic on your bookshelf!)

3) To buy a large Timer Display, so everyone can see your times – as they happen! The timer's not a done deal yet, and we may have to seek donations and/or a sponsorship to make it happen. Those of you who have fresh ideas for where the Solo Program should be headed should attend these committee meetings. Do you have a complaint about the yearly Regional Series points rules? Do you think we should buy a specific piece of equipment? Do you have a contact at a possible Solo site that you think we should utilize? **Come to the next Solo Steering Committee meeting on February 20th, 7:00 PM, at DOOKZ Sports Bar** to make **your** voice be heard and counted. These meetings are intended to be open to the general regional membership and Solo / autocrossing community at large. Please, stay tuned to Clutch Chatter and the Indy Region Yahoo e-Group for further announcements about Solo Steering Committee meetings.

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The Solo II Annual Tech Program, which was introduced mid-season 2005, was a big success in 2006 and will be continued in 2007. We will begin issuing Annual Tech stickers at the Test and Tune.

For those interested (and we hope you are), here's the scoop:

PURPOSE:

To provide a convenience for trusted regular competitors by helping reduce the amount of pre-event preparation time and reduce the time required for inspections.

ELIGIBILITY:

You must be a current SCCA member of any region and fall into one of the 3 following categories.

1. You must have competed in four (4) verifiable SCCA Solo II events in the current or previous year.
2. All Indy Region Solo Committee members and any solo chiefs in the region are eligible. These members spend a large part of their morning preparing equipment and helping other members for the day and will be granted annual tech inspection regardless of how many events they ran the season before. The only other members/cars that will be eligible for annual tech are people directly approved by the solo committee, and solo chairperson. They may include registration, set-up and tech workers.
3. Any member presenting a road race car with a current logbook with annual tech completed.

COST:

Annual Tech fees will be waived in 2007.

ANNUAL TECH PROCESS:

Annual Tech inspections will be available during the first 4 solo and/or Test and Tune events. The inspections will take place prior to, or directly after, the regular solo event and must be scheduled in advance by appointment with the Chief of Tech. The amount of inspections may be limited. The Chief of Tech may schedule a special annual inspection at his/her discretion to perform the inspections.

What to bring: You must bring your car, helmet(s), and all safety gear (for kart drivers). The car must be in full race trim with numbers and class letters on the car and on the primary wheel and tire combination (dry). You must also have a current copy of the SCCA rulebook with your name on it, OR, a personalized copy of section 3.3. People not able to present all of the above will not be granted annual tech. Keep in mind that if the car normally has two drivers, the second driver's helmet and safety equipment must be present as well.

The annual tech procedure will be performed by the Chief of Tech or designee. You must be present when we are performing the procedure. The process may take longer than a regular tech inspection as we are checking the car

more thoroughly. If any infraction is found, the car will be denied its annual tech until the infraction is fixed.

Issued Credentials:

1. Annual Tech Sticker: The car will be given an annual tech inspection sticker, which is distinct from the event-to-event stickers. This sticker is to be placed on the left side of your windshield or car body panel in a conspicuous location so it will be visible to grid workers and Solo Safety Stewards.
2. Helmet Sticker: You will be given an Annual helmet inspection sticker to be placed on the lower left side of your helmet so it may be visible to grid workers and Solo Safety Stewards.
3. Your registration/tech card will be marked to indicate that you have been annually inspected.

Modifications / Alterations: Significant modification to the car or if a car changes to a more prepared class after Annual Tech is granted will require the car to be re-inspected.

Surprise Inspections: The Chief of Tech has the right to ask for re-inspection at any time of an Annual tech'd car.

ON OR OFF TRACK INCIDENTS:

Any car subject to obvious mechanical damage or failure due to an on or off track incident after Annual Tech must be re-inspected.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Each member is responsible for having a safe and legal car. Car classification and legality is not brought up in any technical inspection process. Each competitor is responsible for being in the correct class and having legal modifications. Each annual tech inspected member is responsible for having their car meet the safety rules in section 3.3 of the rulebook at all events.

REVOCATION:

The Annual Tech is a privilege and may be revoked at any time from a specific member or the entire group as a whole. Grounds for Annual Tech revocation can be, but are not limited to: violation of the safety rules, and failure to report for work assignments.

