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*Enough of the Winter stagnation, **Let's get started with 2008!!***

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First Rally March 15
Course, Tour, or GTA Rally
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And Then the April Tour/Trap/Tricks on April 13



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Solo in April

Shake Out The Cobwebs Fun Run April 6

Spring Into Solo First Points Event April 27



And Then We Go Racing in May!!



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Mar 8	GLDiv Workers Training, Toledo
Mar 8	Grand Opening Performance Driven
Mar 8	Indy Region Annual Tech Day, at PD
Mar 15	First Rally of 2008 Ides Of March
Mar 29	Solo Safety Steward Training at Performance Driven
Apr 6	Solo Fun Run Shake Out The Cobwebs
Apr 13	Second Rally of 2008 April Tour/Trap/Tricks
Apr 19-20	GLDiv Race Drivers School, Nelson Ledges
Apr 27	First Points Solo of 2008 Spring Into Solo
May 3-4	Indy Region Spring Sprints Double Regional Races at ORP

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Solo Info Sites: www.autocross.com

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RE News: The Season Approaches !

by Steve Linn

It appears that 2008 will be a year of change for the Indy Region. First up, we have two new Chairs taking over the Solo program for the upcoming season. Both Will Lahee and Michael Benz have great enthusiasm and plans for the upcoming year and I look forward to the weather breaking and the first event to get here soon. I'll ask that all you Solo folks be kind to Will and Mike, at least for the first event or two while they get their feet under them. Don't take problems to them, take solutions to them!

The Road Rally program also has a "new" leader for the 2008 season. I'm happy to welcome Chuck Hanson back as the Rally Chair and he has a full slate of events in the works. We do need some event masters for some events, so don't be shy, step right up, Chuck's a great mentor and would love to hear from you.

The Indy Region Race program returns with another 3 event season this year at Raceway Park. I'm happy to report that Pete Hylton survived his trip to the National Convention as well as some more ghost tracks, and along with Wendy will once again be taking the lead on the program. We know it will be another challenging year as we continued to see attendance drop off at races in 2007, but Indy is a Region with a great history and tradition of Club Racing

and we will continue to push forward. Economically the events and the program are remaining viable and we hope that changes in the future may help it stay that way. I will also put out the call for

more support and volunteers from our Indianapolis membership. Whether you are a current racer, crew member, Soloist, or just someone reading this that would like to get involved, have some fun, and support the Region, feel free to give me a call. **We will be sponsoring another Worker Dues program for free SCCA membership dues in 2008 (see info page 11 in this issue).**



Lastly, for those that can attend, be sure to take advantage of the Annual Tech program for both Solo and Race cars being offered at the Performance Driven Grand Opening on March 8th.

"I feel safer on a racetrack than I do on Houston's freeways." - A.J. Foyt

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 Meeting

By Dick Powell

This is a synopsis of the minutes of the meeting of the Indy Region BOD February 21, 2008 at Dooley O'Tooles, 6:30 PM. There were 9 directors and 2 guests present. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report Rich emailed the report to everyone before the meeting. The club has basically held even for the last two years, with about the same in Savings accounts now as then.

Clutch Chatter Dick Powell proposed a newsletter budget for 2008. After some discussion, it was approved. Dick requested all materials for the March issue be sent to him before Saturday to allow him to finish the newsletter in timely fashion.

Website John asked all to review their general areas of the website, and let him know any desired changes.

Membership Current membership is 471.

Activities We have the upcoming Grand Opening and Tech Day at Performance Driven's new shop on March 8. It has been promoted in Clutch Chatter, and on the website, hopefully will have a good turnout.

Rally Chuck has additional Rallymasters committed, still needs Rallymasters for 3 more dates. The proposed schedule still looks good for the year. Chuck made a couple more changes to the points rules for clarification, all approved.

Solo 16th Street contract is completed for 2008, Grissom contract is in process. Phil Wehman will work with Will Lahee to get our schedule on myautoevents.com.

We have agreed to host the National Tour Solo at Grissom on June 28-29, we are now looking for worker commitments for the weekend.

Solo Safety Steward Training for this year will be held on Saturday March 29. Performance Driven has volunteered the use of their conference rooms for the training.

Entry fees for this year for non-members has been increased by \$5 to cover the cost of temporary memberships now required by SCCA for all competition events, including Rally and Solo. The event ads will indicate the new price and reason.

Will distributed the proposed points rules changes by email during the last month, and everyone was familiar with the changes. After some discussion, the changes were approved. Velma pointed out that there is no longer Solo 1 and Solo 2: all references to Solo 2 will be changed to Solo.

Race The Western Ohio Region's races in the Fall (WOR Games) have been cancelled for this year. Their date was the weekend after our Fall Frolics. They may attempt to get another date earlier in the year; if they do, Indy Region will oppose this.

Our three dates are set for 2008. We will prepare a mailing before the Spring Sprints that will cover all three weekends, similar to what we did last year. Dick Powell will work with Pete, Steve, and Andy to put together the flyer.

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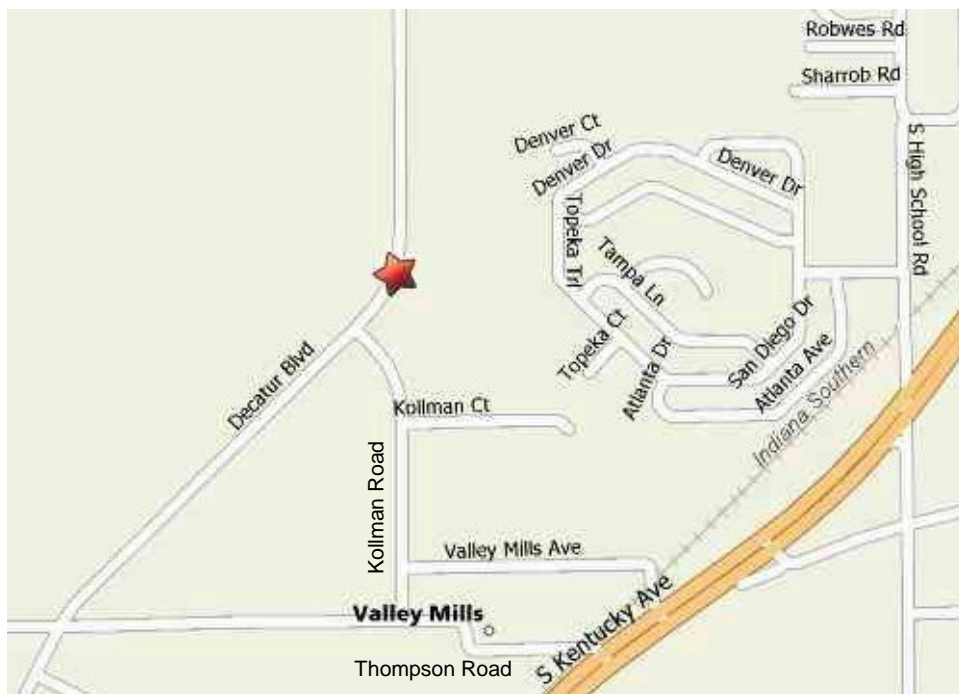
We'll have door prizes, food, cars on display. Check out our new full service shop, our show room, and for your clubs be sure to check out our conference room available for club meetings and events!

