



CLUTCH CHATTER

JULY 2017

EDITOR- Maggie Vang

Hello all! I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday. On July 2nd, while at Grissom, I had the privilege of meeting Sargent Samantha and her K9 companion, "Fargo." Fargo is a 2year old Belgian Malinois.

Samantha is a 10year Army National Guard veteran. When asked about her choice of occupation she responded,

"I have always wanted to be a cop! I have been a cop for the last 6 years and I love it!"

As I spoke to Sam I leaned against her patrol car. The talk was wonderful...until I nearly fell off the car! Fargo was inside jumping from the backseat to the front seat over and over. He may look like a little puppy...but that pup is ALL muscle!!!

It was then that I realized that Sam was holding something...a tennis ball. The Sargent opened the door to give Fargo the ball and the dog took

off! He ran around cars around us. After a few minutes I heard Sam yell something at Fargo. I asked what she was speaking...DUTCH! She told me that some of the dogs are trained with Dutch while some of the others are trained in Czech as well as German, but most of them are train with English commands.

I had to laugh as Fargo moved this huge car just by jumping between the seats. Samantha looked at me and told me that he can honk the car horn as well...

Can you imagine!?! “Hey human!!! *Beep Beep*”

Fargo and Samantha graduated on July 1 2016, and they have been on the road since. He is very good with children. Then she said something that surprised me,

“I have never been to an event in Grissom before!”

This shocked me seeing that she was on the Peru police force. I asked her if she would like to come back and she said she would love too. ☺

I then wondered, “What happens at the end of the day? Does he go home with you or does he stay at the station?”

“Oh! He comes home with me! As soon as that vest comes off he goes from being my bodyguard to being the most spoiled, pain in the butt, lap puppy. He plays, gets on the furniture, and is just a normal dog...doing what normal dogs do.

It takes an astonishing \$17,000 for training these amazing animals. SCCA was able to raise \$1400.00 to go to the K9 Training program.

****If you would like to make a donation please make donations out to Peru Police Department K9 Unit**



Figure 1 Photo by Gabe Argenta



RE REPORT- Chris Brake

Welcome to July everyone! I don't have that much to ramble about this much, I'm very happy with how are programs are all going, and member involvement seems to be picking up. As I love to point out, this is your club, so if there is something you would like to see, please bring it to our attention and we will do our best to help, but remember, we are all volunteers!

The runoffs are quickly approaching, and while we are not running point on the event, as a region we still have a lot to help with. If you can help with anything, please let Bryan Deane know and he will gladly accept the help. The more we know in advance the better, but please only commit if we can count on you being there!

Until next month, see you on the concrete.

SOLO- Stefanie Brake* ☺

The Solo season is now half way through the points events. Points Event #1 was at Grissom in May with 107 competitors. Points Event #2 was at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in June with 86 competitors. Points Events #3-4 were at Grissom the first weekend in July with 128 competitors on Saturday and 147 competitors on Sunday.

Points Events #3-4 were extra special events. Not only did they count as regional points, they also counted as Great Lakes Division points. And if that's not enough, we also ran this event as our charity event to help raise money for the Peru PD K9 Unit. Their unit is not supported by the city and has to provide funding for the dogs through donations. On both days, Sgt Raber came out with her K9 Fargo to give a demonstration of what they do. On both days, the K9 did a bite demonstration, and on Sunday they also did a narcotics search demonstration. Overall, we were able to raise over \$1400 for the K9 Unit. Sgt Raber was very excited and looks forward to working with us in the future.

Our next points event will be on July 23rd at the Indianapolis Speedrome. In August we will have the Hoosier Challenge on Aug 6th at Grissom. This event is hosted by a different region each year. This year is South Bend Regions turn, so make sure to search for their registration link and not one by us. We are also hosting the CAM Challenge again this year on Aug 11-13 at Grissom. We are still looking for a few volunteers to help with this event. Please get a hold of Dave Dusterburg if you would like to help out.

SECRETARY- Joel Harleman

June 2017 Indy Region Board Meeting

Approval of May Minutes – minutes from May meeting were approved.

Old Business

- Meet Location – Bruce looked into the Donatos Pizza in Brownsburg. They have a separate room with doors that can close. There is no wait staff to worry about. The location is easy to find. The BoD agreed to try this new location for at least the next 3 months.