OTHER ELIGIBLE REGIONS:

At this time, no other SCCA regions are required to recognize our annual tech program.

QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions, comments or concerns on this procedure please contact the Solo Technical Inspection Chief.

2007 SEASON CONTACT:

Solo Technical & Inspection Chief, Indy Region SCCA
James Feltz

2007 Indy Region Solo Schedule

We've got our 2007 calendars marked.....

4/1 Season Warm-up - 16th St. Stadium, Indy
4/22 Points Event 1 - 16th St. Stadium, Indianapolis
5/20 Points Event 2 - Site TBA
6/3 Points Event 3 - Peru, Grissom Aeroplex
7/15 Points Event 4 - Site TBA
8/5 Points Event 5 - Walesboro Airport, Columbus, IN
8/26 Points Event 6 - Site TBA
9/16 Points Event 7 - Site TBA
10/7 Points Event 8 - Peru, Grissom Aeroplex
10/28 Worker Invitational - 16th St. Stadium, Indianapolis

The TBA dates are for 2 sites that we don't have a firm commitment from as of yet. They are in the Metro Indy area, so they are close.

There may be a Test & Tune at Grissom Aeroplex on 6/2, dependent upon costs and interest.

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Indy Region "X" Class - Trial for 2007

By Phil Wehman

Indy Region is introducing a PAX-based class called "X" for 2007. This exciting new concept will allow formal head-to-head competition between traditional classes for the first time in the region. X class competitors will compete directly with each other at events. Their PAX times will determine the winners.

Why add a class? In our region there are some experienced drivers with highly-prepped cars that regularly run at the top of their classes. These people are already looking across classes to measure themselves against other class leaders. At the same time, these people can use their experience to help less experienced people get better at the sport. The X class addresses both angles.

It's understood that the X class will not be attractive for everyone. Some classes have well-established rivalries, many people's cars aren't prepped to the max for their class, some people will just naturally want to stay in their normal class.

But for people wanting to try something a little different, it's there for them.

Here's how it works:

1) At the start of the season, competitors will decide if they will run in the traditional classes or X. To make this a sustainable class for all X competitors, this will be a **season-long commitment**. If staying in the traditional class, **nothing** changes for the competitor. For X participants, scoring will change significantly.

2) X competitors will virtually move from their open classes to new classes in the timing and scoring system. People normally running AS will now be ASX, BSP will be BSPX, etc. They will no longer be scored with the normal open classes (AS, BS, etc.). (Cars will be marked as such with a visible X after their normal numbers)

3) X physically runs with their open classes. The expectation is that they will be in grid and run with the open classes.

4) X competitors are expected to take a less experienced rider on at least one run during an event. If for some reason this is not possible, then they should be available to ride along with someone. It will be up to people wanting a ride to approach them. (This will be emphasized at the drivers meeting and they will be visible by the X on the cars)

5) At the end of the event, we will do our normal PAX calculations. The X winners will be determined from that list. They will be verbally recognized but will receive **NO** standard trophies at the event. There may be a traveling trophy that passes to the new winner at each event (TBD).

6) X will have normal year-end class trophies like open classes. Participants are also eligible for the Competitor of the year and Solo Competitor of the year awards.

X will be open to anyone that wants to run there, however Rookies are encouraged to run with their open classes their first season.

What should you consider before choosing X?

- X will be more about bragging rights than trophies. You will be giving up permanent trophies for events.
- There is a higher degree of luck. Weather / temperature/ track conditions are luck of the draw since X runs with their counterpart open classes.
- There may be a better opportunity for an open class trophy if your class has people going to X.
- You don't have to be in X to give people rides and mentor less experienced people.

The Highly Successful and much enjoyed Indianapolis Region Solo II Spring Training Seminars conducted in March 2005 and 2006 will not be held in Indianapolis this year. The Great Lakes Division Spring Training Stewards and Workers Seminars in Toledo this year have been expanded to include a series of Solo Training Sessions.