We'll also be having dyno runs all day at \$65.00 for 3 pulls!

In addition, we are hosting the **Indy Region SCCA Annual Tech Day** for any of you who need a Club Race or Solo car teched for the up-coming season. Solo guys, this is an opportunity for you to get the 'Annual Tech' sticker and save time during event registration. That means more time to course walk, hang out, change tires, etc. Get it early and not have to deal with it the rest of the year! Remember to bring your helmets!

For the Club Racers, get your annual tech out of the way before the first race of the season. Contact Jay and Jeanne ahead of time at 317-248-9626 to schedule a specific time for the day.

For everyone else, come out and JOIN THE FUN!!



There was discussion about continuing the Worker Dues program for 2008. Andy pointed out the cost is difficult in a weak year. Dick Powell and Steve felt the program was a good investment, helping us get the workers to staff our events. After further discussion, the program was approved for 2008.

The Tower at ORP has been demolished. Steve and Andy have talked with Mike at ORP about our needs. For this year, our Driver Information will be moved to the pad-dock Snack Bar near the previous tower location. For Timing and Scoring, we may be able to use da Bus. We would

need a motorhome or similar for the other functions related to T&S, leaving da Bus just for the personnel watching the track and monitoring the timing system.

The only Racing related Points Rules change was to clarify the awards for Rookie ties, approved.

Old Business The three remaining Director positions were voted on and filled. Our Rally Chair Chuck Hanson will be a Director, as will Webmaster John Wilmoth and member Jim Lin. This fills the BOD to 11 directors.

New Business Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 13, at O'Toolos. Meeting was adjourned.

In the Awards Banquet Report in the February issue, I failed to recognize the person who put untold hours into making all the awards for the banquet, as well as assembling all the pictures for the slideshow, and the sequence of pictures for the presentation ceremony. John Wilmoth spent more hours than most would believe sorting through the pictures from the whole season to select just the right picture for each award, and then printed the pictures for the awards with the paper and ink that he donated to the club. I believe Indianapolis Region is the only one that makes award plaques with photos of the recipient, and it is only because of the hard work of John Wilmoth that we are able to present these unique trophies and awards to our members. Thank You John!!

The Rally Report: Checkpoint 2

By Chuck Hanson

A shameless pitch for more of you to compete for the Indy Region Competitor of the Year Award (also known as the Fairbanks Award). This award is given to the competitor who scores the most points in Indy Region sponsored events over the course of a season. The rules limit you to your best nine events, with no more than four events in any one category; i.e. race, rally, or solo. The Indy Region series this season will have five races (our nationals & four regionals), eight solos, and so far we have five rallies. Plenty of opportunities to get eight or nine events.

Rally is the economy entrance to automotive competition, both from the standpoint of money and time. Solos are all day events, and races are either all day or all weekend events. Rally at the regional level is typically a half day event; i.e. more time for your family. Actually, rally is a team event, so bring the family along! You will probably burn about the same amount of gas running a typical rally as a typical solo, but with way less wear on the tires, and hence, a lower net out of pocket expense. Think economy. Think scenic Indiana.

I am pleased to announce an addition to the Indy Region web page in the form of a rally school. This includes a document by myself, as well as several other documents from others, and links to other rally schools. I think that there is probably something here for just about every learning personality. Check it out. (For those who plan to run Class S with a calculator, I particularly direct your attention to Gary Starr's EZ Timing method on the LOL web site. I use this personally and recommend it.)

Also posted to the web page are new entry forms for 2008 reflecting the changes to local class structure that were approved by the Board as part of this years rules package.

Also posted on the web page are the General Instructions

for the Ides of March rally. Feel free to study these and e-mail questions to me by March 14. Questions should be in a form that can be answered yes, no, or will not occur. I will post the answers at registration. Feel free to fill in a Registration Form on-line and e-mail it to me as well (Tour or Course competitors need to use the ELSN form. GTA competitors need to use the EN form.). Then all I have to do at registration is see your drivers license, collect your money, and have you sign the liability waiver.

Firm dates for 2008: (These events count up to 10 points toward the National Championship)

March 15 – Ides of March (choose your category: Tour, Course, GTA) (See Ad next page)

April 13 - ATTT (choose your category: Tour, Course, GTA) (See Ad next page)

June 1 – Still unnamed (choose your category: Tour, Course, GTA)

Aug. 24 – Still unnamed - Sam Crites

Oct. 19 – Still unnamed - Pete Hylton

Tentative dates for 2008:

July 20 – event master needed

Sept. 21 – event master needed

Nov. 16 – event master needed
(2009 Championship event)

As an explanation of the last event; there is a season ending event called the USRRC (United States Road Rally Challenge) that is held the third weekend in October. All events occurring after that are scored for the following years championship.

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www.greatlakes-scca.org

This event will be administered by NE Ohio Division, and supported by many of the regions in our division. Indianapolis Region proudly supports this Drivers School, giving our members an opportunity to start racing within our own division.

Beware The Ides of March !!

First Rally for 2008! Saturday, March 15

Competitors will have the option of running the Rally as a Course event, a Tour event, or a GTA event.

Starting at: Southern Plaza Shopping Center between Pizza Hut and Steak & Ale (US 31 & I-465)

Registration starts 12:00 PM Drivers Meeting 12:45 PM First Car out at 1:00 + car number

End Location: Poe's Cafeteria south of Mooresville on SR 67 (Bring an appetite. Room is free if we eat.)

