Clutch Chatter

Indianapolis Region SCCA



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Full weekend at Putnam
Time Trial on 7/1-2 and a
Rally on 7/1-2 also.
Putnam is the place to be.

Indy Solo at Ind. State Fair Grounds July 8th.

Clutch Chatter Editor - Raleigh Boreen

What a great picture of Jack Tovey and Jeff Alexander at the 2023 Indy Region Awards banquet. The sad news is, Jack Tovey passed away on May 29th, 2023. Jack had been a member of SCCA and the Indianapolis Region since joining in February of 1980. Velma and I had the pleasure of knowing Jack since the mid-80's. We always enjoyed spending time with his wife Sandy and him. Jack's primary activity with the Club was Solo. He has had too many cars to count over the years but always drove them well. He won many Regional awards, Divisional awards and Championships over the years. He was always one of the "Top Drivers" representing Indy Region where ever he went. The "Tovey Cup" is the award for the top Solo driver each year in Indy Region. "Jack, Thanks for the Memories"

Indy Region

Monthly meeting at Dawson's in Speedway July 11th at 6:30

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RE REPORT - MIKE YOUNG

Indy Region Members:

Friends, this is Raleigh writing for Mike this month. Mike and Kitina are still dealing with insurance, contractors and their community trying to get their home put back together. They are both healthy and doing as well as can be expected. Both of them hope to be at the big Indy Region weekend at Putnam for the Time Trial and the Rally. Catch up with them at Putnam on July 1-2.

Mike Young - Regional Executive

INDY REGION MEMBERSHIP REPORT:



Membership – Josh Kikta Membership Chairman

We currently have 624 members! There are 18 new members from 5/8/2023 (last date I used for the CC) to 6/12/2023.

First Name	Last Name	City	State	SCCA Join Date	Region Join Date
Rod	Adkins	Ingalls	IN	06/05/2023	06/05/2023
Dan	Brundage	Carmel	IN	05/31/2023	05/31/2023
Anthony	Cannon	Zionsville	IN	06/01/2023	06/01/2023
Tommy	Hedges	Lebanon	IN	05/16/2023	05/16/2023
Justin	Lawrence	Indianapolis	IN	05/24/2023	05/24/2023
Jeff	Luebker	Fishers	IN	06/01/2023	06/01/2023
Brian	Mahon	Batesville	IN	06/02/2016	06/02/2016
David	Meyer	NOBLESVILLE	IN	05/23/2023	05/23/2023
David	Mitchell	Indianapolis	IN	05/11/2023	05/11/2023
Phil	Norcross	Franklin	IN	05/30/2023	05/30/2023
Penny	Orshovsky	Evansville	IN	05/11/2023	05/11/2023
Matthew	Parssinen	Indianapolis	IN	07/18/2015	07/18/2015

Aaron	Rutledge	West Lafayette	IN	05/21/2023	05/21/2023
Matthew	Rutledge	West Lafayette	IN	05/21/2023	05/21/2023
Shawn	Strader	Indianapolis	IN	05/29/2023	05/29/2023
Kreg	Waits	Greenfield	IN	05/16/2023	05/16/2023
Teague	Walters	Indianapolis	IN	05/15/2023	05/15/2023
James	Warrick	Indianapolis	IN	05/12/2023	05/12/2023

Milestone anniversaries are for June.

Five Year – Deb Farrington, Tom Farrington, Mikko Kikta, Linda O'Keefe

Ten Years – Joe Hirsch, Sophia Reisert, Vincent Taibi

Twenty Years – Sharon Porter, James Weida

Thirty Years – Sharon LaRue

Josh Kikta - Membership



Many people had dogs at the National Tour at Grissom, you could hear them load and clear.



Dennis Bay at the Peru National Tour

SOLO UPDATE:



July 2023 Solo Newsletter Article

Title: Showdown Vs CSCC!!!

