



CLUTCH CHATTER

NEWSLETTER

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EDITOR'S INTRO-*Maggie Vang*

Hello all and happy May! We have all been very busy with the events taking place, as well as the ones coming up. Lots of good thing this past month so lets keep it up!

RE REPORT- CHRIS BRAKE

I don't have that much to say this month. Overall, the programs are off to a nice start for the year, and a lot of fresh smiling faces at events. I would like to say thank you to everyone who has helped out welcoming the new people to the events and to the club. Remember, not only does that help the new members feel welcomed, but you get \$10 off your membership renewal for each person who joins that you refer, and if you bring a buddy who hasn't autocrossed before to a solo event, you will get \$10 off your entry for the day. Bring 3 friends, get \$30 off!!! We won't pay you to bring more, so the best you can do is a free entry.

This past weekend, we had the chance to help put on a Greenpower race at IMS. Middle school and high school teams build electric powered cars and compete in 90 minute races. A huge thank you goes out to all the volunteers that made everything happen and made us look professional.

Hope to see you all out at an upcoming event!!!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT-MATT ADAMS

April saw a huge increase in our ranks - larger than the growth for the first 3 months combined. We now stand at 591 Members, 51 of those being brand new members to the SCCA period. Scanning the clutch chatter archives this isn't nearly back to the levels reached in April '16 for the region, which was around 630. Retention and growth are still in a positive trend, very exciting! One big driver this month: A quarter of the increase is due to the Green Power event held on April 30th-May 1st at IMS. Most of the rest were under the first gear program as well.

General reminder: All programs are holding events so keep track of those you participate/volunteer for on the readily accessible "Indy region involved member" form. Almost everything you can show up for as a member to help out with counts points towards an end of year jacket, including participation as a competitor. This is an inclusive award, meaning each member who submits a qualifying form gets a Jacket. And there are many opportunities to lend a hand this year regarding event support to help Indy put it's best foot forward. This includes helping out with Green power last month, One Lap of America & Midwest Muscle Car challenge this month, the Match Tour in June and the big one: the run-offs in September. The full list and rules are on indyscca.org under "information and forms".

New Members:

Blake Acra - Middletown, IN
Andrew Bading - Carmel IN
Christopher Blake - Lewisville IN
Brad Brewer - Indianapolis IN
Jon Bruce - West Lafayette IN
Tate Carrothers - Nappanee IN
Christopher Carter - New Castle IN
Benjamin Davis - Francisco IN

Jeremy Backer - Jasper IN
Zach Barkdull - Mooreland IN
James Boylan - West Lafayette IN
Austin Bronnenberg - New Castle IN
Owen Burris - New Castle IN
Brock Carter - Francisco IN
Carson Cook - Knightstown IN
Phil Fladung - Carmel IN

Luke Fleck - Huntingburg IN
Todd Graves - Carmel IN
Lukas Hill - Vincennes IN
Matthew Hunt - Indianapolis IN
Gary Jones - Shirley IN
Gwen Kammeyer - Woodburn IN
Peter Lauzon - Fishers IN
Ethan Mason - Princeton IN
Kelly Neal - Muncie IN
Jonah Newton - West Lafayette IN
Jeffrey Pendergrass - Noblesville IN
Kayleb Phipps - Markleville IN
Grant Sandgeroth - West Lafayette IN
Robert Seaton - Ferdinand IN
Timothy Sublett - Indianapolis IN
Steven Vitatoe - New Castle IN
Jim Weaver - Goshen IN
Matthew Wofford - Bloomington IN
Evan Gill - Cincinnati OH
Steven Heady - Carthage IN
Dylan Hochgesang - Birdseye IN
Craig Johnson - Mooreland IN
Nathan Joyal - Indianapolis IN
Ardian LaCava - Indianapolis IN
Wesley Malusek - Indianapolis IN
Ryan Mawhorr - Indianapolis IN
James Newby - Carthage IN
Zachary Pancake - Winslow IN
Zach Perry - West Lafayette IN
Ron Piniecki - Greenwood IN
Christopher Seaton - Ferdinand IN
Ben Stoner - Indianapolis IN
Aaron VanCleve - Indianapolis IN
Duncan Walker - Carthage IN
Nathan Wehr - Jasper IN

ACTIVITIES- VINNIE TAIBI

Hey Everyone! The autocross and road rally seasons are in full swing. That being said, there are not too many free weekends available over the next few months. I have received some interest in a night at the Speedrome, possibly in conjunction with our July autocross event. I am currently looking into some July and August dates and will relay more information as it becomes available. Best of luck this season and hope to see you out with us!

SECRETARY- JOEL HARLEMAN

April 2017 Indianapolis Region SCCA BOD Minutes

Approval of March Minutes – Approved

Old Business – None

Website – No Report

Clutch Chatter – Thanks for getting the reports in on time.