Great Lakes Division Spring Training

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 (866) 865-2026

Seminar Agenda Stewards and Workers March 3, 2007

FRI March 2

18:30 - 22:00	Registration Lobby
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SAT March 3

7:00 - 8:30	Registration Lobby
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	Harding	Taft	McKinley	Garfield	Hayes	Grant	Harrison
7:00 - 8:00		Cont. Breakfast	SIT				DA's Bkfst
8:00 - 8:30		OPENING					
8:45 - 10:15			Race Cont. Start	T & S --- TECH	Stewards	SOLO	EMS
10:15 - 10:30		BREAK					
10:30 - 12:00			F & C Registration.	T & S --- TECH	Stewards	SOLO	EMS
12:00 - 13:15	LUNCH						
13:15 - 14:45			Worker Collective	T & S --- TECH	Stewards	SOLO	EMS
14:45 - 15:00		BREAK					
15:00 - 16:30			Race Chairman 101	T & S --- TECH	Stewards	SOLO	Champ Series
16:30 - 18:00							GL Div. Board

When do you first realize that 'Times a Wastin' ? Is it when you get the first grey hair?, when you start losing hair?, when you first need bifocals?, when your waist size increases without gaining weight? Or do you first notice that friends or parents are having traumas or dying or that you experience a trauma yourself?

I had a trauma about 12 years ago, nearly died, but recovered. You could likely make a long list of acquaintances who are ill or gone. A 'Times a Wastin' sign to me lately was receiving my Medicare Card---argh! This is worse proof than looking in the mirror or at the handicap license plate on our minivan. How many more signs does one need?

Thankfully we're in a hobby/sport where youth, strength, and agility aren't such a complete necessity. Our greatest ability is overcoming the aches and pains of a weekend of restoring or racing or sitting in a lawn chair with a drink, lying about how good we used to be or how soon we're getting our car project done. Have you said "My car could look like that if"?

Noticeable at some autocross and track events is second generation sons or daughters beating the first generation. The young lions are out to get us if we nap. They should get us; It's destiny. Are we going to give up without a fight? Some of my greatest fun is trying to prevent my sons from putting me out to pasture. How much fun is it knowing how unhappy it makes a young lion to be beaten by a senior citizen?

If our eyes are open we can see the young lion car projects appearing. They have the latest technology, largest engines, newest tires, etc. all of that technology is available to us plus the years of experience. Are you waiting for the competition to get easier??? Are we waiting for the events and the sites to go away? They will if we don't participate.

Some times the young lions are paying us glancing compliments by making classic cars fast and beautiful. Our participation spurs them on.

Are jack stands and wheel casters permanent means of car storage? Do you have a project buried invisibly in you basement? How many of us have "future" projects stored on rotten bias tires? I have.

Your delayed project may be writing a book related to your experiences or putting your experiences to use by coaching or teaching. The rewards can be great. The skill is in looking for the niches where we can contribute. Organizing is a great skill in itself.

Life has chapters, but we all aren't assigned the same books. Some chapters which seem to be trials can turn into blessings (like new careers) if we have full awareness. I once thought that life stopped at forty. It may actually start there. Waiting for a time when things are better, calmer and simpler may never happen. Financial fortunes or reversals can come at any age. You have to recognize your personal chance for adventure and not let it pass by.

There is always some fun and adventure to be had at any financial and physical level; we just have to adapt. We always worry about delaying our adventures for when the kids are gone. Who says that the kids wouldn't enjoy them as well if done responsibly and as good examples. We also have to share in their chosen activities.

I believe that the best gift that a man or woman can give to their spouses or children is a happy spouse or parent. Right now we can choose to be a doer or a watcher. Later we may not have the choice.

I expect to fully, contentedly, without partaking, enjoy watching my children or yours, race, ski, fly, play tennis, etc. Sometime----just not quite yet!

Warren

Dear Abby

I've never written to you before, but I really need your advice on what could be a crucial decision. I've suspected for some time now that my wife has been cheating on me. The usual signs... phone rings but if I answer, the caller hangs up. My wife has been going out with the girls a lot recently although when I ask their names she always says, "Just some friends from work, you don't know them." I always stay awake to look out for her taxi coming home, but she always walks down the drive.

Anyway, I have never approached the subject with my wife. I think deep down I just didn't want to know the truth, but last night she went out again and I decided to really check on her. I decided I was going to park my Van Deimen racecar next to the garage and then hide behind it so I could get a good view of the whole street when she came home. It was at that moment, crouching behind my RF94, that I noticed that the rear transmission cover on my car seemed to be leaking a little oil. Is this something I can fix myself or should I take it back to the race shop?