By: James DaPuzzo

Indy Region lost one of its very best on May 29, 2023 ... Jack Tovey. I only had the pleasure of meeting him a few times but he left a wonderful impression on me. He was a highly respected club member, gifted driver, great storyteller, and a friend to so many. We will miss him and will continue to honor his contribution to the Indy Region by keeping the Tovey Cup trophy through 2033.

2023 Solo Season was busy in June with Points #2 and #3, a GLDS Event, and hosting to the Peru National Tour. Huge thank you to the members that were chiefs and competitors in the June National Tour event. Our Region defended its home turf

by earning several trophies. We had Cathy Kenny in DS Ladies, Dallas Reed in XB, and Steven and Wanda Brinkerhoff in DM/DML as overall winners!!! Use the attached link below for complete results.

https://cdn.connectsites.net/user_files/scca/downloads/000/068/383/Official%20Class%20Results.pdf?1687113406

July will have a Saturday Indiana State Fairgrounds Vs. the Columbus Region / Points Event #4 with a social gathering planned afterwards. I am working with the Indianapolis Speedrome. See Facebook page and Website for more details in the coming weeks.

A ProSolo National Event has been added to Grissom Aeroplex on 08/05-06/23 that will be hosted by Saginaw Valley Region (MI). This is a great chance to try something new. SVR is looking for local members to support putting on the event. Please reach out to Larry MacLeod serca96@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Make your plans now to join us 8/12-13/23 @ Grissom Aeroplex for the CAM Challenge. If you do not have a CAM Car ... no problem. We have a worker class that will get you dinner on Saturday and 9 runs over the course of the weekend in exchange for shagging cones during the Sunday shootout.

Balance of 2023 Solo Schedule.

05/21/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Points Event #1	http://msreg.com/IndySCCAPoints1
06/10/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Points #2	http://msreg.com/IndySCCAPoints2and3
06/11/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Points #3 - GLDS	http://msreg.com/IndySCCAPoints2and3
07/08/23	Indiana State Fair	Indy Vs. Columbus Points #4	http://msreg.com/IndySCCAPoints4
08/26/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Nationals Test & Tune / Limit 50	http://msreg.com/IndySCCATestTune
08/27/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Nationals Test & Tune / Limit 50	http://msreg.com/IndySCCATestTune
09/15/23	Speedrome	Friday Night Madness	http://msreg.com/IndySCCASpeedromeFun
09/17/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Hoosier Challenge	
09/30/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Fun Day #3	http://msreg.com/IndySCCAFun3Point6
10/01/23	Grissom Aeroplex	Points #6	http://msreg.com/IndySCCAFun3Point6
10/08/23	Columbus	Points #7	http://msreg.com/2023CSCCP10

2023 will be a great year for the Indy Solo program, come join us!!!



Here is Jacob Ross, a new member of Indy Region doing well in SMS



Mike Losert in his 1963 Corvette running in CAM S

ACTIVITIES REPORT:



Hello, fellow Clutchers!

The Cars N Coffee scene in the Indianapolis area is alive and well. Indy Region is a big part of the Cars N Coffee scene in 2023. We have had a display at each of the events so far this year. The next events are:

- June 24th Connection Pointe Christian Church, 1800 N. Green St., Brownsburg, IN. the CnC goes from 8-11:00
- July 29th Knowledge Services, 9800 Crosspoint Blvd., Indianapolis, IN.

There are also four other events that we hope to be at, so please keep those in mind, too, listed at www.indianapoliscarsandcoffee.org.

With these new marketing and promotions activities, please make it a point to introduce yourself if you see new faces!

See you on the pavement!

Yours truly,

Charles Tashiro - Activities Chair



Michael White is his new Corvette, "Rapid Blue"



Two of our newer drivers to Indy Region events, Blaine Bolze in the A/Mod and Megan Ramhoff in the C/S Miata

ROAD RALLY UPDATE:



RoadRally plus

I like doing things with cars and I like hanging out with other people that like doing things with cars. If you're reading this, then you probably feel the same way. And you are in luck because on the weekend of **July 1 -2, 2023** there is plenty for you to do by heading out to Putnam Park Road Course near Cloverdale. If you like driving on track or watching cars on track, there's a Time Trial that weekend. If you like volunteering, there are still volunteers needed for the Time Trial. If you like hanging out and talking to people about cars, there will be plenty of that. And, if you like ROADRALLY, then you definitely won't want to miss the first of its kind for the Indianapolis Region.