Entry fee Members \$20 per car Non-Members \$30 per car

For more information contact Chuck Hanson, 317-780-9007, dtcgh@verizon.net, or look on the website.

EXPLANATORY NOTE: GTA stands for Game Tour Adventure. The important thing about a GTA event is that there are no mathematical calculations required. In this case, people will be scored on a combination of responses: i.e. which part of an A/B instruction did they do, and answers to a series of questions inserted among the instructions.

Make plans NOW to come out and join the FUN in 2008 with the Indy Region Rallies!!

April Tour/Trap/Tricks !!

Second Rally for 2008! Saturday, April 13

Competitors will again have the option of running the Rally as a Course event, a Tour event, or a GTA event.

Starting at: Lowes Home Center on West 10th behind Wendy's (Southwest corner of I 465 & 10th)

Registration starts 12:00 PM Drivers Meeting 12:45 PM First Car out at 1:00 + car number

End Location has not been determined yet.

Entry fee Members \$20 per car Non-Members \$30 per car

For more information contact Chuck Hanson, 317-780-9007, dtcgh@verizon.net.

As more info becomes available, it will be added to Clutch Chatter, and posted on the website.

The 2008 season is shaping up, and is looking good for the Indianapolis Region. We are once again the host region for the Peru National Tour stop on June 27th-29th. Already we are in process of planning for the event, and this will be our main topic for coming Solo Committee meetings. Last year was very successful, and we would like to continue on that path with this year's event. I would like to extend a warm thank you to those who have already volunteered for working this event, but we still have several needs to fill. Everyone who has an interest in helping us put on another great Tour event, please contact your Solo Co-Chairs. Even if you work the event, you will still be able to compete (I know I plan to!).

Rules, Rules, Rules

The Indianapolis Region Solo Awards Rules have been slightly changed from the 2007 version. We have moved the X Class and Novice program from their "pilot program" position to a permanent place in the Region's rules. Another slight change was to the formula that is used to calculate points for the Tovey Cup (Solo Competitor of the Year). With our new Axware timing and scoring program, we will be able to automate the points keeping that has been manually done in years past. The formula was similar to the one we used in the past, but not exact. Axware allows for a slight adjustment in the formula, and we made the adjustment to be as close as possible to the previous formula. When it comes down to it, you will still have to drive better than the other guy (or gal!) to finish higher in the PAX results. You can see the updated rules in this issue of Clutch Chatter. The Supplemental Rules have also been updated, and this year includes a pilot region only class called SMS. This is a Street Mod class that only allows "Street Tires". Check out the Supplemental Rules for details about this new Region only class for 2008.

Speaking of awards, if you did not attend the Awards Banquet back in January (and why wouldn't you?) to pick up your 2007 season award, they will be available at the first couple of events this year.

March Happenings

There are a couple of things happening in the month of March of note that I would like to point out. On March 8th the Club is having an Annual Tech Day at Performance Driven, LLC from 9am to 4pm. Come out to have your car and helmet teched for the year! Check out the Indy Region website for details (directions and Annual Tech requirements). We will also be conducting some Axware training throughout the day. So come get your Annual Tech done, and see our new timing and scoring program up close!

March 29th we will be having Solo Safety Steward training for those interested in adding the Solo Safety Steward designation to their club membership. Time and location were still being worked out at the time this article was submitted. Stay tuned to the Yahoo Group and SCCA Forums if you are interested in this training. We could always use more Solo Safety Stewards.

The 2008 Solo Season schedule has been set! We need competitors to sign up for Event Specialty chairs for all events, so please check out the matrix on the website to see what is available (a great way to qualify your points for the year end awards)

<http://www.indyscca.org/SoloFiles/2008SoloSchedule.htm>

It takes the dedicated efforts of Co-Chairmen, Event Chairmen, Event Specialty Volunteers, and the collective effort of our club members to pull off our events, so please step up to give back! During the 2008 season we will again be REQUIRING Event Chairman 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 Program 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 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!

Event Schedule:

- April 6 – "Shake out the Cobwebs" Fun Event – 16th St. Stadium
- April 27 – "Spring Into Solo" Points Event #1 – 16th St. Stadium
- May 18 – "Performance Driven Dash" Points Event #2 – TBD
- June 8 – "Summer is: Around the Corner" Points Event #3 – TBD
- July 13 – "CSCC vs. Indy Region Shootout Round 1" Points Event #4 – Walesboro
- August 17 – "CSCC vs. Indy Region Shootout Round 2" Points Event #5 – TBD
- September 7 – "Double Course Nationals Warm-up" Points Event #6 – TBD
- October 5 – "Aussie! Aussie! Aussie! (Pursuit)" Points Event #7 – 16th St. Stadium
- October 26 – "Season Lands" – TBD
- November 2 – "Worker's Invitational" – 16th St. Stadium

Why all the TBD's you ask? Well we have contacted those sites, but do not have an agreement in hand yet. Stay tuned to the website and future Clutch Chatter issues for those sites. As you can see, we have taken to naming the events this year. Seems more exciting to us, what do you think?

Please watch Clutch Chatter, www.indyscca.org website, the Indy Regional Yahoo e-Group and the Indy Forum on SCCA-Forums.com for late breaking news and further announcements about Solo Steering Committee meetings. As always, the solo chairs can be contacted at:

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"If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough" – Mario Andretti

**Indy Regional Solo Series
FUN EVENT
"Shake out the Cobwebs"**



Indianapolis Region Solo Series
Sunday, April 6th, 2008



Rain or Shine

Location:

16th Street Speedway/Bush Stadium

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 Chairmen for copies of Minor Waivers before the event.

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

Registration & Tech: 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM
Driver's Meeting: 10:00 AM
Event Start: 10:15 AM

Cost: \$20.00 SCCA Members, \$35.00 Non-Members
(Non-Member fee includes temporary SCCA membership)

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For more information on Indianapolis Region SCCA Solo events, go to:

<http://www.indyscca.org/SoloPage.html>



**Indy Regional Solo Series Points Event 1
"SPRING INTO SOLO"**

Indianapolis Region Solo Series
Sunday, April 27th, 2008 Rain or Shine

Location:

16th Street Speedway/Bush Stadium

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There's an old song that goes "Belonging to someone is a wonderful, wonderful thing". I think that "Being a part of something" is a very close analogy.

