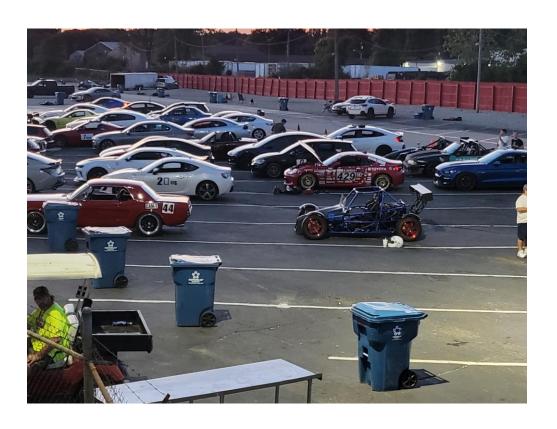
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Indianapolis Region SCCA



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Solo Season

9/30 – Fun Event at Grissom

10/1 – Points event at Grissom

10/8 – Points event with CSCC

Road Rally

Oct. 28th

"Ghouls Day Rally"

Clutch Chatter Editor - Raleigh Boreen

It has been a busy few weeks for Indy Region SCCA. The last weekend in August was a Test n Tune at Grissom with over 50 people. The next two weeks we had 28 people from the club at the Solo Nationals in Lincoln, NE. Then on the 15th of Sept. we had a "Solo Under the Lights" at the Speed Drome in Indy with 64 people. (Picture above) To cap off the weekend of the 15th, Indy Region had 42 members that took part in the Hoosier Challenge Solo at Grissom. Late Sept. and Oct. look to be busy also with Solos on 9/30, 10/1 and 10/8. The Time Trial program has its National Championship in Bowling Green, KY. on Oct. 11-15. The end of the month has our annual Halloween Road Rally. We are a busy group. Have fun!!!

Indy Region

Monthly meeting at Dawson's in Speedway October 10th at 6:30

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RE REPORT - MIKE YOUNG

Hello Fellow Region Members:

Wow, where is the year going. Here we are in the fourth quarter of the year and it seems like just yesterday we were making plans for the 2023 Solo and Time Trial seasons to start. This is also the time of the year that we as SCCA members vote on the SCCA Board of directors. Dayle Frame is our current Director for the Great Lakes Division and he is running for a second term. Dan Hodge from Ohio is running against him for the Director position. Make sure you vote with SCCA for our Director between Oct. 1st and the 15th of the month. Hope to see many of you at the Halloween Rally the end of October.

Mike Young - Regional Executive

INDY REGION MEMBERSHIP REPORT:



Membership – Josh Kikta Membership Chairman

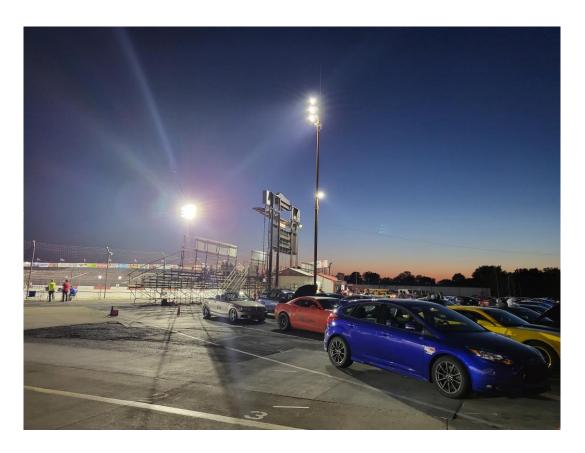
We currently have 588 members! There are 4 new Indy members from 8/6/2023 (last date I used for the CC) to 9/10/2023.

First Name	Last Name	City	State	SCCA Join Date	Region Join Date
Anthony	Harless	Middletown	IN	08/26/2023	08/26/2023
Lyle	Linville	Shelbyville	IN	08/17/2019	08/17/2019
Brad	Millikan	Fishers	IN	08/24/2023	08/24/2023
Sergio	Tondato	Noblesville	IN	08/31/2023	08/31/2023

Milestone anniversaries are for Oct.

Ten Year – Kevin Zelisko

Josh Kikta - Membership



Sept. 15th Solo Under the Lights, "Friday Night Madness"



Spectators at the Solo Under the Lights, "Friday Night Madness"

SOLO UPDATE:



Title: Finish Strong!!!

September has been a Fun Month! Friday Night Madness @ Indianapolis Speedrome on 09/15 ran under the lights and was a HUGE success thanks to the staff that put it on and wonderful group of drivers who were in attendance. Our bid to take back the Hoosier Challenge Trophy on Sunday 09/17 came up short (finished third) but was a great cap to a weekend of fun with cars.