The Putnam Purple Cow Precision RoadRally is a tour rally that can be run any time at your convenience from 8am on Saturday July 1 until about 3pm on Sunday July 2. Just come out whenever you want, sign the waiver, grab an instruction sheet and take a fun 1-hour drive on paved country roads. The rally uses GPS checkpoints, so you could even run it at midnight, (but I don't think I'd suggest that since you will want to see some of the sights along the way.) The rally is designed to be run "seat of the pants" meaning no equipment is required – you use your car's odometer/speedometer and

it's not necessary to calculate anything. All mileages and speeds are given in the instructions. You simply follow the instructions, travel at the given speed, drive past the checkpoints, and enjoy the drive!

Additional information can be found in this issue of Clutch Chatter and also at msreg.com/PurpleCow. This rally was designed for novices, so if you haven't run one before, this is the perfect opportunity.

And finally, if you work the Time Trial event, you can run the rally for no cost. That's right free RoadRally that you can run anytime during the weekend. You won't want to miss it!

Happy Rallying!!!

Wendy Harrison



Putnam Purple Cow Precision RoadRally July 1-2, 2023

Starts/ends at Putnam Park Road Course (near Cloverdale)

Cost: \$25 (members/weekend members)

This is a Tour RoadRally designed to be run by individuals who are attending or working the SCCA Time Trial event at Putnam Park Road Course the weekend of July 1-2, 2023, but open to anyone.

While the goal on track is to go fast, the goal of a RoadRally is to drive with precision and observation. Scores are the accumulated seconds that you are early or late to each checkpoint based on the speeds given in the instructions. A perfect score is 0.

The rally uses GPS checkpoints. Participants may run it any time from registration on Saturday until mid-afternoon on Sunday. (Must be done running by 4pm Sunday) The entire course takes a little less than an hour to drive.

All roads are public and PAVED!! Participants must be in a street legal vehicle and use either their car's stock odometer or a GPS odometer to verify the course mileages. A simple calculation device is permitted, but unnecessary.

THINK YOU CAN DO BETTER? Live scoring for the event will be available to view all weekend. If you run the rally and think you can do better, then for a \$10 donation to the rally pot, we will assign you a new car number and you can run the event again. The first three places will split the rally pot.

Items Needed:

- 1. Street legal car
- 2. 2 people in the car (driver and navigator)
- 3. Pen/pencil/highlighter
- 4. Clipboard
- 5. Dedicated cell phone or GPS enabled tablet for checkpoint scoring
- 6. Carst ock Odometer or phone GPS app to track your mileage

Additional information and registration at msreg.com/PurpleCow

Putnam Purple Cow Precision RoadRally

General Instructions

(how to get started, get a good score and be safe)

- 1. Sign up online at msreg.com/PurpleCow
- 2. Download the Competitor Richta GPS Checkpoints onto your phone from either the Google Play or ITunes Store. (addendum instructions attached.) The event password is **purple**
- 3. Sign the event waiver in Garage 1 at the Putnam Park Road Course on the day you are going to run the rally. Your car number is the one that you sign next to on the waiver.
- 4. When you are ready to run the rally, go to the start point (at the end of the drive by the checkered flag), open the app and navigate to the page with the rally clock on it. Then leave the app open and running while you are running the event.
- 5. Follow the route instructions.
- 6. Try to pass the checkpoints at the correct time. The app will let you know how many seconds early or late you arrive. You should speed up or slow down to try and get closer to the correct time at the next checkpoint. If you're on time, you will be 0 late or early. If you're running more than 10 seconds late, you can enter a time allowance (TA) into the app to gain the time.
- 7. Scoring is done by accumulated seconds at the checkpoints. Whole seconds are used, the tenths are dropped. (i.e: 0.3 early will be recorded for scoring as 0).

