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Editor's Corner: Only three people read this.

Last month at the end of this space that I fill with useless fodder, I posed a question. If two equally prepared cars leave the starting line at the same time, and pilot through two equally prepared courses. Which one will arrive in Missoula, Montana first and get to the Starbucks for a latte? The three answers I received were as funny and ridiculous as the question its self. They also pointed up to me that we all read into want is most logical or silly as our experiences have taught us. The first answer I received was from Chuck Hanson, Mr. Hanson with his engineering background and rally experience determined that the winner would be the driver with the largest bladder. Now my thinking when I posted this completely ridiculous question was a solo course. Again I read into the question what my experience has been. Chuck read into the question that it was a rally course when I initially refused his answer as false he countered with the logic of an engineer, which I found to be interesting.

The next answer came from Sam Crites. Now I do not know what Sam's background is, his answer however makes me think that his sense of humor is as silly as mine. The red one he answered, an off the wall response if I ever heard one. If one reads the question again one will find that the colors of the imaginary cars were never mentioned. In the spirit of *FAMILY FEUD; GOOD ANSWER!*

And the last answer I received was from an out of state member, Julie Riggen. Which by the way is Chuck Hansons daughter. Her answer told me that she shares, at least some of Dad's logic. Her reply was "Ok so you spelled Missoula wrong, and you didn't tell us if there was a pregnant woman on board. At least there IS a starbucks in Missoula, MT." And my reply to that is had there been a pregnant woman in the mix none of this could have happened. I know from experience when my wife was pregnant we had to stop during every trip to get a fish sandwich. To Julie's credit, and in keeping with her Dad's logic, she checked to see if there actually is a Starbucks in Missoula, Mt. And, I have not delved deeper into this, apparently there is a Starbucks there. But Jules you did not capitalize Starbucks so I have to take points off.

The correct answer is...if you want to take the time to drive to Missoula and the best thing you can think of doing is a latte from Starbucks be my guest, but I'm not riding shotgun. Clutch Chatter is the official newsletter of the Indianapolis Region of the Sports Car Club of America. The contents of this publication are published to entertain and inform the membership of Indy Region all rights are reserved by the Indy Region. We stress to make this a interesting and informative communication device for our membership and would bes or wannabes or hunybes to read and enjoy. The editor (bless his little pea picking heart) tries to include all articles, pics, ramblings, rantings, reviews,

records, wedding announcements, things for sale, people of interest, people of little interest, people of absolutely no interest, race results, rally results, results of my last medical exam, colorful stories, off color stories, little golden book stories, and stuff that the editor finds on his front porch that local people discard. If you do have something from the list above send an email to me at cwbnewpal@comcast.net and I will it pass through our scrutineering process have a couple of drinks pass that through my bladder and put it in the CLUTCH CHATTER. (The article not the contents of my bladder) Publication date varies but this rag is certified bird cage liner or fish wrapper by a department of the US Gov. (The only one that actually works) Normally in a space such as this in a first rate publication one would find important info about where this is published, the staff, etcetera. Which is all very good if we had any of that but we don't so this is it. Editor Lou Byer typographer Joe King photo editor Sum Yung Gy advertising Jim Shoe classifieds **Chuck Rost** art director Ty Juanon **Red Ruffinsore** ianitor "Scoop" Tirdly cat box cleaner

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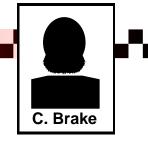
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R.E. Report Chris Brake

Here we are another month closer to our season starting up, but we have been busy laying the foundation for a successful year already. From the PDX program having dates lined up at Putnam Park, to Rally and Solo continuing to offer new ways to have fun within their programs. I encourage everyone to check out what all the programs have to offer!

This year marks the 70th year for the Indianapolis Region, and we need to celebrate. We have some ideas, but I'd love to hear from you with ideas of things we could do. I can't promise we can do everything, but this is a celebration of the membership, so it needs to serve the membership! Feel free to reach out however is convenient!

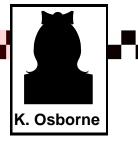
Looking forward to seeing everyone out at an event soon!