Going to a recreational activity alone is sometimes a neat experience akin to "the out of town gunslinger". However if you go more than once than you are starting to become a part of something. If you contribute of your efforts and money (dues) then you are definitely "a part of something". When you have achieved "ownership" then you care about the progress and growth of the organization.

It is when a group of enthusiasts have ownership and therefore care about the future of an organization that it begins to grow. SCCA became a large national organization when the "out of town gunslingers" small, organized local groups formed bigger and better things.

If the loners don't combine and organize then there won't be any events to be an out of town gunslinger at.

I recently made a "born to be wild" road trip; "out on the highway looking for adventure" to a site and club that I had not visited before. I loved it, but it only happens for the first time, once. If everyone did what I did on a regular basis then there wouldn't be any large club's events to visit. We would be parasites. I'll gladly pay my dues and contribute in any way that I can to ensure these events continue.

I'm reminded of a Corvair Track event at VIR a few years back in which all participants contributed in a big way with organization, promotions, pictures, articles, etc. it resulted in an event much larger and more successful than any individual person could have dreamed of. We were all very proud of ourselves and each other for it. We could all say

"We were a part of that". We were a part of something big.

Many of us who have a modicum of foresight have mailed in entry fees to events that we couldn't attend. We did this gladly so that the event would succeed, and so there would be an event sometime that we COULD attend.

This brings us to the subject of internet chat groups. All of us are thrilled to have Corvair/any marque clubs grow by introducing ourselves to prospective enthusiasts. However these "out of town gunslingers" need to know that the club won't grow or continue to exist if we don't contribute to the health of the base club. Soon there may be no group to visit.

We should constantly remind our chat group friends of the benefits of belonging to our organization—being a part of something. The strength and experience in varied fields of the organization contributes greatly to the wisdom which is given freely to our internet friends. I personally won't do it, but businesses would be justified in charging for information that it took years and money to develop. We club members freely contribute info to other members because it is an equal exchange. We should gently remind internet friends that no hard to achieve information is really equal or free; you are getting this info from dues paying members.

Of course we still want to help in reasonable and friendly ways for encouragement of prospective members. Just to remind web friends of where the info is coming from:

Warren LeVeque SCCA member # 83027
Corsa/Corvair club member #004099

THE OLD DOG

A wealthy old lady went on a photo safari in Africa, taking her faithful, elderly poodle Cuddles along for company.

One day the old poodle starts chasing butterflies and before long, Cuddles discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a leopard heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old poodle thinks, 'Oh, oh! I'm in deep doo-doo now!' Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap the old poodle exclaims loudly, 'Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?'

Hearing this, the young leopard halts his attack in mid-stride, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. 'Whew!', says the leopard, 'that was close! That old poodle nearly had me!'

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowl-

edge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So off he goes, but the old poodle sees him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figures that something must be up.

The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard.

The young leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, 'Here, monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!'

Now, the old poodle sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, 'What am I going to do now?', but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old poodle says... 'Where's that darn monkey? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard!'

Moral of this story... Don't mess with the old dogs... age and treachery will always overcome youth and skill ! Brilliance only comes with age and experience.

2008 Indy Region Club Racing Worker Recognition Program

You Can Get YOUR SCCA Membership Paid For By Working at ORP!

The Rules:

1. Workers are defined as people working a Specialty at one of the three Club Racing weekends held by Indianapolis Region at O'Reilly Raceway Park at Indianapolis (formerly IRP). The following are the available Indy Region Specialties: Race Chairman, Registration, Grid & Pit, Steward, Tech Inspection, Flagging & Communications, Guest Services / Driver Information, Radio Tech, Sound Control, Starter, and Timing & Scoring.
2. This promotion is open to any worker, including any SCCA Member from any Region.
3. Workers begin to earn Credits after working three days of a Specialty. Combining of days of more than one Specialty worked simultaneously is not allowed. A maximum of two days worth of credit is available to a worker for each race weekend. A "day" is defined as working more than 90% of the available hours within a single day per the requirements of that specialty. A "weekend" is defined as the Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the scheduled Club Racing event.
4. Each worker must have the designated Chief of that Specialty sign off on the attached credit submission card for each day of a weekend. Specialty Chiefs will have either the Race Chairman or Regional Executive sign off on their credit submission card. At the end of each race weekend, the Chief of each Specialty will provide a log of all signed cards within their Specialty that weekend to Regional Executive or his designate. This log will be retained by the Region and is for reference only. It is the workers responsibility to submit their completed credit submission card to the Regional Executive (see address on card, below) after the final race weekend. Completed cards may be mailed or will be accepted at the track after the final checkered flag of the final race weekend of the season. Cards must be received within 30 days after the final race weekend. Late submissions will not be accepted. Earned credits will not be applied to the worker's National Membership account until after the final race weekend is completed. Paid or compensated staff are excluded from this program.
5. Indianapolis Region will credit up to \$80.00 for dues for each worker qualifying based on the following credit structure:
 - 3 days worked: maximum \$30.00 credit
 - 4 days worked: maximum \$40.00 credit
 - 5 days worked: maximum \$50.00 credit
 - 6 days worked: maximum \$80.00 credit
 First Gear Members will be credited a maximum of \$45.00 after five days.
 If the worker is part of a Family or Spouse Membership, a maximum of \$120.00 will be credited to the Membership if submissions are received from more than one worker within the Family or Spouse Membership.
6. Credits will be sent to the SCCA National office in the workers name and will be credited to their account for the next membership renewal due. No cash will be given to members. Credits are non-transferable. The Indianapolis Region Board of Directors will address any questions and will review all credit submissions and reserves the right to reject any submissions it deems necessary.

