



Clutch Chatter

April 2017

Editor- Maggie Vang

Hello All!!!! I hope everyone had as much fun at the PAPA event as I did!!!! It was a fun track with a lot of GREAT company. This event had a special visitor...my Granny!!!! This was her first event...EVER!!!! She took many pictures and had a fun time! She stated, "Everyone here treats each other like family!!!" She also said, "I will have to come back to more events because watching is very enjoyable!!!"

I was a little nervous at first because I was unsure about how she would take all the speed and action...she WANTS to come back!!! I did attempt to get her into a few cars, but she just looked at me and said, "I'm not doing that...I'm too old for that."

It was at that point I started to talk to her about our very own, Lee Miller. It was then that I realized that I do not know that much about

him or the other drivers around here...so I will be doing profiles of those whom have been with us for a while. I will be asking about their pasts and their love of this sport. Each month will be dedicated to one person (and spouse). I hope everyone can learn something from those that I talk too.

Until next month,
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Regional Executive-Chris Brake

This past weekend, I was reminded of all the things this club has done for me. It was the first time in two and a half years that our car ran, and the first time in 6 months that we've seen a lot of our friends and meeting new racing friends for the first time. All of this reminded me of what it was like when we first showed up and how we were immediately welcomed into the group, coached and encouraged as we became involved.

As I thought about all of this, I started thinking if the club makes as big of an impact in everyone else's lives as it has for us. I want to do everything I can as a Regional Executive, and member in general to make the club as inviting as it was for me and do serve our members as well as possible. There is no way we can do everything that everybody wants, there just aren't enough dollars or weekends to make it all happen. That being said, if there is anything that you would like the club to do differently, something else you'd like the club to do, ask. Come to a board meeting, email myself or any other board members, we will listen and do what we can.

My only other thought for this month is about Greenpower. As most of you have likely seen, I am looking for volunteers for a Greenpower race at IMS on April 30 and May 1. These are electric cars built by middle and high school teams that compete in 90-minute races. I'm looking for people to do some basic flagging and tech jobs mainly. If you can help out, please let know! If you have friends that can help, please get them in touch!

Hope to see you all at as upcoming club events!



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Solo Chairperson- Stefanie Stribling

The season is ready to start, but for some it already has! Thank you to everyone that attended the PAPA (Purdue Automotive Performance Association) Charity Autocross. The charity event was to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. We were very excited to be able to help them with this event. After the weekend, PAPA was able to donate \$1200 to the Wounded Warrior charity.

We will be having our annual training meeting on April 9, 2017. The meeting will take place at "The Peasant Castle", also known as the dwelling of Vinnie, Kevin, and Brendan. It is located at 4412 Dickson Rd, Indianapolis. Please try to let us know you are coming. Contact either Stefanie at indysccasolo@yahoo.com (or [765-366-3870](tel:765-366-3870)) or Vinnie at indysccaactivities@gmail.com. We will be combining this years training meeting with another food challenge. This year the category is "Wings". Bring your best wings recipe and let the masses decide, or you can bring a side dish as well. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided but you are welcome to BYOB. The meeting will start at 11am and lunch will be at 1pm, and then more training after lunch if needed. We will have a Safety Steward class, registration and timing, tech, waivers, and fire extinguisher safety. We look forward to seeing everyone there and get the season started!

Our first official event will be April 22-23 at Grissom Aeroplex. Saturday, April 22, will be a DragCross. This is bracket style racing with drag race starts and autocross courses back. Times are now handicapped throughout the entire event. If you have never tried DragCross you are missing out. It's all about having fun! Sunday, April 23, will be our annual 'Dust off the Cobwebs Fun Event'. This will be structured like a normal event to get everyone back into the swing of things and let people who attended training try out some of their new skills.

I am still looking for volunteers for helping with One Lap of America. This is on May 6 at Grissom Aeroplex. We need help with course setup/tear down, cone shagging, timing and other odds and ends. If you would like to help with this please contact either Stefanie at indysccasolo@yahoo.com or Raleigh Boreen at rvboreen@gmail.com. We also have an event the day after this and a lot of times we use a modified course from what the One Lap crew ran.