Note - I will be working with Kevin Burns on making sure we get the Points # 5 updated from the Hoosier Challenge in the coming weeks. This takes some time to sort through based on the combined region event.

We close out the month with our last Fun Day on 09/30 and Points # 6 on 10/01 @ Grissom Aeroplex. This will be the last Points Event the Indianapolis Region will host. Remember our Points Event # 7 is Sunday 10/08 with the Columbus Region at the Seymour Freeman Field Airport. Just like the event earlier this year at the Indiana State Fairgrounds ... this is a joint event between the two regions. We have some very tight points battles going down to wire and I am sure the last two events will alter the outcome.

Please welcome David Currey to taking a more active role on the Solo leadership team. David has great blend of being a skilled driver, mechanic, and is very calm in hectic situations. He is great add to our team that puts on the events.

Balance of 2023 Solo Schedule.

Date	Location	Name	MSR Link
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

I am looking for feedback on the 2023 season. Please send me an email <u>james.dapuzzo@gmail.com</u> on your thoughts to improve the upcoming season.

Finally ... always looking for members to raise their hand to be a chief or co-chief. We have several members that have been in role for several years and are looking to share their knowledge with other members.

James DaPuzzo - Solo Chair



GHOUL DAYS

A scavenger hunt style RoadRally

Saturday, October 28, 2023 4:00pm – 8:30pm

Starts at Sodalis Nature Park in Plainfield, IN Ends in Camby, Indiana

Additional information at: msreg.com/GhoulDays



ACTIVITIES REPORT:



Hello, fellow Clutchers!!

Unfortunately, we weren't able to participate in the August Cars and Coffee. We had too many events going on to gather a proper contingent of presence.

The next Cars and Coffee at which we plan to be present is Saturday, September 23, from 8-11AM, hosted by Group1001 and Gainbridge. It will be at Group1001, 10555 Group 1001 Way, Zionsville, IN 46077. If you plan to go and/or wish to help man our booth, please let me know. The Cars and Coffee folks let us participate if we provide them with some help with traffic and parking.

We also plan to be at the final Cars and Coffee of the season on Saturday, October 21, from 8-11AM. This will be hosted by Hummel Park, presented by York Automotive. Hummel Park is located at, 1500 S Center Street, Plainfield, IN 46168. Once again, if you plan to go and/or wish to help man our booth, please let me know. The Cars and Coffee folks let us participate in exchange for assistance with traffic and parking.

We're working on getting the SCCA Street Survival event going again. We have a preliminary location with date and time to be decided, once everything is in place. This is an event that we haven't had for several years and some interest in reviving it has prompted me to get it going once again! I hope to have more information in coming months, but look for something in 2024.

Lastly, I will have created registration for our yearly Banquet. It will be on Saturday, January 13, 2024, once again at The Sycamore at Mallow Run. All information will be on motorsportreg.com and is \$20 per person with children 12 and under free.

Hope to see you at these events and as always, let me know if you have ideas on how to further promote our club.

As always, thank you for your continued support, help, and consideration! Any questions or if you'd like to help at any of these events, drop me an email!

Yours truly,

Charles Tashiro - Activities Chair



Dennis Bay running FS at the 2023 Solo Nationals

ROAD RALLY UPDATE:



RoadRally 2023 October

October and December Road Rallies

As track and Solo seasons come to a close, don't forget that you can still have fun with your SCCA friends at two more RoadRallies in 2023. Both of these are family-friendly, adventure rallies. So, feel free to bring a group and join us. You won't be sorry.

Saturday, October 28 is Ghoul Days – named because there are haunted schools on this RoadRally. Gathering for the rally starts at 3:30 and the last car should finish around 8:30pm. The cost is \$40/car and if you have an SCCA member in the car, the cost drops to \$25.

In addition to schools, you will be looking in cemeteries and other spirited places for clues of past inhabitants. This rally is a lot like a scavenger hunt. You are given a map and a list of questions to which you can find answers in various places that are marked on the map. It's up to you to plot the shortest distance to get to the greatest number of places and to the end point in the three hour time limit. Please note that if you take the full three hours you WILL be hunting after dark, so a good flashlight is necessary. This is a family-friendly event starting in Plainfield and ending in Camby. IN. Bring a friend, your spouse, your family or anybody else that wants to have an adventure and happy hunting!!