2008 Indy Region Club Racing Workers Credit Submission Card

All fields must be completed

Name					
Address					
City , State, Zip					
Phone , Email address					
SCCA Member Number				Expire Date	
Membership?		Family	Spouse	First Gear	
Event	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Specialty Worked	Chief Signature
Spring Sprints Double Regional	May 2	May 3	May 4		
Indy Grand Prix National Race	July 4	July 5	July 6		
Fall Frolic Double Regional	Sept. 26	Sept. 27	Sept. 28		

**Completed card must be submitted to the Indianapolis Region after the final race weekend of the season:
 Indy SCCA, c/o Steve Linn, 6714 Hoover Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260 phone 317-727-2132**

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 Jack Hergenroether Memorial Trophy is the premier roadracing award in Indianapolis Region. It shall be presented to the outstanding competition driver on the basis of attitude, sportsmanship, and competitiveness, and the manner in which the driver has represented the Indianapolis Region. The recipient is selected by a panel of the previous recipients of this award.
2. The Club Racing 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. In the case of a tie, multiple awards will be presented to the winners. 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.
 - c. Rules 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 will apply.
3. Regional Racing 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 Great Lakes Division.
 - b. Rules 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 will apply.
4. National Racing 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 Great Lakes Division. Finishes at the SCCA National Championship Runoffs will be considered an out of division finish.
 - b. Rules 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 will apply.
5. A driver will be eligible for only one National Racing 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.
10. Competitor must be an Indianapolis Region and SCCA member in good standing to be eligible.

SOLO AWARDS

1. Class championship year-end awards will be presented as follows:
 - a. Within each class defined in the current National Solo 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
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1	12
2	9
3	7
4	6
5	5
6	4
7	3
8	2

9 through last	1
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- 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	NUMBER OF AWARDS
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1 to 3	1
4 to 6	2
7 to 9	3
10 to 12	4
13 or more	5

2. Year-end qualifications for Class Championships:
 - 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 points events. (Round up for odd number of events.)
 - c. The member's best finishes in 70% of the region's Solo points events will be counted. (rounded up to the nearest whole number.) This allows for non-attendance at a certain number of points event without penalty.
 - d. Ties for year-end points will be broken on the basis of quality of finishes in the members events used to decide year end points, i.e. most number of firsts, most number of seconds, etc. Any remaining ties for year-end class championship points will be broken by comparing the cumulative PAX scored finishes at the points events in which the tied competitors competed together, excluding Australian Pursuits or any other type of event in which PAX results cannot be obtained.
 - 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, or any other position so deemed by the Solo Chairman.
3. It will be the responsibility of the Solo 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 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 Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet. Year-end awards will not be awarded unless the region conducts a minimum of 3 points events.
4. A Jack Tovey Solo Competitor of the Year Award (SCOTY) will be 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. Only Indianapolis Region Solo points events will be SCOTY points-scoring events. Australian Pursuits and any other type of event in which PAX results cannot be obtained will not be SCOTY points-scoring events. For each points-scoring event:
- a. The PAX times used to compute scores will include those of all drivers competing at the event in a recognized SCCA Solo class.
 - b. 100 points will be awarded to the individual(s) with the fastest/best PAX time.
 - c. A minimum of ten points will be awarded.
 - d. Individuals who enter the event but do not receive a time shall receive 10 points unless they are disqualified from that event in which case they shall receive 0 points.
 - e. Individuals between those times will be granted points computed as follows: $100 - (150 * (\text{competitor's time} - \text{Top PAX time}) / \text{Top PAX time})$
 - f. Individuals competing for the SROTY will be scored on their 4 best points awarding Indianapolis Region Solo events within the individuals first season of competition.
 - g. In the event of a tie, event-by-event PAX finishes shall be compared. The competitor with the most first place finishes shall be judged the winner, or if both have the same number of first place finishes, qualified from that event in which case they shall receive 0 points.
5. A Solo Rookie Of The Year (SROTY) Award will be presented each year to the novice (first year) Solo competitor earning the most points during the season via PAX scored at each Indianapolis Region points-scoring event. Only Indianapolis Region Solo points events will be SROTY points-scoring events. Australian Pursuits and any other type of event in which PAX results cannot be obtained will not be SROTY points-scoring events. For each points scoring event:
- a. The PAX times used to compute scores will include those of all novice drivers competing at the event in a recognized SCCA Solo class.
 - b. 100 points will be awarded to the individual(s) with the fastest/best PAX time.
 - c. A minimum of ten points will be awarded.
 - d. Individuals who enter the event but do not receive a time shall receive 10 points unless they are disqualified from that event in which case they shall receive 0 points.
 - e. Individuals between those times will be granted points computed as follows: $100 - (150 * (\text{competitor's time} - \text{Top PAX time}) / \text{Top PAX time})$
 - f. The points for each competitor's worst points-scoring event during the season will be dropped. If the competitor missed one or more events, this could be a score of zero. This allows for non-attendance at a single points event during the season without imposing a penalty.
 - g. In the event of a tie, event-by-event PAX finishes shall be compared. The competitor with the most first place finishes shall be judged the winner, or if both have the same number of first place finishes, then the most second place finishes, etc. In the event that all finishes have been compared and competitors are still tied, the PAX times of the tied competitors, counting only events where all tied individuals competed, shall be added. The competitor with the lowest total time shall receive the award.
 - h. To be eligible for the SCOTY award, the competitor must meet all criteria per Solo Awards rules 2a and 2e above.
 - i. The SCOTY points standings will be published via either Clutch Chatter or the region web site at least once during the season before the final points-scoring event.

then the most second place finishes, etc. In the event that all finishes have been compared and competitors are still tied, the PAX times of the tied competitors, counting only events where all tied individuals competed, shall be added. The competitor with the lowest total time shall receive the award.

- h. To be eligible for the SROTY, the competitor may have competed in no more than 2 Solo/autocross events prior to entering SROTY in addition to meeting all criteria per Solo Awards Rules 2a and 2e.
 - i. The SROTY points standings will be published via either Clutch Chatter or the region web site at least once during the season before the final points scoring event.
6. X-Class. This is the Indianapolis Regions "Pro" class. X-class competitors are typically more experienced Solo competitors and will compete directly with each other at events, and are the mentor class to Novice competitors. Only Indianapolis Region Solo points events will be X-Class points-scoring events. Australian Pursuits and any other type of event in which PAX results cannot be obtained will not be X-Class points-scoring events. Here's how it works:
- a) 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.
 - b) X competitors will move from their open classes to new classes in the timing and scoring system. People normally competing in 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)
 - c) X class runs in the same heat with their open class. This allows the X competitors to be more readily available to Novice competitors.
 - d) X class 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 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)
 - e) X Class will be scored in their own class and event trophies will be determined as a normal class, with the exception of the first place trophy which will be the traveling trophy.
 - f) X will have normal year-end class trophies like open classes. Participants are also eligible for the Tovey Cup (Solo Competitor of the Year).
- X will be open to anyone that wants to run there, however Rookies are encouraged to run with their open

classes their first season.