We also need help with Green Power being help at IMS. This event involves electric kit cars build by students and they race for endurance. This event is April 30-May 1 (yes, a Sunday-Monday). If you would like to help with this, or if you would like more information contact Chris at chrisbrake@rocketmail.com.

I am also looking for a few more Chief positions for Match Tour. I am needing a Chief of Waivers and a Chief of Sound. The Chief of Waivers does not have to be at the gate all day every day. They are in charge of assuring that when the gates open, waivers are there and ready to be filled out. We generally hire someone to sit at the gate for the weekend. You would also need to be in contact with the worker and make sure they get lunch and bathroom breaks. Chief of Sound just assures that the sound meter gets set-up in the appropriate spot and helps the workers that will have this as their worker assignment as needed. I am also still in need of 1 or 2 people to help with Hospitality. They would need to assure that trashcans are being emptied and the site is staying clean. I will also be looking for someone to work the gate. They would need to be at the site no later than 8am and stay until 7 or 8pm. This job is for someone who is not running the event or going to be involved in being a pit crew for the event. This is an incentivized position, so if you are interested in doing this please contact Stefanie at indysccasolo@yahoo.com.



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Secretary- Joel Harleman

March 2017 Indianapolis Region SCCA BOD Minutes

Attendees – Chris Brake – RE / Bryan Deane – Assistant RE / Colin Faucett – Treasurer / Joel Harleman – Secretary / Matt Adams – Membership / Stephanie Stribling – Solo Chair / CJ Harleman – Time Trials Chair / Bruce Faucett and Carol Burger – At Large BOD / Maggie Vang – Clutch Chatter Editor / Katelyn Osbourne, Brendan Bogan, Jan Castelluccio, Lee Miller, Reba Miller, Daniel Vang, Raleigh Boreen, Velma Boreen - Members

Approval of February Minutes – Approved

Old Business – None

Website Report – March Clutch Chatter is posted. Keep getting things to John so they can be posted in a timely manner.

Clutch Chatter – New e-mail for the editor is indyclutchchatter@gmail.com. All articles are to be submitted by the 4th of the month so that publishing and posting can be by the 7th of the

month. The Opt-in/out postcard wording was approved. Suggestion that in addition to posting Clutch Chatter to the website and postal mail that it be e-mailed out to the membership as well.

Membership – We have 550 members currently. Membership will be working on making members aware of the Involved Member program and what all it entails.

Treasurer – National Convention was slightly over budget, Yearly Awards Banquet was about what was expected, World of Wheels was under budget. Program chairs asked to send contracts with dollar amounts on them to Treasurer as receipts for funds. Federal/State taxes are completed and filed. Bank accounts are doing well. Motion called and approved to allow the Treasurer to invest money in the savings account into CD's. Invoice needs to be sent to One Lap of America.

Activities – The first season of Winter Karting League ended last week. It was a pretty good success and Fastimes love having us there. We're hoping to be able to have the league next year, as well. With that, I'd like to ask the board for a budget for year end trophies. The league has brought us 4 or 5 new members and a good relationship with Fastimes. Trophies will help draw more people out to events in the future and can benefit the club as a whole. Thank you for your consideration. Also, if anyone has ideas for activities over the next few months/summer, email me. I have a short list that I will be posting on Facebook to gauge interest. Call to vote for a budget for Karting League trophies was approved.

Social Media - Autocross Facebook events are posted, Instagram is doing well. If any other programs need events, email me information and possibly a photo. I recommend 45 days notice for big events and 10 for smaller. With my schedule, a few extra days notice for me helps to ensure a proper timeline.

Runoffs – The region has been approved to do the Monday Block Party. Chris and Dave will be setting this up. Would also like to do a car show on that evening to go along with the party. Hard card workers/competitors to the runoffs will receive discounts at the restaurants along Main Street. Velma Boreen has volunteered to head up the Region Ambassador Program. Flag and Comm training day at IMS to be held on the 19th. Gates open at 6am with registration from 730-800am.