Route Instruction Notes

- 1. Complete each instruction in the order they appear. Instructions without an action (i.e: CP1 "800S") mean that you will pass that item just maintain your speed as you pass.
- 2. CAST means Change Average Speed To. This is the speed that you need to average during that section of the rally. Best practice is to travel a few miles above that speed to make up for any slow downs or curves.
- 3. CP# means a timed checkpoint. They are numbered 1-46. (i.e.: CP1, CP2, CP3 etc.)

- 4. Any words in quotations marks are verbiage on a sign or building.
- 5. Mileages are given in hundredths (.01). Your car odometer probably only registers tenths (.1) You can ignore the extra digit(s).

Safety Precautions

- 1. The driver is only responsible for safely driving and the navigator does everything else (keeping track of route instructions, looking up information, entering time allowances into the app etc.)
- 2. The RoadRally is run entirely on paved public roads with 2-way traffic. Be sure to stay to the right. There are many hills and blind curves. Obey all traffic laws.
- 3. Don't run over chickens, cats, squirrels, etc. There are plenty of them out there. Take a time allowance if you need to.



Gordon Kinney running E/Mod at the Peru National Tour



Dallas Reed won XB at the Peru National Tour

SECRETARY REPORT - CLUB MEETING MINUTES:



5/9/2023 - Indianapolis Region Board Meeting

Dawson's on Main - Speedway

Board Members: Mike and Kitina Young, Kevin Burns, Ben Drexler, Charles Tashiro, Alan Hamson, Raleigh and Velma Boreen

Meeting called to order by Mike at 6:33 PM

Motion to approve the April minutes made by Charles, seconded by Ben. Motion passed.

RE Report - Mike

• Indy Region has a very busy schedule coming up. Mike encourages all members to help out when and where they are able.

Membership - Josh

- Report sent via email and reviewed at meeting.
 - 626 members, 18 new members, 33 not renewed and no weekend members

Treasury - Kitina

- Putnam and Grissom rentals for the year have been paid
- Taxes due 5-15 and are being worked on. Kitina will review with John

Website – John/Ben

- Email updates with GoDaddy
 - Ben continues to work on this
 - Domain issue fixed
- Discussed working on a new website
- The National Tour and CAM event at Grissom are on the Indy Region website and registration is open for those two events.

Clutch Chatter - Raleigh

• June issue is being put together and will be out by 5-18. Please have information to Raleigh by 5-16. He will make a few copies to have at the driver's school this weekend.

Activities – Charles

- Cars and Coffee at IRP in April went well
 - Many stopped by the booth
 - o Next C & C is 5-20. Indy Region's driver's school so we will not have a presence there.
 - o May C & C is 6-28
 - Should there be an incentive for members who work C & C be given a discount to a future Indy Region event?
- Charles checking into charity project with the Murat Shriners. Potential to get into the airport if we help out with that project?

Road Rally - Wendy

- 1. We had 4 cars compete at the Dogwood Daze rally. I'm working on getting final scores posted today and sent to John for the website.
- 2. I've opened registration for the July 1-2 RoadRally. It's named Putnam Purple Cow Precision and the link is msreg.com/PurpleCow

Following is my description on MSR, please let me know feedback and I will update before sending to Faythe and John for Facebook and website.

Putnam Purple Cow Precision is a Tour RoadRally designed to be run by individuals who are attending the SCCA Time Trial event at Putnam Park Road Course the weekend of July 1-2, 2023. While the goal on track is to go fast, the goal of a RoadRally is to drive with precision and observation. The course will take participants into Cloverdale and back to Putnam Park while highlighting some of the amenities and unusual sites in the area. The entire course can be driven in less than an hour.

The rally uses GPS checkpoints and participants may run it any time at their convenience from registration on Saturday until mid afternoon on Sunday, If you are joining us for pizza in Cloverdale on Saturday evening, you can drive the first part of the rally from Putnam Park to Cloverdale on the way and then finish the return trip whenever you would like.