All Solo competitors are encouraged to give people rides and mentor less experienced people.

- 7. A year-end Spirit of Solo Award will be presented to the individual 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 Chair(s) after the finals points event of the season, but before the Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet.

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:
 - a. Group I classes are to be used for TSD (Time, Speed, Distance) rallies.
 - 1. Class "E": Unlimited equipment. Comparable Divisional and National class is "Equipped".
 - 2. Class "L": Any timekeeping device, any odometer, any computer/calculating equipment that does not have automatic input of mileage, tables, Curta's, or slide rules. Comparable to National and Divisional class "Limited".
 - 3. Class "S": Any timekeeping device, stock odometer in stock location. Tables, slide rules, or single memory four function (non-programmable) calculators. Comparable to National and Divisional class "Stock".
 - 4. Class "N": (Novice) Same as Class "S," 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 a year-end rally trophy by any SCCA Region when they enter their first event of the 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.
 - 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 or GTA (Game-Tour-Adventure).
 - 1. Class "E": (Experienced) Combination of Classes "E," "L," and "S" 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:
 1. For rallies with more than one class other than Novice, points will be awarded for class position per the points schedule.
 2. 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.
 3. For a rally of chance (such as Poker Run, Yahtzee Rally, etc.), all competitors who finish will be awarded second place points regardless of finishing position.
- 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 Rally SCCA event or seek work agreeable to the Rally Chairman, i.e., pre-checking, acting as safety steward. The Rally Chairman will be responsible for keeping a record of those people who have fulfilled the work requirement towards year-end point eligibility.
- 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.
- g. For rallies with only Experienced and Novice classes, competitors must inform the Rally Chair at that rally which class they want to apply their points for year end total. In rallies with all classes, a person can only get points for the class they compete in for that rally.

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.

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

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: E > L > S
- 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

6. Junior Award:

- a. Must be under age 18 on February 1st of the award year.
- b. Juniors may be a driver or navigator
- c. At each applicable event, in addition to the class trophy, a Junior trophy will be awarded to the highest placing Junior overall.
- d. 1 year-end Trophy will be given to highest placing Junior overall.

MICHAEL BUCHANEN FAIRBANKS MEMORIAL 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.

2008 Awards Points Rules continued

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	12
2	9
3	7
4	6
5	5
6	4
7	3
8	2
9	1

3. The competitors nine best finishes will be counted with no more than four events from any one category of competition.
4. The points standings will be published at mid-season and at the end of the year.

INVOLVED MEMBER AWARD

The purpose of the Involved Member Award is to recognize Indianapolis 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 every 5 calendar years (example: a winner presented a jacket in 2003 is eligible again in 2008). Repeat awards within the 5 calendar years will be recognized by embroidering of the award year on the jacket.

Points are awarded as follows:

Administrative:

Indy Region Board of Directors	100 per year
Newsletter Editor	100 per year
Webmaster	100 per year

Pointskeeper	100 per year
Program Chair	100 per year
Banquet or Trophy Chair	100 per year

Indy Region Race Events:

Event Chair	400 per event
Event Co/Assistant Chair	250 per event
Working Chief of Specialty Worker	125 per day
Driver/ Crew	100 per day
	50 per day

Indy Region Solo Events:

National/Divisional Event Chair	400 per event
National/Divisional Event Co/Chair	250 per event
Regional Event Chair	100 per event
Regional Event Specialty Chair	75 per event
Regional Driver / Worker	50 per day

Indy Region Rally Events:

National/Divisional Event Rallymaster	400 per event
Regional Rallymaster	200 per event
Rally PreCheck / Safety Steward	100 per event
Working Chief of Specialty	75 per day
Driver / Navigator / Worker	50 per day

Other Events:

National/Divisional Rally or Solo Registrar	75 per event
GLDiv Roundtable Chair	100 per event
GLDiv Roundtable/SCCA Nat Conv	50 per day
Activities Participation / Awards Banquet	50 per day
Clutch Chatter / Website article/photos	50 per article
Monthly meeting attendance	30 per event

Points are only awarded for Indy Region related events, Great Lakes 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 attached form or a reasonable facsimile and mail or e-mail it to the Membership Chairman. The form can also be downloaded in Excel format from our website, making tabulation of points easier. All forms must be received no later than December 31st of the year in order to be eligible for an Involved Member Award for that year. Confirming receipt of submitted points is the sole responsibility of the entrant. A person's eligibility will be verified by the Membership Chairman. The IMA will be presented to the winning members at the Annual Awards Banquet for that year.

2008 AWARDS POINTS RULES CHANGES RECAP

We only had a couple changes to the points rules for 2008. If you have any questions regarding the rules, please contact the program chairpersons or a board member.

Race: Clarified Club Racing Rookie of the Year awards for ties.

Solo: All references to Solo II or Solo 2 have been replaced with Solo.

The points formula for the Tovey cup (Pax standings) and the Novice of the Year have been changed.

Novice year end award rules have been added, and the X Class has been added to the points rules.

Rally: Changed class designations to conform to National designations. Deleted Historic Class Designations.

Involved Member Award: Added some clarifications regarding Indy Region Involvement.

Indy Region Involved Member Points Reporting Form

This form can also be downloaded in Excel format from our website, making tabulation of points easier.

Date	Event	How Participated	Points

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

Richard Kakoczki	Indianapolis
Joseph H Wilson	Danville
Matt Gilliatt	Westfield
Nicole LeGrand-Gilliatt	Westfield
George F Walker	Indianapolis
Vincent-Allen Vergara	Bloomington

Membership Report

By Brian Gard

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 471 members strong.

Solo Is: AA – Artists Anonymous

By Warren LeVeque

While I greatly admire artists in their more commonly recognized forms, who says that artists are just painters or sculptors? Who defines what the “Arts” are? Rappers and Hip hop performers constantly refer to themselves as “artists”. This must make the classically trained musicians and dancers nearly throw up. However art is still in the eye of the beholder.

Webster says Def. 1:” Virtue of imagination and skill”.