-Legal Liability – Bruce asked the National office what we could do with our assets if we as a club were to dissolve. The National office recommended not putting anything in writing within the by laws, just in case state/federal laws change. It was recommended to give the money to SCCA or the SCCA Foundation.

Website – No complaints from John. Just make sure to get things to him if you need it posted so he doesn't have to hunt for it else where.

Clutch Chatter – Chris said that we are all very bad about getting things to Maggie. The board/member needs to get things to Maggie by the 1st of the month so she can have the newsletter posted in a timely manner. Chris is going to ask that Maggie send a confirmation when she receives reports.

Membership – Matt announced that we have 578 current members. We have gained about 19-20 new members but are down overall due to people letting their memberships lapse. Chris did mention that we were listed at #2 in growth for Large Regions in the latest SportsCar.

Treasurer's Report – Colin reports that there isn't any real excitement. Programs are taking in money to pay off things they paid for up front at the beginning of the year. Colin will also be opening another CD.

Activities

-Annual Banquet – Colin has been helping Vinnie with the leg work of finding a location/caterer for the annual banquet. He has looked in to 10 places and has been scheduling meetings with these venues. Most are inside the 465 loop. By the end of the week, he will also have a list of caterers. Colin plans on bringing the BoD the top few choices after his meetings and allow the BoD to vote on the location. Colin also proposed a budget for the banquet. After some discussion, the budget was approved by the BoD for the banquet. Right now we are looking at either January 13th or the 27th. This would put the banquet either the weekend before or after the National Convention.

Social Media – Chris said that Vinnie is doing a good job posting about upcoming events on the Facebook page. Remember to get Vinnie the info if you want it to be posted on social media.

Runoffs – Dave reports that there isn't any new news as of now. Velma does have some hospitality workers, but needs more. Dave is also still working on getting the block party together.

Solo – Dave reports that the contract for CAM Challenge is good. He is looking for Chiefs and helpers for all days of this event. Stefanie reported that the Test N Tune was profitable. All three days averaged about 25 drivers. She also reported that the Match Tour went well. Everything went fairly well and we should make out fine financially for this event. Coming up will be the two day Divisional/Regional event hosted by Indy Region. Expecting a large turnout.

Rally – Wendy reported that the rally program had to cancel the May rally due to weather/rain. They rescheduled the event. There will be a National

Rally hosted by Indy Region on July 15th and a Divisional Rally on July 16th. There will also be rallies in August and September.

PDX – CJ reported that we have one on Aug 26th at Putnam. Got the final payment for the track Colin.

New Business – None

Next meeting is July 11th at Donatos pizza in Brownsburg.

PDX- CJ Harleman

"Greetings Track Rats!!

Thanks for your patience in hearing from your Time Trials program director; I have been working on things in the background and nothing was ready for print until now.

Our first PDX of the season in April went off without a hitch. Thank you to everyone who came out and made it a success! Our next PDX is scheduled for Saturday, August 26th at Putnam Park Road Course. You can find more information and register at msreg.com/PutnamPDX08-2017.

TIMING AND SCORING IS HERE!!!

I have heard a number of requests for timing and scoring at PDX events (as a Club Trial event). Your requests have been heard! We have been working on an inexpensive, easily accessible and 'reliable enough' for CT timing solution. We have decided on a solution and for the August event, we will offer timing and scoring on a testing basis. What that means is that we won't have a points system in place or a year end award for 2017, but we will have results for this event. We're working on the details (awards, classes, etc) and we'll have it all finalized prior to the event. If there is enough participation in the event, we'll for sure have a CT year end points award in 2018.

What do you need to do to participate?

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:

- Full SCCA membership (Weekend members can run for time, but they won't be scored).
- Prior track experience. Sorry, Novices will not be timed. Intermediate and Advanced drivers may participate (no additional cost).

- Download and install Harry's Lap Timer app to your smart phone ****paid version**** (contact Michael Young for info on the exact version). This is cheap: like \$20 bucks.
- Install a phone mount to hold your phone securely in the car while on course. Suction cup mounts are fine if they are strong.

UPGRADED OPTIONS:

- Purchase a stand-alone GPS unit to use with HLT (again, ask Mike if you need help with this tech). Harry's will do a better job of GPS tracking with a stand alone unit rather than the built-in GPS of your phone. However, your phone's GPS WILL work. But, if you want really accurate data, spend \$100 on a stand alone GPS unit.