To make things interesting, live scoring for the RoadRally will be available to view all weekend. If you run the rally and think you could do better, then for a \$10 donation to the rally pot, we will assign you a new car number and you can run the event again. The winners of the event will get 50% of the rally pot, 2nd place will get 30% of the rally pot, and 3rd place will receive 20%.

The only class for this event is Stock. You must use your car's odometer. A simple calculation device is permitted. The rally is designed that you can get a good score just by following the directions and maintaining the correct speed between checkpoints. It is designed for those who have not rallied before, but is also challenging for experienced rallyists. We promise you will see things that you probably have not seen before and be challenged by some good paved roads. There are no unpaved roads on this rally.

3. I checked about sanction fees for Purple Cow since it is being run at the same time as the Time Trial event and this is what I was told. Looks like we don't get any kind of discount unless there are three different events.

The event fee discount program that reaches across programs is the combo event fee discount. Here are the details:

§ 10% discount on event fees

§ Region holding 3+ regional event types (Road Racing, Autocross, RallyCross, Track Event, etc.) at the same location on the same event weekend, each having separate registrations and entry fees.

§ Below are the requirements for the region to receive the combo event discount:

- Eligible events: Regional events only (excludes Majors/Super Tour events)
- o Discount in the form of a rebate. Calculate 10% of event fees for each sanction event type.
- Prior approval by Experiential Director required.
- Full payment of event fees for each event required.
- Rebate is NOT automated. Upon receipt of the region's full payment of event audit invoices for each sanction event type from the weekend, Sanction department manually calculates the amount of the rebate and coordinates with accounting to issue one. refund check to the region for the total rebate amount for the combo event weekend

Solo - Jim

Misc. Items

- Trophies for Season Events and GLDS have been ordered through Dave Whitworth.
- Supplies purchased to start the season
- Will order 50 new cones ... last year that cost approx. \$425 with shipping
- Need to finalize plan for Solo Bus Replacement ... it is very tired and have concerns about 2 trips to Indy in 2023
- Need to finalize plan to use Text option out of MSR ... it would allow us to quickly communicate member ... would have been helpful with the weather delay

Recap of One Lap of America Event on 05/06/23:

- Thanks to the efforts of 20 outstanding member ... we had a great event with no issues
- Each person will receive \$15 of MSR credit
- Huge thank you to Jerry Strope for the Course Design and Set Up
- Great work by Mickie and Lee Miller with managing the gate
- Look forward to hosting again in 2024

Recap of Fun Day # 1 on 05/07/23:

- Had (82) signed up but had (21) cancel due to weather or other concern
- Had minor off course that John Clyne completed paperwork on ... car cleaned up / inspected / ran the rest of the day
- No issues (equipment / personnel / competitors) with running the event after 90-minute weather daily due to lighting at the start of the day
- Great work by Ben Drexler on the Tech ... did a great job in his new role

May Events:

- Saturday 05/13 = Work Day at Grissom
 - Cannot attend due to College Graduation for my son Patrick
 - o Raleigh is running the crew
- Saturday 05/20 = Solo Driver School at Grissom
 - o Alan Hamson will run the event
 - o Only (8) signed up at this time
 - o Working with Faythe and Vin to post on Facebook to generate interest
 - Will do an email blast next week
- Sunday 05/21 = Points # 1
 - Looking forward to get the season started
- Raleigh, Jim and Dale Brier talked to the base commander at the Terre Haute Airport regarding the use of that airport for events. They were very interested and will continue to look into the possibility. End of summer or September would be the most likely time frame for that to happen. Due to the vetting process required, the event would be pre-registration only and registration would close 1 week prior to the event.

- CAM event in August will have Wilwood as a sponsor for the Saturday night party. Raleigh is working on a couple of other sponsors.
- Rick Goshert has been working on a QR code for novices, explaining what to expect at an event.

Time Trials - Mike

- The Putnam event already has 30 people registered.
- August 11th event at Mid-Ohio is confirmed
- · Gingerman contract is being finalized

Old Business

None to go over

New Business

• Discussed the need to update/verify the insurance that the Region has on equipment. Need to take a good inventory of what the Region has – even Region equipment that members may have at their homes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM

Next meeting is June 6th at Dawson's.