Membership – Good start to the year. Several posts have been sent out

about the Involved Member program. Will be requesting copies of the weekend memberships for all events to be able to track people that are coming regularly and try and get them to be full members. We have added around 40 new members since the start of the year.

Treasurer – CD has been opened. PAPA event funds have been deposited.

Activities – Starting to look at banquet venues. Potential ideas for activities would be members getting together to go to an event at the Speedrome. This could possibly be on the Saturday evening before the points event there. Another could be a road rally dinner tour to a restaurant for a social dinner gathering.

Social Media – No Report

Runoffs – Things have been quiet. There is a conference call coming up on the 26th. There is a need to start to ramp up on preparations on the peripheral events. Will be reaching out to IndyCar team owners who came up through the SCCA to see if they still have their SCCA cars for the Main Street car show.

Solo – PAPA events went well. They were happy with our running of the events. They were able to make a very good donation to the charity. We gained 6 new members during the event. One of the timing lights was hit. 79 competitors had a good weekend. We have a truck being kept on site for general use. 20 people showed up for the training day and there was training on Safety, Tech, Timing, and Registration. T-shirts have been ordered for the solo chiefs. Upcoming events are April 22nd Drag Cross and 23rd the first fun event. Velma has hats ordered for the volunteers for 1 Lap of America. Still needing volunteers to help staff the Green Power event at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on April 30 and May 1. May 19-21 is a Test n Tune weekend and May 20th we will be running an event at Terre Haute for the Midwest Muscle Car Challenge.

Rally – Had a Rally school on April 2nd. Two people attended. Will be working up a PDF to be posted that will be an online Rally School where the routes can be run at the school site. Regional rallies will be in May and Jun and each will be one half of the National Rally later in the year. May rally will run from Indianapolis to Nashville and June will run from Nashville to Indianapolis. Promotion of the Divisional rally is going good.

PDX – First event of the year was uneventful. We only had one mechanical all day. RaceCraft1 was there to instruct along with 2 additional instructors. 51 Entrants with 2 co-drives. We ended up just under track cost for this event. The new pavement was awesome! This is like starting a new business. We need to have about 5 years of running events to know if this is a sustainable market for us. There was some pushback about the cost since other organizers are charging less. It is going to be a challenge and we need to be doing something different than the rest. Harry's Lap Timer has live timing during events. Asking Michael to look into making this a viable timing option. Our membership just isn't showing up for these events. Of 51 entrants only 5 were Indy SCCA. Another event going on at Mid-Ohio probably hurt our attendance. We need to find a niche to make our events stand out from others.

New Business – May Meeting will be the 9th at Lino's but still looking for venues.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joel Harleman, Indy SCCA Secretary

SOLO-STEPHANIE STRIBLING

Ready...Set...Go!

The season is off and running! We had our annual Solo Training Day this past month. There were around 20 people that attended. We reviewed timing and scoring, registration, tech, and did safety steward training. Thank you to all that attended. This really does help make the events run smoother when I know that there are plenty of people that know how to do different jobs.

Our first official event of the season took place on April 22-23 at Grissom Aeroplex. The DragCross attracted 46 competitors, many of which had never done DragCross, and some even came from out of state just to try DragCross. Everyone had a blast! Then Sunday was our annual Fun Event. We had a little over 70 competitors, which is great! Everyone got 6 runs. Everything ran pretty smoothly and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. It was great to get back into the groove and see many people we haven't seen all winter.

Coming up, there will be a Points event on May 7 at Grissom Aeroplex. On May 6, we are hosting the autocross portion of One Lap of America. There are always some really neat cars that come through during this rally. We will also be having a Test n Tune on May 19-21. Remember Test N Tunes are pre-reg/pre-pay only as space is limited for these events. It's a great way to either get seat time, or try out adjustments you have made to the car. Also on this weekend, we are hosting the autocross for the Midwest Muscle Car Challenge. This will be on Saturday May 20 in Terre Haute, and we are looking for volunteers. Please contact Chris Brake (chrisbrake@rocketmail.com) if you would like to help out with this event. And finally, not too far away is the Peru Match Tour, which Indy Region is hosting. If you have never done a National event, now is a great time to, as it's right in our backyard. Even if you're not sure about competing, come out and meet some great drivers from all over the country. I would still like to have a few extra hands around just to keep everything in order during the day, so if you would like to help out please email me at indysccasolo@yahoo.com.

PDX- CJ HARLEMAN

No News this month

RALLY- WENDY HARRISON

No news this month

OPT IN/OUT

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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 email** 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 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 opt-in by filling out and mailing in the form below.

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.

OPT – IN FORM

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