Solo – The start of the season is almost here! Contrats with all sites have been signed. The region will be helping with the PAPA Charity Autocross for the Wounded Warriors Foundation on April 1-2. Cost is \$30 for one day or \$40 for both and registration is up on MotorsportsReg. The PAPA group currently has only 5 SCCA members and as an incentive for them to join if they can increase to 12 SCCA members then their group will get \$20 entry fees for the 2017 Indy SCCA autocross events. April 9th will be the Solo Spring Training. Location and directions is on Facebook and the website. We will cover Timing and Scoring, Registration, Tech, Solo Safety Steward training, and Fire training. First region events are April 22nd for a DragCross and the 23rd for a Fun Event. Volunteers are still needed for the National Match Tour, One Lap of America, Green Power event at IMS, and Midwest Muscle Car Club at Terre Haute. Motion called for and approved to buy new a new sound meter for the club. Discussion was had about trying to find an incentive for people to run Pro-Class. Also discussed was the need for the regions within the Great Lakes Division to promote and attend the Divisional solo series. All regions should promote the Divisional events along with each other's events to help drive attendance to everyone's events. Grissom for this year will do a couple of passes during the year doing weed killing and using a street sweeper to clean the site, but we will still need volunteers for a few work days during the year to help maintain this site.

Rally – April 2nd will be the Rally School at Squealers BBQ on 86th St. and the first rally will be on May 7th.

PDX – First event is on April 8th. We have 20 entries so far and that is really good a month out from the event. RaceCraft1 will be there to help with instruction of the Novice class. There is a poll out of Facebook to hear about what phone/GPS based timing systems people are using at track days. We would like to try to do one session at the August PDX with some form of timing for bragging rights with the goal of having a timed series with trophies for 2018. Kentucky region would like to have track activities at NCM by 2018 and is not opposed to our region using the track.

new Business – Discussed finding a new site for the monthly BOD meetings.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joel Harleman
Indy Region SCCA Secretary



Membership Chairperson- Matt Adams

Membership stands at 550 members with 42 added to the region since the first of the year.

Please don't forget to download your copy of the "Involved member" award log from indyscca.org and keep track of your participation throughout the year.

Rules location

<http://indyscca.org/information/RegionalRules/2014/2014%20Involved%20Members%20Awards%20Rules.pdf>

Log location

<http://indyscca.org/information/IndyRegionInvolvedMemberPointsForm.xls>

Any questions, please send messages to madams.scca@gmail.com

The screenshot shows the SCCA Indy Region website. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with items: Dragcross, Time Trials, Rally, RallyCross, Club Race, Information & Forms (highlighted with a red box), Schedules, Results, Clutch Chatter Newsletter, Classifieds, Event Photos, Links, Indy Region News Forum, Yahoo Groups, and Indy Region Discussion Forum. The main content area has several sections: 'Officers' with a sub-section '2017 Officers' listing links from 2016 to 2003; 'Indy Region Bylaws' with a link to the updated 2012 version; 'Involved Membership Award - Rules and Worksheets' with three links: 'Involved Member Award Points Rules', 'Involved Member Award Worksheet (pdf)', and 'Involved Member Award Worksheet (excel)' (all three are highlighted with a red box); and 'Membership Application' with a sub-section 'First Gear Application' and a list of waiver and insurance links including 'Waivers, Insurance, and Accident information', 'Minor Waiver form', 'Rally/Solo Release Waiver', 'Club Racing Multi-Event Waiver Form', 'Participant Accident Coverage Document', 'SCCA Commercial General Liability Insurance Document', and 'Indy Logo for Indy Region use' with several logo options.

Activities Chairperson- Vinnie Taibi

Indy SCCA's Inaugural Winter Karting League came to an exciting finish last month. Matt Geist clinched the season title after the 4th event, but there was an extremely tight finish for 2nd through 5th. The track was very sticky and allowed for 8 drivers to run sub 23.2's. Will Lahee became the only driver to break into the 22's for the season and passed Alan Hamson for the overall 2nd spot on the year. Awards will be given to the top 5 drivers, as well as the Fastest Lady, Most Improved, and Fastest Overall Lap at the Solo Training Meeting on April 9th. Next season will be a lot of fun.