Mebership Report: Katelyn Osborne

Nothing this month



RALLY

From: <u>SCCARoadRally@yahoogroups.com</u> [mailto:SCCARoadRally@yahoogroups.com] Sent: Friday, February 12, 2016 1:01 PM To: <u>SCCARoadRally@yahoogroups.com</u> Subject: [SCCARoadRally] 2016 USRRC Announcement

It gives me great pleasure to announce that the 2016 SCCA United States Road Rally Challenge will be hosted the weekend of November 4, 5 and 6 by the New England Region in conjunction with the 50th Anniversary of the Covered Bridge Rally. Covered Bridge is the longest running event in SCCA history, celebrating its 50th consecutive year in 2016. Ted Goddard has been the rallymaster for every Covered Bridge Rally. Naming the 2016 running of this event as the USRRC is a fitting tribute to the perseverance of Ted and the NER Rally Program. The rally features scenic New England back roads and iconic covered bridges. The preliminary schedule includes a Friday evening rally school and welcome reception. Saturday's main event is the Covered Bridge 50 Tour Rally of 130 miles followed by a group dinner. The rallymaster for this event is Ted Goddard. Sunday's road rally will be a half day course rally with SCCA Hall of Fame member John Buffum serving as rallymaster. An awards ceremony concludes the weekend Sunday.

Those traveling to New England may choose to extend their visit and take in some local points of interest including the Hemmings Auto Museum in Bennington, Vermont and Skyline Overlook – Hogback Mountain where, on a clear day, you can see 100 miles.

Make your plans now for a November trip to New England.

Rich Bireta Chair, SCCA RRB



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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 two 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 plan is to add non-member competitors to the mailing list for the month. If they participate in another event during the following month, then they will stay on the list for another month.

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

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Activities Daniel Vang

February was a hectic month for us but, with it being so busy it's also a lot of fun! We've shared so many laughs this month and were able to see a lot of friends that we can't normally get together with when we aren't just out at a regular event. All these laughs definitely seemed to have given everyone a break from the cold weather blues.

World of Wheels was a great success! Sadly, we weren't able to bring home the gold in club display category. But the amount of smiles and lights beaming from the kids at heart, who were willing to stop and compliment the display, was what we were really there for. Because of the display, and everyone who was willing to donate some of their valentines day weekend to help promote the club, we were able to generate a lot of attention and interest from hopeful participants. Again, I want to give a HUGE



thanks to everyone that came out to help, share smiles, give each other some smack talk, and show everyone interested that we are more than just a bunch of crazy nut jobs who stand in parking lots all day! Seriously, without you guys this wouldn't be as fun as it is!

We also just finished up the annual karting day at Fastimes in Indianapolis. For those not familiar with it, we ran a 2hr LeMans style race with 8 teams of 4. It was an action packed 2hrs and some close bumper to bumper racing. In the end, the team "All Karts Matter" which consisted of Will Lahee, Nick Myers, Mat Jordan and Vinnie Taibi came out with the win. Congrats guys! To everyone else who raced, just remember you have about a year to step your game up, but I hope you all had as much fun as I did.

We don't have too much planned for March other then our Spring Training day where we'll we working on registration, timing, tech and becoming a safety steward. Along with the training we'll be having a Cheesy Potato Challenge! So if you're interested in learning how things are run and how to run them, becoming a safety steward, or think you've got the winning recipe for the Cheesy Potato Challenge make sure to save the date! Location is still TBD but keep an eye out and we'll make sure to share it. If you don't see anything make sure to get ahold of me and I'll get you the correct information!

Until next time, and don't forget you only have until April 16th to get your car done for the start of Indy Region's solo season!

Daniel

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August 27th 2016 8:30 am-4:30pm **Putnam Park Road Course** Greencastle, Indiana

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Registration closes Aug. 25th at 11:59 PM. Held in accordance with the 2016 SCCA This event is expected to sell out quickly! Time Trials rules. Hosted by Indianapolis Act Now! After sell out your request will be Region Sports Car Club of America. put on a wait list in the order received.

Chief Registratr Corrine Harleman corrineharleman@gmail.com



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Secretary Joel Harleman Meeting Minutes

February BOD Meeting Minutes

Approval of old minutes - Approved

Old Business – None

Website Report – We have one. Waiting on News/info from Rally and PDX for website updates. SCCA National is looking at hosting all of the regional websites for commonality. Will be discussed when it actually comes to fruition.