Velma Boreen - Secretary

SITTING IN THE GARAGE





Sitting in the Garage with:

(Conversations with Indy Region Members and other significant SCCA members with Raleigh Boreen)

<u>This month's conversation is with Will Lahee.</u> Will lives in Noblesville with his wife Andrea and his two daughters. He was born in Kokomo and has lived in Indiana most of his life. He spent two years in Peachtree City, GA. leaving Indiana when he was 10yrs. Old. During the time in Ga. he was on a successful Little League team that was one game away from going to Williamsport, PA for the Little League World Series. He went to high school at Lawrence Central and has a Marketing degree from Indiana State.

<u>Give me some background with your interest in cars.</u> My father worked for Chrysler in Kokomo and my grandfather owned a body shop so I come by this attraction to cars naturally. My grandfather painted cars for Luis Meyer, the 3 time Indy winner.

How long have you been a member of SCCA? I've been an SCCA member since 2006. I got started in Solo after talking with an SCCA member in a grocery parking lot. My first Solo car was a Mitsubishi Lancer, then I ran a Honda Civic for seven years, then to an FMod. Over the years I have made 10 trips to Lincoln, NE. for the Solo Nationals. In those 12 trips I have 7 trophies including a National Championship in FMod, 2 - 3rd places in FMod and a 2nd in BM in a car I shared with fellow Indy Region member, Dan Stone. I continue to Solo in 2020 in borrowed cars because my new focus was on Road Racing and Track events. I have gone back to my roots in competitive driving by acquiring a Honda Civic to go Road Racing. I am now back in Solo in a Mod car purchasing a B/Mod car over the winter.

What are your plans for 2023? My plans for 2023 include Solos and track events as a driver or worker. I plan to run the pants off my new B/Mod car. Learning how to drive it right now.

<u>Outside of SCCA, what is something you really enjoy doing?</u> I love family vacations and cooking for the family. The girls love going to the beach so most family vacations include some sun and a nice beach. I am also a huge Indy Car and F1 fan.

TIME TRIAL PROGRAM







Join the Indy Region SCCA for our 2023 Time Trials Series! This will be Round 2 & 3 of a 5 Event Series, scoring the best 3 event finishes. Be sure to check out our new website: IndyTrackDays.com!

On July 1-2nd, 2023 <u>Indy SCCA</u> and <u>Graham Rahal Performance (GRP)</u> join forces to get you on track in a fun and safe environment at the Putnam Park Road Course in Greencastle, Indiana. Time Trials will be open to ALL, it is the same as an open track day, but with the added element of receiving timed laps during your sessions on track, better traffic control for more clean laps, and awards at the end of the day. We have included the all the needed timing equipment in the cost of the event. We have classes with professional Instruction for Novice Drivers.

Time Trials/Track Events are open to street licensed and "closed wheel" cars. Not an SCCA member? No problem! If you decide to sign up, \$15 of your entry can be applied the cost to a full membership!

Entry Fee: \$325/day or \$500/weekend - SCCA Members receive a \$25 discount and/or \$20 off for Westhold or MyLaps transponder owners!

This is the most Putnam Park track time for the money, with approximately 2 hours scheduled each day! Novice - Intermediate - Advanced Run Groups. Novice group drivers will receive included Professional Driving instruction in the classroom.

*Graham Rahal Performance (GRP) will be sponsoring lunch for our drivers and volunteers! If available Indy Region will be sponsoring dinner at Chicago's Pizza following the Saturday event with food, beverages, and plenty of bench racing.

*Due to Covid-19 this may be unavailable dependent on guidelines available at the time of the event.