The soft plan right now is to run this as an event within an event. We'll most likely have the 'timed' session as the second and third session of the day. Then, we'll do awards at the lunch break. This will give everyone a chance to tune for a session, then run a session for time. Since we'll all be on a break at lunch, this is the perfect time to gather everyone for 'awards'. We're still working out if we'll give you ONE shot at time in one session, or two shots at time in two sessions (we need to leave enough time to tabulate before lunch!). MSReg doesn't have an option to sign up for the CT portion of the event at this time. So, for now, just sign up as you normally would and when the event gets closer we'll get your registration sorted correctly (once we get classing figured out).

Lastly, I'm always looking for chiefs and workers for the PDX events. If you're interested, please let me know! Yes, working cuts into track time; but working gets you FREE track time, too! Interested?? Contact me at corrineharleman@gmail.com"

MEMBERSHIP-Matt Adams

Happy fourth to everyone! Membership is currently at 561 with 8 new members added in June. Just a friendly reminder to keep track of your participation in regional events, both competing and volunteering, to submit for involved member awards at the end of year. Really neat to see many people putting in extra effort so far and I know that Bryan Deane will appreciate more volunteers with SCCA Run-offs coming up in just under two months! This is being held at the Indianapolis speedway and is a great chance to show off the spirit of the region.

June New Members

Terrence Garrett Fishers IN
Tyler Rush Lafayette IN
Justin Howton West Lafayette IN
John Robins Carmel IN
Keegan Koepp Noblesville IN
Matthew Piscione Noblesville IN
Lauren Porter Indianapolis IN
Evan Marlow Kokomo IN
Richard Moyer Indianapolis IN
Robert Redman Terre Haute IN
Aaron Pierce - Fishers IN
Andrew Sellers - Indianapolis IN
Jim Leisring - South Bend IN
Miles Gunty - Munster IN

Ben Uhl Indianapolis IN
Gueorgui Farafonov Carmel IN
Jacob Robins Fishers IN
Tammy Rapp Indianapolis IN
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Michael Oglesby Carmel IN
Alex Nagel Lafayette IN
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Jeremy Brawner - Fortville IN
Kurt Fazekas - Indianapolis IN
James Robinson - Indianapolis IN
*James DaPuzzo III - Zionsville IN

*Article below

ACTIVITIES- Vinnie Taibi

* No article available*

RALLY- Wendy Harrison

Checkpoint June 2017

Road Rallying is designed to take place on public roads with minimal wear and tear on your car. While we occasionally drive on gravel, we go through a fairly stringent safety check that is kept on file and displayed at registration. This was a key factor to rescheduling a rally this year.

We determined that, with all of the rain we had the beginning of May and due to the fact that a number of the roads we were going to use on the May rally had been severely flooded, it would be unsafe (if not impossible), to drive the intended rally route. Because of this the May rally was cancelled and then re-scheduled to June 4.

The June 4 rally was the first of two regional rallies being used to preview the course for the National Rally on July 15. Ted Drummond and Craig Beidelman ran the Tour part of the rally and finished with a total score of 31. Wendy Harrison and Keishon Jackson ran the GTA part of the rally and finished with a score of 5. Seeing there were no other competitors, these

two cars also finished 1st in their classes. A special thank-you goes to Jeff Alexander who drove the course by himself for “fun” and also to help us fine tune it for the July National. There were a few suggestions for instruction clarification (especially at one memorable intersection on a gravel road that had both competitors off-course for 20 minutes and fording streams) which were well-taken by rallymaster Chuck Hanson. Thank you Chuck Hanson and Sam Crites for a fun rally and also Judy Hanson and Beth Crites who worked checkpoints on a very hot and humid afternoon.

If you missed the fun on June 4, you have another opportunity to run part of the National rally as a Regional on June 11. This part of the rally will start in Nashville, IN and finish in Greenwood, IN.