Name withheld by request

2007 Great Lakes Div Race Schedule with other events

DATE	DRIVERS SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	GL NATIONALS	CEN NATIONALS	OTHER EVENTS
Mar 3-4	CENDIV STEWARDS/WORKERS TRAINING SEMINAR, Toledo, OH				
April 28-29		NEO @ NL	INR @ GM		
May 5-6		INDY@ ORP(D) (C)		BVR @ BHF	VSCDA @ GM
May 12-13			DET/FWR@GRA		
May 19-20				MIL @ BHF	SVRA @ RA, ALMS @ MO
May 26-27 Memorial Day		WMR@GRA (D) (C)			Indy 500 @ INDY
June 2-3		OVR @ MO (R)	OVR @ MO		AMA @ RA
June 9-10	GLDiv @ GM (D)				
June 16-17					USGP @ INDY
June 23-24				CHI @ RA	Cleveland Grand Prix Grand Am @ MO
June 30/July 1					Vintage Grand Prix @ MO
July 7-8			INDY@ IRP		
July 14-15				CHI @ ABJ	
July 21-22					KIC @ RA
July 28-29		FWR@MO (D) (C)	NEO @ NL	MIL @ RA	AMA VINTAGE @ MO
Aug. 4-5					
Aug. 11-12		CINCY @ MO (D) (C)	WMR @ GRA		ALMS @ RA
Aug. 18-19					VSCDA @ GRA
Aug. 25-26		NEO @ NL (D) (C)	SBR @ GM		
Sept. 1-2 Labor Day		WMR @ GRA (D) (C)			ALMS @ DETROIT
Sept. 8-9		OVR @ MO (D) (C)			
Sept. 15-16					VSCDA @ RA
Sept. 22-23					
Sept. 29-30		INDY @IRP (D) (C)			
Oct. 6-7		WOR @ MO(D)(C)			
Oct. 8-14			Runoffs @ HPT		VSCDA @ MO
Oct. 27-28					

GM-GingerMan	GRA-Grattan	M-O-Mid Ohio
ORP-O'Reilly Raceway Park Indy	NL-Nelson Ledges	WAT-Waterford Hills
ABJ- Autobahn Joliet	BHF-Blackhawk Farms	MM- Milwaukee Mile
(D) Double	(R) Restricted	RA-Road America
(C) GLDiv Regional Champ Series		

Membershi p Report

By Bri an Gard We would like to welcome the following new members to the Indianapolis Region of the Sports Car Club of America:

David & Pauletta Dusterberg	Morristown IN
Pedro J Justiniano	Indianapolis IN
Eric Meyer	Indianapolis IN
Donald Gwyn Jr.	Indianapolis IN
Sherry S Gray	Carmel IN
Ryan Kowalewski	Greenwood IN
Jamey Smith	Terre Haute IN
Dr. Jack Farr II	Bargersville IN
John Boelte	Indianapolis IN
Richard H Strickland	Indianapolis IN
Konstantin A Bulgakov	Indianapolis IN

We look forward to seeing you at an Indy Region event in the near future.

With the addition of these new enthusiasts, the Indy Region is currently 489 members strong.

Clutch Chatter Mailing Opt-In/Opt-Out

A complete, printable, electronic format copy of Clutch Chatter (including back issues) is available in Adobe pdf format for downloading on the Indy Region website at indyscca.org . Paper copies are only mailed to those who have sent the "Opt-In" form.

When an issue of Clutch Chatter is completed and ready for publication, the pdf file will be posted 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.

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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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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

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 Married Single Spouse's Name _____ / _____
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IF APPLYING FOR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (**husband/wife & children**), list names and ages of children **under age 21**:

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

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Annual National dues			Annual Region dues		Total
01 Regular Member	\$60.00	+	Regular Member	\$20.00	\$80.00
03 Spouse Member*	\$20.00	+	Spouse Member	\$10.00	\$30.00
10 Family Membership	\$95.00	+	Family Membership	\$25.00	\$120.00

*Spouse must be regular member's legal spouse.

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