Clutch Chatter – No Report

Activities – We will be having a karting day on February 27th. Everyone is welcome to come to watch. Participants are paid and event is full. World of Wheels was an overall hit! Lots of walk by traffic that was able to start conversations and give our region information and schedules with lots of interest in coming to events. The club took 2nd place in the club display, all cars in the show won a trophy, and we signed up one new member.

Membership – 626 members with 8 new in January and at least 1 new from February.

Treasurer – Report e-mailed to BOD. Solo has put down a deposit on Grissom.

Social Media – This weekend should have all region events up on Facebook. We are also starting a YouTube channel which will record all region events and also be asking members to give interviews on themselves and their SCCA experiences.

Solo – Schedule has been posted. We have a signed contract with Grissom with a deposit check going out. Contract with the Fairgrounds has been signed. Working on the event at the Speedrome. Subaru Challenge has a tentative date of August 28th. The Subaru Rally team isn't available on that date so other dates are being explored. Looking into a region Spring Training possibly on March 26th. Would be set up with different sessions that would repeat throughout the day so that people could attend multiple things without being in one large group. Invite to Road Rally, Flagging and Communication, and PDX/Time Trials to also have training sessions at well. This year's cook-off will be cheesy potatoes. Projected Solo budget was presented to the board. Part of the budget is to use paid Facebook post boosts to get more hits and drive attendance through social media. Also have new Timing and Scoring updates and a purchase for a display to go along with updates. Solo will also have a credit card acceptor at the bus to be able to accept credit card payments on site at the events. New loaner helmets are also in the budget and looking into a buy of headsock's like FastTimes karting for those that do not have their own helmets and would be sold at the events for \$2. Budget was Approved.

Rally – Schedule is coming together. Some dates are still up in the air. The Putnam CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) would like us to host a charity event for them called "Bridges of Putnam County." Putnam CERT thinks that they can get 100 cars for the charity event. Motion called for the region to cover the sanction fee for a charity rally believed to be \$80. 1st Bryan Deane, 2nd Joel Harleman. Approved.

Time Trials – No Report. Daniel Vang made a suggestion that the 4 hours of track time from 12pm-4pm could possibly be sold to ChumpCar and other budget endurance teams as test n tune track time. It would only take 9 cars/teams at \$500 each to cover the cost of the track time.

New Business – Motion to move the BOD Meetings from Thursdays to Tuesdays. Motioned and approved. Proposal from Stefanie Stribling for all of the Board Members to receive polo shirts bought from the SCCA with names and titles on them for when we do promotional events like World of Wheels, Street Survival, ect so that the board member have a more uniform look at events. Would cost around \$400. Motioned and Approved. Also look into getting in on the SCCA Gear Website that offers gear that is region specific with our logo on it. The regions used to get part of the money from sales of that gear. Call to end the meeting. Motioned and approved.

Joel Harleman Secretary





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Solo Report Stephanie Stribling

The season getting ready to start. Schedules have been posted, pre-registration is available soon. But there is still some things to do before hand. We will be having a Training Day on March 26th at the Boreen's House in Westfield. We will be going over many aspects of running a solo (tech, registration, timing), along with other



programs that Indy Region offers. We will also be combining this with a cook-off again.

This years theme is "Cheesy Potatoes". Feel free to bring a dish for the cook-off, or another item of food to share with the group. For any questions and to RSVP email me at

indysccasolo@yahoo.com. Keep an eye on Facebook and the website as well for more details as it gets close.