Who: Indy SCCA and Graham Rahal Performance (GRP)

What: Time Trial Event #2-3

Where: Putnam Park Road Course - Greencastle, Indiana

When: July 1-2nd, 2023

HELD UNDER THE 2023 SCCA TIME TRIALS RULES

Download and READ:

Tentative TT Schedule - 23 Putnam Schedule.pdf

SCCA Tech Form **HERE**

Competition Rules **HERE**

Car Classing Rules **HERE**

SCCA Safety Rules HERE

Supplemental Rules **HERE**

Series Rules TO BE ANNOUNCED

Our events are FAMILY FRIENDLY! Bring yourself, your mom, your kids, or your buddies and have a great day Putnam Park!

**Race prepared cars are allowed. Please see the Time Trial rules for acceptable vehicles. NO OPEN WHEEL CARS ALLOWED at this event.

What is an SCCA Track Event?

For those who have never sat behind the wheel while on a track, the Track Event provides instruction in both the classroom and on the track, giving novice drivers the opportunity to improve their driving skills and increase their enjoyment of driving their street vehicle**.

this will happen the firs 4 sessions of the day, and will be practice for the Time trials For those who have track experience, Track Events offer Intermediate and Advanced run group options*. These groups offer the experienced driver a chance to hone skills in a non-competitive environment.

What is an SCCA Time Trial?

Time Trial event is the same as a Track event, except sessions have a timing element. After your morning laps on the track tuning your setup, put them to the test and go for trophies and prizes. The SCCA Time Trial Nationals will be held October 12-15th at NCM Motorsports Park in Bowling Green, Kentucky and a National Tour event on July 22-23rd, at Gingerman Raceway in South Haven, MI (Round 4 of our Series).

COVID-19 UPDATE

By now, you are well aware that complications from the COVID-19 virus are impacting motorsports events across the country, and that includes the INDYSCCA Time Trials SERIES. The health and safety of our members, participants and staff remains our top priority.

SCCA Leadership is continuing to closely monitor health experts and public health mandates to help determine any further impacts to our event schedule, and those will be listed below. For the most up-to-date information, please refer to local and state guidelines. For more updates from the SCCA look for official announcements posted on the SCCA website.

FOR MORE INFO OR QUESTIONS, CONTACT:

Indy SCCA Time Trials Chair / Great Lakes Division Time Trials Administrator: Vincent Taibi (indysccatt@gmail.com)

Event requirements

Convertibles:

It is highly recommended that all convertible vehicles be equipped with an aftermarket roll bar that meets or exceeds the standards set in the <u>SCCA Time Trials Safety Rules</u>. However, convertible vehicles may participate in Track Night events provided the vehicle meets at least one of the following criteria and is not subject to any of the below exceptions:

- The vehicle is equipped with an aftermarket roll bar that meets or exceeds the standards set in the SCCA Time Trials rules.
- The vehicle is equipped with documented factory installed roll over protection (examples of manufacture documented roll over protection would include hydroformed and reinforced a-pillars or windshield frames and factory installed roll bars and/or "pop-up" bars that are designated as roll over protection.
- The Vehicle is a 2006-year model or newer.

Exceptions: In addition, vehicles that were manufactured since 2006 that fall into any of the below categories must meet the criteria stated above for factory or aftermarket roll over protection:

- Vehicles equipped with factory V8 or forced induction engine
- Vehicles modified meaningfully beyond the factory performance potential (examples: engine swaps, aftermarket forced induction)

Note: Targa and T-Top vehicles are classified as "hard tops" and do not have to meet the terms and conditions of the convertible policy.



Watch for more information to come on the 2023 Time Trial season. We look forward to seeing people at the tracks this year. Have a great winter getting ready for the TT events.

Check out: INDYTRACKDAYS.com for more info.

Vinnie & Tyler

DID YOU KNOW?



Indy Cars & Coffee Dates:

- 6/24 @ Connection Point Christian Church in Brownsburg
- 7/29 @ The Club at Crosspoint
- 8/19 @ St. Luke's United Methodist Church
- 9/23 @ Zionsville, Group 1001
- 10/21 @ Hummel Park in Plainfield

Indy Region will have a table display at all of the Cars & Coffee events this year. Come join us and show your car.