Additional information and registration can be found at msreg.com/GhoulDays



Saturday, December 2 is the date for this year's Holiday Shopping Shuffle. We will once again be gathering toys for children along with food to stock a local food pantry on this crazy adventure-style rally. Feedback from contestants last year indicated that the rally would be more fun with some daylight, so we will be moving the start time to 4:00pm this year. Gathering for the event will start around 3:00pm and we should be done by 7:30pm. We will still finish in the dark, but it's hard to avoid that in December. Besides, the light displays look better at night!

Championship Points for 2023 (as of 9/18/2023)

Following are the current points accumulated toward the 2023 Indianapolis Region RoadRally Championship. Full rules for the championship can be found on the Indy SCCA RoadRally page under RoadRally Award Rules.

Name		<u>Points</u>	
Sam Crites	24		
Bob Rother	12		
John Clyne	12		
Bob Sonnta	12		
Mandy Cro	12		
Velma Bore	12		
Chuck Hans	12		
David Gree	12		
Alice Green	12		
Raleigh Bo	9		
Megan Ran	9		
Theo Harde	9		
Z Hardesty	9		
Austin Ham	7		
Caleb Kenr	7		

Happy Rallying!!! Wendy Harrison



The backdrop for the display at the "Museum of American Speed" in Lincoln, NE for the 50th running of Solo Nationals.

2023 - Solo Nationals in Lincoln, Nebraska

This was the 50th running of the Solo Nationals. It all started in Wentzville, MO. in 1973. In 1973 224 members of SCCA showed up to compete in the first Solo National Championship. In 2023, 50 years later, the event was sold out with a cap of 1300 competitors. The event has become a huge celebration of Solo events: a Pro Solo with 275 competitors; a CAM/XS Invitational with 80 competitors; and the main event with 1300 competitors. Many people were in Lincoln, NE. for ten days or more. There were 28 people who frequently run Indy Region Solo events in Lincoln, NE for the Solo Nationals. Here is a list with their class, finishing position and number of people in the class. Everyone had a great time and would have liked to do a little bit better. No one came home with a 1st place Championship trophy, but several did trophy at Nationals. We all had a great time and want to go back for the 2024 Solo Nationals.

- SS Michael White 31st / 43
- AS Emanuel Papandreas 29th / 31
- BS Brandon Porambo 4th / 34
- DS John Rogers 21st, Kevin Kirchoff 55th / 79

DSL - Cathy Kenny 8th / 17

ES - Nicholas Zelisko 4th, George Schmitt 14th, Jodie Boy 27th / 32

SSR - Jim Johnson 6th / 7

STX - Kevin Berba 39th / 49

STS - Gabe Argenta 29th / 45

FSP - Steve Mieritz 4th / 25

XP - Ross Bollinger 12th, Steve Bollinger 16th / 20

XPL - Kim Bollinger 3rd / 3

BM - Josh Kikta 6^{th} , Will Lahee 7^{th} / 12

DM - Stephen Brinkerhoff 12th / 13

DML - Wanda Brinkerhoff 4th / 4

CAM S - Kevin Keys 4th, Ron McManus 14th / 35

CAM C - David Gushwa 36th / 48

CAM T - Raleigh Boreen 22nd, Brian Underwood 25th, Velma Boreen 27th, Michelle Wronski 29th / 31

XB - Dallas Reed 5th / 15

SECRETARY REPORT - CLUB MEETING MINUTES:



8-8-2023 - Indianapolis Region Board Meeting

Dawson's on Main - Speedway

Present: Tyler and Faythe Rush, Lee and Mickie Miller, Alan Hamson, John Clyne, Raleigh and Velma Boreen, Charles Tashiro, Mike Young, Kevin Burns, James DaPuzzo, Vinnie Taibi, Wendy Harrison, David Currey.

Meeting called to order by Ben at 6:30 PM

Motion to approve the June minutes made by Charles, seconded by James. Motion passed. Minutes will be published in the next issue of the Clutch Chatter

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

• 601 members, 9 new members. Josh continues to communicate with the new members and those who have not renewed. The Solo schedule for July may have been part of the issue with membership.

Treasury - Kitina

• \$200 payment from Saginaw Valley Region given to Mike.

Website – John/Ben

• Encourage all program chairs to review what is on the website for accuracy. There are a couple of downloads on it currently that are either out of date or not applicable any longer.

Clutch Chatter - Raleigh

- Clutch Chatter for September will be out the week of 8-14. Raleigh asks that program chairs get articles to him before then.
- Discussion continues on the best way to send to members in mass emails. Charles and Wendy will work on this situation.