Def. 2: “ A person who does anything very well, with a feeling for form, effect, etc., one whose work shows exceptional creative ability or skill”.

Def. 3.”One who is adept at an activity.” I would also add function under “etc.” as does Webster in identifying an imaginative cook as an artist. Under Webster definitions, we would have to grant a Rapper who does his hateful, sexist, bad poetry, shuffle and grunt ”Very Well” as an Artist.

So, if art is in the eye of the beholder, let’s just behold using our biased opinions. If a craft is a work done very well, then if imagination is added it becomes art. We don’t have to understand it, just appreciate it. Modern art and Op Art is still art.

A mechanic/artisan who repairs our car with stock parts is a craftsman; if he uses imagination, in lieu of available parts or improves the performance in the process, then he is an artist.

Anonymous means “without recognition”. Car clubs are full of anonymous artists. Let’s make some of them not so anonymous. Some might argue “where is the imagination in restoring a stock car to concours condition. I would argue that the artistry is in the “process” of discovering how to turn this rusted hunk of metal into a masterpiece; con-

ceiving it and accomplishing it. Restoring a piece of history is worth many accolades by itself. Custom cars have always been recognized as art; the imagination, form, and effect, is obvious. Some of this artistry is probably in the Baroque, Modern, or Op Art category, but still definitely art.

The designer/builder of a performance car is very much an artist. He must work within restrictive rules to make his machine perform better than his competition. You often hear the appreciative driver exclaim this his machine is “a work of art”. The “work of art” performs it’s “dance” on the track with much precision.

The driver of the performance machine is also an artist. He performs his hard learned/earned craft with precision and grace and uses his imagination and creativity to turn a fastest lap or to execute a pass. Sometimes this machine and it’s operator is described as a “Ballet’ on the track.

Some talent such as singing, painting, driving, etc. is innate---you are just born with it. However if you don’t use it and develop it; is it really art? I have had my 40 years of off/on experience completely decimated by a “ natural” getting into my car and humbling me. These are just unfortunate facts of life. I can’t sing either! So, being an adult, I take the hint and apply myself in other areas such as car building or piano playing.

Speaking of other areas; I can think of many areas of artistry/talent which should not remain anonymous: organizing, party entertainment, creative crafts (quilting, etc), arranging banquets, writing, entertaining, instructing, course designing, Rallye designing, announcing, newsletters, conceiving and creating a business, and many more without which the other artists would indeed remain anonymous.

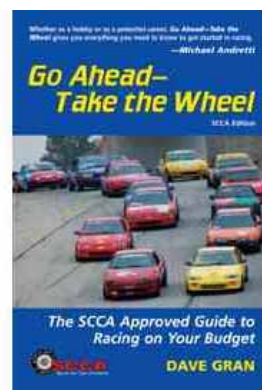
by Anonymous

Book Report SCCA’s Guide to Racing “Go Ahead – Take the Wheel”

You may have already heard some of the buzz surrounding the SCCA edition of the book “Go Ahead – Take the Wheel.” What you may not be fully aware of are the benefits this resource can provide our region, prospective members, and existing members. Let me ask you this, have you ever been approached by someone asking how they can begin racing with the SCCA? Or have you known anyone that might have interested in racing but simply didn’t have the necessary information to make it a reality? All too often novices do not even recognize all of the questions they should be asking leading to further confusion.

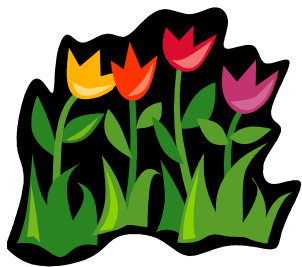
This book does a great job of simplifying the process and essentially invites readers on a guest tour of the inner workings of our club. It provides detailed information on Solo racing, Performance Driving Experience events, opportunities for volunteering with the club, and wheel-to-wheel Club Racing. It truly is a “How To” of SCCA racing.

So next time someone does approach you asking how they can begin racing, just point them to the SCCA Collection website (www.SCCACollection.com) where this guide can be found. (Books may also be ordered by calling 888-267-2187.) This 192-page book is sold solely by the SCCA national office and its regions for \$16.95.



Announcing the 2008 Race Season for Indy Region SCCA at O'Reilly Raceway Park

(Formerly Indianapolis Raceway Park)



May 3-4
Spring Sprints
SCCA Double
Regional Races

Featuring the

**Tulip Trophy
Handicap Race**



National Racing Series

July 5-6
Indy Grand Prix
SCCA National Races
plus a
Restricted Regional

Featuring

Our Always Popular
Saturday Night
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September 27-28
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Regional Races

Featuring the

**Headless
Horseman
Handicap
Race**



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We used online entries for the first time at our Fall Frolics in 2007. This was very well accepted by the racing community, and we are pleased to announce we will be utilizing online entries for all of our races in 2008.

For those who prefer a paper entry, we will have the entry forms for each event available for downloading on our website a few weeks before each event. If you need to have an entry form mailed to you, please contact our Race Program Chairperson Pete Hynton about 6 weeks before the desired event.

Check out our Worker Incentive Program on page 11 - Work for Dues.

2008 Great Lakes Div Race Schedule with other events

DATE	DRIVERS SCHOOLS	REGIONALS	GREAT LAKES NATIONALS	CENDIV OR MIDIV NATIONALS	OTHER EVENTS
March 8	Workers and Stewards Spring Seminar (Toledo, OH)				
Mar 29 - 30				R/N/IT @ Gateway	
Apr 19 - 20	GLDiv @ NL (D)				
Apr 26 - 27			INR @ GM		
May 3 - 4		INDY @ ORP (D)(C)		BVR @ BHF	
May 10 - 11			DET / FWR @ GRA		
May 17 - 18				MIL @ BHF	
May 24 - 25		WMR @ GRA (D)(C)	NEO @ NL, MVR @ NL	N/N/IT @ Memphis	
May 31 Jun 1					
Jun 7 - 8		OVR @ MO (R)	OVR @ MO		
Jun 14 - 15					
Jun 21 - 22				CHI @ RA June Sprints	
Jun 28 - 29					
July 5 - 6		INDY @ ORP (R)	INDY @ ORP		
Jul 12 - 13					
Jul 19 - 20					
Jul 26 - 27		NEO @ NL (D)(C)		MIL @ RA	
Aug 2 - 3				R/N/IT @ Gateway	
Aug 9 - 10		CIN @ MO (R)	WMR @ GRA		CIN @ MO (PDX)(T)
Aug 16 - 17				CHI @ ABJ	VSCDA @ GRA
Aug 23 - 24		SBR @ GM (R)	SBR @ GM		NEO @ NL (R)(24hr)
Aug 30 - 31				N/N @ HPT	
Sep 6 - 7		OVR @ MO (D)(C)			
Sep 13 - 14					
Sep 20 - 21					
Sep 27 - 28		INDY @ ORP (D)(C)			
Oct 4 - 5					
Oct 5 - 12	Runoffs at Heartland Park Topeka				
Oct 25 - 26				R/R @ Gateway	

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

TOPEKA, Kan. (June 1, 2007) – Sports Car Club of America, Inc. has launched a new program designed to encourage membership growth by rewarding current members who refer new members to the organization.