Position	Driver	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3	Event 4	Event 5	Total	Total w/ Drop
1	Matt Geist	100.000	100.000	100.000	100.000	97.259	497.259	400.000
2	Will Lahee	96.466	93.726	99.975	95.915	100.000	486.082	392.356
3	Alan Hamson	97.178	98.289	98.524	94.719	96.656	485.366	390.647
4	Vinnie Taibi	95.224	99.339	94.720	97.372	97.692	484.347	389.627
5	Dallas Reed	97.554	96.318	96.997		94.505	385.375	385.375
6	Forrest Foster	95.379	93.181	95.649	96.254	97.469	477.931	384.750
7	Josh Kikta	94.550		93.867	94.849	96.708	379.975	379.975
8	Chris Brake	94.007	91.963	94.516	95.525	93.968	469.979	378.016
9	Kevin Berba	91.962	94.011	95.280		93.128	374.381	374.381
10	Aaron Liwanag	94.719	88.968	93.982		95.305	372.974	372.974
11	Kevin Zelisko	89.644	88.916	91.641	91.779	96.066	458.046	369.130
12	Max Frohnen	89.127		87.175	89.827	90.506	356.635	356.635
13	Stefanie Stribling	87.910	87.788	88.091	87.304		351.093	351.093
14	Nate Pacheco			93.142	93.509	93.312	279.963	279.963
15	Jamie Gronkowski	55.691	44.854	70.457	71.642	80.526	323.169	278.316

I will be sending out a survey monkey with ideas for various activities and times that people may be available. If you would like to help plan or have any ideas for activities, please email me at IndySCCAActivities@gmail.com. Thank you!



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Rally Chairperson- Wendy Harrison

Checkpoint April 2017

The road rally season is officially underway! The rally committee met and mentored rallyists at rally school on April 2. We discussed the difference between tour, course and GTA rallies as well as sharing tips we've learned from events we've run. If you weren't able to attend, not to worry, we will be posting a DIY rally school on the website in a few weeks that you can run yourself. Please remember to check the website occasionally for updates, events and general information.

The next three months of rallies are interconnected, so I'll start with July and time travel backwards.

July 15 and 16 is one of our big events for the year. There will be a National Rally on Saturday and a Divisional Rally on Sunday. The National Rally is about 190 miles and will take all day. It will start on the southside of Indianapolis, run to Nashville Indiana for a lunch break and end at the German American club on State Road 135. If that is too much rallying all at once, then see below for another way to run this route.

May 7 and June 11 are regional rallies that will be used to preview the course for the July National rally. If you run either of these rallies, you will be ineligible to compete in the July 15 rally (but you could help us out by working the July 15 rally instead.) If you run either of these rallies, you can still run the July 16 rally because it is unrelated. May 7 will start on the southside of Indianapolis and run to Nashville, IN. June 11 will start in Nashville, IN and run to Indianapolis.

Please see the website for more information on these events as well as the schedule for the rest of the year.

See you down the road!
Wendy Harrison

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The Runoffs are Coming! The Runoffs are Coming!



**YES! IT IS TRUE! THE SCCA
RUNOFFS ARE FINALLY COMING
TO THE INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR
SPEEDWAY!**

This is our opportunity for the Indianapolis Region/SCCA to shine and make the experience for all those attending the Runoffs be a positive experience. We have a great facility with IMS – a great city for people to visit – and a GREAT Region helping with the event.

Most of the folks coming to the Runoffs are not familiar with Indianapolis. They may be looking for places to eat, other attractions on their off times, a shop that can help with their broken car. It can be almost anything and that is where we come in. We would like to get a group of people who are willing and able to work at the track, close to the registration area and be available as a concierge to those with questions. We would like people to work at least a 2 hour session, starting at 8 am and going until 6 pm. The dates are September 22 through October 1.

Right now, we are just “gathering” names of those that would be interested in working. As we get closer, we will build the schedule from our list. If there are days or times that are better for you, please indicate that when you contact me. Everyone working will also be given a t-shirt to wear while they are working so I will need your shirt size.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you are able to work. Since the Runoffs are here only for 2017, let’s make this the best possible experience for those attending!

Velma Boreen

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