Both the June 4 and June 11 rally routes will be run together in one day on Saturday, July 15 as a National Rally followed by a Divisional Rally in the Greenwood area on Sunday, July 16. The National Rally is about 190 miles and will take all day. It will start at the Holiday Inn Express off of County Line Road in Johnson County, run to Nashville Indiana for a lunch break and end at the German American club on State Road 135. It can be run as a Tour or a Course rally. If you run either the June 4 or June 11 Regional rallies, you are ineligible to compete in the National Rally, but we can always use workers. Please let Chuck Hanson or Wendy Harrison know if you are available on July 15 to work a checkpoint (or two or three). The July 16 Regional Rally will be a Course style rally and will end around 2pm on Sunday.

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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Non-members: Our plan is add non-member competitors to the mailing list for one month. If they compete in another event, they will be added for another month.

Indy Region SCCA Members Only:

Opt - In to receive CC by mail by returning this form.

Name _____ Member # _____

Address _____

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

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Do you have an email address or readily available internet access?

Yes _____ No _____

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Run Offs – Update

By Bryan Deane

Here we are at the July 4th Holiday and before you know it September will be upon us. That means it'll be time for us to play host to the SCCA National Championships, "The Run Offs" at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

I want to update the region on what has been happening behind the scenes to this point. First, for the competitors the Supplemental Regulations (Supps) have been published. This is a key step in any road racing event as these are the additional and often site specific regulations for an event. Read them thoroughly if you are planning on competing for the National Championship in your class....Steve. The next big milestone is the opening of Registration for both competitors and workers. This will happen on Wednesday July 19th so be on the lookout for a broadcast email blitz from Topeka regarding this. Shortly after that occurs, I will have a registration page open on MotorsportReg.com for the test days. This will be for F&C *only*. Other specialties like Pit & Grid or T&S, check with your specialty chief as I know they are recruiting for the test days.

Speaking of the test days. The pre-event testing begins on Thursday September 21st and ends on Sunday September 24th. We need all kinds of help for those days, specifically people to help me as runners for things like delivering water to stations, etc.

As for the "Welcome Party" we are waiting on the Speedway Town Council to approve our application to close Main Street to hold a block party/car show. We, Dave, is proceeding with contacting all of the Main St. businesses to engage them with the party.

Velma Boreen is still recruiting people to assist as Ambassadors in Driver Info. Please contact her if you can help us with that aspect of the region's support of the Run Offs.

As we draw closer to the end of September I'll have more to say on where we stand and how things are progressing with the planning of the event. If you can lend us your support in the execution of this once in a lifetime event please reach out to any BOD Member, Velma, Dave Dusterberg or myself we can use all of the help we can get.

"Newbie Thoughts"

What is it like to be the New Guy?

By: Jim DaPuzzo

My name is Jim DaPuzzo and new member to SCCA. I have been contemplating autocross for the last few years but something has always gotten in the way of taking the plunge. My excesses ranged from time, talent, having the “right” car, or enough money. So last month it was finally time to put all the reasons “why not” aside and give it a go. I attended the June Board meeting to join the Indy SCCA Club and find out what it takes to participate. At the meeting I met so many nice people offering guidance and promising support at an event.

So on 06/18/17 at 7:00 am I rolled into the Indiana State Fairgrounds and remembered a lesson from my dad: When you are “new guy” introduce yourself to others, give of your time to what the group needs, and do not be afraid to ask questions. Well he was right ... again. Every person that day I came in contact with was greeted with a hand shake (introduce yourself), spent the morning setting up cones for the grid area (give of your time), and felt comfortable by the end of the event (asked a lot of questions).

On that day I got a lot of good pointers but the one that stands out:

“Do not worry where you stack up against the others, instead just focus on making a better run vs. the prior one.”

That is some of the best advice a “Newbie” can get. Trust me ... unless your car is poor shape ... the driver is behind the car’s capability. I am sure a new set of sticky tires or trick shocks will help your times improve but for me that next day I bought a helmet that better fit with my glasses.

Remember those folks from the board meeting? From the arrival to the departure of the fairgrounds ... all of them spent time with me. Making sure I felt welcome, helped with understanding the schedule for the day’s event, took me on track walks, gave coaching after each run, and offered a ride in their car.

On the way home I was thinking about what took place over the course of the day. Sure it was a great time whipping the car through the cones but best part was the people experience. The Indy SCCA Club is blessed to have Board Members and Volunteers that give of their time and talent put on this event.

So if you are a “Newbie” ... do not worry about where you finished. Instead just enjoy the day with the club and all of its fine members. Remember that with experience the speed will come.