Solo Schedule

Regular and Special Events April 16 DragCross Event #1 Grissom Aeroplex April 17 Fun Event #1 Grissom Aeroplex May 14-15 Points Event #1 (Saturday) Grissom Aeroplex Match Tour Style Regional (Sunday) Both days hosted by Fort Wayne Region Co/hosted by Indy Region May 20-22 Test N Tune** Grissom Aeroplex June 12 Points Event #2 Indiana State Fairgrounds July 2-3 Two-Day Divisional Event Grissom Aeroplex and Points Events #3 and #4 July 16 DragCross Event #2 Grissom Aeroplex July 17 Points Event #5 Grissom Aeroplex August 7 Hoosier Challenge (Points #6) Grissom Aeroplex Hosted by Fort Wayne Region August 13-14 CAM Challenge East Grissom Aeroplex Hosted by Indv Region August 19-21 Test N Tune** Grissom Aeroplex Nationals Preparation September 18 Points Event #7 *Site TBD* October 1 DragCross Event #3 Grissom Aeroplex October 2 Solo Trial Event Grissom Aeroplex October 16 Final Fun Event Grissom Aeroplex Car Swapping Fun

***Schedule is subject to change. Please check the website for all updates and details. **Test N Tune events are Pre-Registation ONLY and have limited spaces available. www.indyscca.org

Remember all dates and locations are subject to change. Please check the website for any changes. *RECORD DAY: These events will be run on Grissom's test and tune course. The purpose is to establish and later break class time records. These events will operate as a normal Indy SCCA Solo event except that awards will only be presented to new record holders. The region will keep a database of record holders for each class. Each record holder will receive an official document signifying the record signed by the Solo Chair and Regional Executive. In 2014 this will become a single two day event that will allow competitors to run for records in multiple classes

Page 9 Clutch Chatter PDX/TT REPORT CJ HARLEMAN

Greetings Track Rats!

Our Track events at Putnam are shaping up nicely. Track Night in America will open registration for events the first week of March. Get on there early and sign up! They are expected to sell out. Go to <u>tracknightinamerica.com</u> to register.

I have clarified the car prep rules for our open top owners. Officially Targa and T-top cars can run with the top(s) on or off and they DO NOT require additional roll over protection. Of course, if you don't actually fit under the roof line, you'll need to put the top on to squash yourself down into the vehicle. Convertibles: You can run a FACTORY hard top with factory attachments and you DO NOT need additional roll over protection (this means that a Miata or S2000 can run a hard top and not need a roll bar). Spread the word. This information comes straight from the horse's mouth at Topeka.

If you haven't noticed, I have added a few additional run options during our days out at Putnam. Race car owners rejoice! You asked, I made it happen. We will have a race-prepped car group running from 2pm to 4pm, and a street car event from 12 - 2pm (perfect get away for your lunch break!) before each of the TNiA events. Check them out on our Facebook page (FB.com/indyscca) or on Motorsportsreg.com. Registration is open for both options right now! While you're at it, go grab the event promo graphic and post it everywhere you can think of! The more promotion we can do, the more entrants we will have to play with on track and, the more funds we will have to do even more great track events in 2017.

The next track planning committee meeting will be at Raleigh and Velma Boreen's home on March 26th at 1pm. Please RSVP to me (<u>corrineharleman@gmail.com</u>) or via MSreg.com at <u>http://msreg.com/TT326RSVP</u> We will work on our worker schedules for the events and plans for our promotional push. I will have applications for officials if anyone would like to apprentice in 2016. The meeting will be a pitch in and a bit of an early season BBQ. BYOB and a side dish. I hope to see you there!

Go Fast! Don't Screw Up!

CJ Harleman

Time Trials Director - IndySCCA

Mark your calendars Racers! You'll need the following days off from work or whatever to go to Putnam Park and flog your car with the SCCA:

May 12, 2016 (Race Car Test n Tune plus Track Night in America) msreg.com/putnamtnia1 June 13, 2016 (Race Car Test n Tune plus Track Night in America) msreg.com/putnamtnia2 July 19, 2016 (1/2 day PDX plus Track Night in America) msreg.com/putnamtnia3

August 27, 2016 (1 day PDX plus Starting Line Track School) msreg.com/putnamtniapdx

Watch for updates as we get add-ons in place for these dates at the track such as cruise-ins, car shows, kidz corals, etc. 2016 is going to be EPIC!

Please contact me with any questions at corrineharleman@gmail.com or 812-585-2663

Best Regards Corrine "CJ" Harleman BSN, RN

Time Trials Program Director Indianapolis Region #13 SCCA Great Lakes Division Area 4 Committee Chair Experimental Programs Committee SCCA National



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