Beginning June 1, for each new member referral generated, current SCCA members will receive a \$5 discount on their next National dues renewal. With National dues currently set at \$60, if a member is responsible for 12 new members, the program would make their next year's dues free.

"The most important recruitment tool SCCA has is the members themselves," SCCA President and CEO Jim Julow said. "Our members drive the Club and have a key role in driving its membership. Recruiting new members not only expands our SCCA family and ensures a strong future, but will now provide financial incentive to spread the excitement of SCCA."

The top referring members from the period of June 1 through November 30, 2007 will also be in contention to receive one of several great prizes through the new membership drive. The SCCA member with the most referrals during the contest will have their expenses to the 2008 SCCA National Championship Runoffs covered and be eligible for special pace car duties at the event. Second place will receive a certificate for an SCCA-accredited professional driving school, with third through fifth place receiving SCCA merchandise credits.

Prize winners will be announced by December 31, 2007.

In addition to the recruiting member receiving an incentive, new members activated through the program will receive a one-time discount of \$15 off their National dues for an individual and \$20 off a family membership.

To qualify for the program, the new member may not have been an SCCA member in the previous 18 months.

In order to receive credit for referring a new member, the recruit must provide your name and membership number when they sign up. This may be done via SCCA.com (preferred), phone, fax or mail.

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.

New members of Indy Region will receive Clutch Chatter in the mail for three months, after which they are expected to view or download from the website. They will be able to elect to opt-in 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:
Dick Powell
c/o Clutch Chatter
2835 Madelynn Dr, Apt D
Indianapolis IN 46229

Indy Region SCCA **Members Only:**

- Opt-in to continue receiving Clutch Chatter via mail by completing and returning this form.
- Opt-out to stop receiving Clutch Chatter via mail by completing and returning this form.

Name: _____ SCCA Membership # _____

Address: _____
(address is provided for confirmation purposes only and will not result in an address change)

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 _____



800-770-2055 www.scca.com

Membership Application

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 299, Topeka, Kansas 66601-0299.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____
 Address _____ Telephone (____)_____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____
 Married Single Spouse's Name _____ / _____
 Member Number If Current Member _____

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

03 Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____
 04 Name _____ Birthdate ____/____/____
 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.

Club Racing Pro Racing Pro Rally Road Rally Solo

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.

First Gear Membership (**You must be under age 24**)
 Birthdate: ____/____/____

	National	Region	Total
15 First Gear	\$ 35.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 45.00

May compete in rally and solo events; may be active in many race specialties.
 To enter speed event competitions, must step up to regular membership.

NATIONAL OFFICE USE ONLY

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Source

Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ _____ U.S. Do not send cash.

VISA Mastercard No. _____ Expiration Date _____

I hereby apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, Inc. and its **Indianapolis / 013** Region and agree to abide by the bylaws.

Applicants Signature _____ Date _____

Dues include payment for subscription to Sports Car (\$24 value)
 (Dues are not deductible as charitable contributions)

Classified Ads

Classifieds are offered as a free service to Indy Region members. Send to Dick Powell, 2835 Madelynne Dr, Apt D, Indianapolis IN 46229 317-407-7743 Email: clutchchatter@yahoo.com

Deadline for next months ads is the 15th.

If you want a picture with your ad, please send it as a separate JPEG file attachment to email or by snail mail as a photo for scanning.



FOR SALE: 1999 E prod Miata

Mazda close ratio transmission, Boig engine, Braake body work, Electromotive Tech III engine control.

11 races on car, 2 races in 2006, 1st place (reg), & 2nd place (nat), not raced in 2007. Never wrecked or damaged. Over \$50,000 invested, asking \$15,000 included spares .

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FOR SALE: 2004 Mini Cooper S

prepared to North American Mini Cooper Championship Group 4 spec, but still street legal. 210 HP, 15% pulley on supercharger, M7 Intercooler, 6 speed manual transmission, Quaife LSD, Willwood 11.75" brakes, coil over suspension, Cobra carbon fiber race seat & 5 point harness, full chrome-moly steel cage, stripped interior, and more. Several small dents and missing 1 plastic side skirt. \$19,000 Or Best Offer.

Contact: Waylen Hunsucker
317-201-8670
or miniguru7@yahoo.com



FOR SALE: DrawTite Class 3 Weight Distributing Hitch System, includes 1000lb spring bars.

\$200 + shipping (delivery negotiable).
Email riggenteam@sbcglobal.net
Or call 815-584-9726

WANTED: 5.0L Mustang engine parts (leftovers from AS cars?):

Upper and Lower intake manifolds, fuel rail, EGR spacer, throttle body, EEC IV computer, mass airflow sensor, cam.

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Or call 815-584-9726



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FOR RENT: GARAGE: 1000 sq. ft. heated and alarmed, overhead door and people door, some additional fenced storage. Near Emerson and Southeastern Ave, easy access near I-465. \$ 450 per month on annual lease.

Stephen and Jackie Garrett, call (317) 783-6360 or (317) 694-6794

Indy Region's Next Board Meeting

Dooley O'Tooles

160 E.
Carmel
Drive
(121st Street)



0.6 mile
west of Keystone Ave.

Contact: Lou Byer cwbnewpal@insightbb.com 317-861-0710
Dick Powell clutchchatter@yahoo.com 317-407-7743

Or any Board member from the inside front cover.

Thursday March 13

6:30 PM

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