Activities – Charles

- Cars and Coffee on July 29 was successful
- The local Jaguar club has contacted Raleigh and he will be attending their 8-15 meeting to introduce them to SCCA and Indy Region.
 - o Encourage them to run our Halloween Rally and the December Toys for Tots Rally
- First plans for hosting a Tire Rack Street Survival in 2024.
 - Need to find a good location and will go from there
- Brownsburg Car Show on August 24.
 - Charles has entered information for Boreen's Camaro to be in that show
- Next Cars and Coffee we are involved with is September 26th.

Road Rally - Wendy

- The Halloween Rally is scheduled for October 28th.
 - Starting point TBD.
 - Wendy will get the information on MSR as soon as starting point is determined

Solo - Jim

- Jim shared financial report with the board members
- The Tovey Cup will continue through 2033.
 - o That information will be in the 2024 Solo Rules
- Fairgrounds event went well.
 - Staff at the Fairgrounds were very helpful

- Vinnie Taibi was the shoot-out winner
- ProSolo at Grissom
 - o The payment from Saginaw Valley Region has been received
- CAM Challenge
 - John indicates that everything is in place
- Road to Nationals Solo Test and Tune is scheduled for 8-26/27.
- Continue to work with the airport in Terre Haute for an event in September
 - o It will be a **pre-registration only** event.
 - Registration will have to be cut off a few days prior to the event so that those registered can be vetted. 50 competitors maximum.
- Our points event #7 is with CSSS, hosting at a new site in Columbus.

Time Trials - Vinnie

- Mid-Ohio with OVR has 70 entrants
- Gingerman event went well 107 entrants
 - Waiting for funds from SCCA

Old Business

- Charles is working on caterers for the banquet
 - Currently has two companies that he is working with
 - Will be submitting a budget.

New Business

• Discussed treasurer's responsibilities and other members that can step in should the need arise.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM. Next meeting is September 12th at Dawson's.

Velma Boreen - Secretary



Join the Indy Region group at Cars N Coffee 9/23/23

SITTING IN THE GARAGE





Sitting in the Garage with:

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

This month's conversation is with David Currey

Velma and I have gotten to know David Currey and his Dad Norm thru Solo events for Indy Region. David is a very interesting guy and in 2024 will be the Indy Region Co-Chair of the Solo program with James DaPuzzo. Let's all get to know more about David

Back Ground on David's growing up and how he became a "Hoosier".

I spent the first 10 years of my life in Greenville, SC. When I was 10 my family moved to Marion, IN. for my Dad's job. I spent Middle school and High school in Marion. I never really enjoyed school so after High school I join the Marines and spent four years in the Military. When I got out, I enrolled at IU in Bloomington. Once again, I wasn't enjoying school so I decided to go a different route. I liked cars and trucks so I enrolled at Lincoln Tech in Indy. I got my 4 year degree in Diesel Tech Training. That opened the door for many opportunities, including my job today as a Nissan Master Tech.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I joined Indy Region in 2018. A friend of mine told me about Autocrossing so I tried an Indy Region event in early 2018. I was hooked and I got my father hooked. I had a Honda Civic and my Dad had a 350 Z. We

joined the club right away and the rest is history. I enjoy driving both my Civic and my Dad's 350 Z. Both are fun to drive even though they are so different.

What activities do you participate in with Indy Region?

I am very involved with the Solo program. I have also taken part in the Time Trials events. I try to help new people to our club and the novices as much as possible.

What was your first car?

I still have my first car, a 2005 Honda Civic.

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

I am not good at staying in one place, I like to be active. Doing stuff with cars just seemed natural. I have met some great people in the SCCA. I use it as one of my most active social outlets.

What would you like to see Indy Region do in 2024 and coming years?

I just hope we can continue to grow the Solo program. Bringing in new people is the life blood of the club. I hope we can continue to put on quality events. I would like to see us do some Solo training next spring prior to the start of the Solo season. I think getting the Chiefs together would be really good for our program.

Outside of SCCA, what is something you really enjoy doing?

I enjoy doing Bronze and Aluminum casting in my garage. I enjoy making soap and I enjoy baking. I am a "home body". I enjoy taking care of my home on the west side of Indy. I tend to be the happiest when I am doing projects. I am also involved with a Buddhist Meditation group. I take part once or twice a month with this group.

Indy Region Members:

In October all Area 4 SCCA members vote for their representative on the SCCA Board of Directors. We have two people running for the position, Dayle Frame and Dan Hodge. I know both of these guys and I wanted to introduce you, our members, to your choice for representation on the SCCA Board of Directors.