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Notes from the Director's Chair

Area 4 Director Update for June 2023

As I mentioned in last month's update, May was when I started to hit the road to go to divisional events. I went to two last month. A driver's school at Waterford Hills and a Major hosted by OVR at MidOhio. I have a couple more events scheduled in June.

So, here's what I did this past month.....

Video Conference Meetings:

- ➤ Club Racing Board (CRB) (5/2): There was some discussion about the new BSpec revisions. We reviewed the GCR edits including a myriad of letters on GCR 1.2.3.D. We also chatted about potential alterations to the qualifying schedule for the Runoffs. A member had written the CRB (among others) about the use of leaded fuel in SCCA. While he made some valid points, we cannot eliminate leaded fuel from use in the SCCA. We will craft a reply to his letter soon. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen here.
- ➤ Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (5/10): A couple of members wrote letters to the CRB asking to allow Prototype Electric (PE) and Electric Touring (ET) to be included in the GCR. This is the next step in having EV classes in Club Racing. We discussed a myriad of topics (kill switches and whether to mandate them or not, how to handle hybrids, definition of an EV, etc.).
- ➤ CRB (5/15): We met via Zoom call to discuss potential changes to the Runoffs qualifying format. In an effort to make the Runoffs more appealing, the CRB and national staff have been working on various potential revisions to the traditional schedule. We needed to meet to coordinate the town hall meeting that would be on 5/16.
- ➤ EVAC (5/19): The EVAC had come up with some recommendations that would require input from Topeka about licensing, training, etc. We needed to chat with some folks there to make sure we were all on the same page.
- ➤ Board of Directors (BoD) (5/22): The dust has settled on our external audit and financial parameters look pretty good. We also discussed several other topics (liaison reports, GCR revisions, etc.). The good news is that we did not have to set aside time for "members behaving badly".
- ➤ GLDiv BoD (5/30): I met with the GLDiv BoD to discuss next year's divisional convention. As there is no national convention in 2024, we fully expect to have more support from the national office. We have a date (March 2nd) and are working on a location as Manchester University will be under construction next March. With no national convention to go to, regional leadership should be allocating funds for their members to go to our divisional convention. We will be content heavy so there will plenty to learn during the event.

SCCA Events:

➤ Club Racing driver's school at Waterford Hills (4/28 - 4/30): Cold, windy and rainy.....weather conditions that would test the mettle of all involved. The good news is that rainy conditions mean that the students would pay more attention and it would dial down the "red mist" while on track.

As usual, WHHRI hosts a well-run school with 35+ students and almost as many instructors. Alex DellaTorre and his team are to be commended for doing such a fine job in all aspects of the event.

I was there as an instructor so I could help "pay it forward" to the next generation of racers. Many people worked hard to help me get a license way back when and now it was, once again, my turn to help out. I had the pleasure of helping a second generation driver who was the son of a friend I used to race against back in the day. Truly, the circle of life in SCCA Club Racing. I had a great time and look forward to helping out in the future.

➤ OVR Major at MidOhio (5/12-5/14): I have always enjoyed going to MidOhio events. Whether it was as a worker, driver, media or as Director. This year was no exception as the weather cooperated which allowed good competition across the various run groups.

Be sure and visit the <u>GLDiv website</u> for information about all of the SCCA programs within the division. We have schedules, official's contact info, standings, etc. for all the SCCA programs.

Please take a few minutes and make sure your contact information is accurate in the SCCA database. It's important to have the correct information there so the club knows how to contact you. Log in to your my.scca.com page and check.

As I mentioned previously, there is a new path to getting your annual waiver. You can now get it through the Member Account Portal (MAP). Follow this <u>link</u> to get the instructions. There is also a story about the program <u>here</u>. I've done it and it only takes a couple of minutes. Be prepared to upload a headshot picture of yourself.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you soon. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments you may have about any facet of the GLDiv. I want you to make the most of your membership and I will help out in any way possible to make that happen.

Dayle Frame

****** Indy Region Members, watch for more info next month about a new sponsor for the Indy Region Competition programs.



FOR SALE

Ads in the "For Sale" part of the Clutch Chatter are "Free" to memb