***** This month's second "Sitting in the Garage" is with Dayle Frame. Dayle is currently our Area 4 representative on the SCCA Board of Directors. He is now running for a second term of 3 years. He has been active over the last three years going to races, Time Trial events and Solos. He has attended the last two years of the Solo Nationals in Lincoln, NE. and the last three SCCA Road Racing RunOffs. He has also attended and participated in several Divisional Solo Events over the last three years. He currently heads

up the committee for SCCA that is evaluating Electric vehicles and how they can be an active part of all of the different SCCA events.

*****This month's third "Sitting in the Garage" is with Dan Hodge. Dan is running for the SCCA BOD to represent our area, the Great Lakes Division. Dan is a member of the Ohio Valley Region. Dan has been in a leadership role in our Division for many years and brings a lot of experience to the table.

Sitting in the Garage with:

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

This month's conversation is with Dayle Frame

Velma and I have gotten to know Dayle better as he has been the Great Lakes Division representative on the SCCA Board of Directors for the past three years. Indy Region is one of the 20 Regions in the Great Lakes Division. Dayle and his wife Melinda currently live in Lansing, MI. but he has spent time in Illinois, Oklahoma, and Arkansas prior to moving to Michigan in 1990.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I have been a member of SCCA since 1997 but have been around SCCA since I was a little boy. My father was a member of SCCA for 50 years starting in the late 50's.

What activities do you participate in with SCCA?

I started working races as a corner worker and pit/grid at Hallet Motor Speedway in the 80's. I wanted to know everything I could about tracks and cars. What kind of cars were good for racing. I picked people brains for everything I could find out about Sportscar racing. I started Road Racing in 2001. I raced until 2017 and then sold my HP Sprite in 2020. I tried Solo in my Chevy Bolt in H/Street. I am currently waiting to hear from the SEB where my new Electric BMW i4 will fit in the Solo classes.

What was your first car?

The first car I ever drove was a Triumph Spitfire and the first one I ever owned was a 1980 Ford Fiesta.

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

As I said my father was an SCCA member for many years. He worked at Argonne National Labs near Chicago in the late 50's and early 60's with people from Europe. Many of them had sports cars and he got the itch for MG's, Jaguars and the like. He bought his first Lotus Super 7 in 1962. I followed suit and

when I was old enough, I started working races and doing anything I could to be around race cars. I have done some Solo's in my Chevy Bolt and had a great time.

What would you like to see SCCA do in 2024 and coming years?

My main reason for being on the SCCA Board of Directors is for better communications and greater results for all of our programs. I want to help the Club have a welcoming environment so people can have "Fun with Cars". Currently I am involved in two initiatives with the SCCA BOD, one being on where Electric vehicles fit into the future of SCCA programs and the second is how do we get more workers for our Road Racing program. One thing we on the BOD are trying to understand is how and why people join the SCCA. If we have a better understanding of that we can fill people's needs and wants easier. We need to make sure people are enthusiastic about being part of the SCCA. I was just at the Solo Nationals in Lincoln; and I saw all of the enthusiasm of the people there. We somehow need to be able to have that at all of the events we put on during the year. While in Lincoln, I visited the Museum of American Speed. It is a phenomenal Museum. They had a very nice display for the 50th Running of the Solo Nationals. Next year they will be putting in a new display on SCCA and the SCCA's 80th Anniversary. We want excitement and comradery at all of our events. We have over 50,000 members and I hope people are proud to belong to the SCCA. I hope I can continue to help grow our Club in the next three year term. My phone number, email and text are always available to our members. I want to help our Club.

Sitting in the Garage with:

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

This month's conversation is with Dan Hodge

Velma and I have known Dan Hodge for many years. He has been very active on the Road Racing side of the SCCA. He has been involved with the Great Lakes Divisional meetings in the spring each year for over 20 years. Dan is now running for the position of Director for SCCA as the representative for the Great Lakes Division. Indy Region is one of 20 Regions in the Great Lakes Division. Dan and his wife Tari have lived in the Columbus, OH. area for over 30 years. They are now "empty nesters" as their children are all grown and out of the house.

How long have you been a member of SCCA?

I have been a member of SCCA since 1994. I became a member of SCCA when I was asked to be an EMT at the first RunOffs held at the Mid-Ohio Racetrack in 1994. That got me was hooked on road racing.

What activities do you participate in with SCCA?

I have done just about everything involved with SCCA Road Racing except driving a race car in competition. I started out on the Medical team. Then moved to F&C. Later I became a starter and then was asked to be a Steward. I have worked at all levels of Race Stewards for SCCA events in our Division. I have also been both the Deputy Executive Steward for the Division and the Executive Steward for the Division. In my own Region, OVR, I am on my 4th year as an OVR Board member, along with being involved with some of the committees to help the Region grow.

What was your first car?

My first car was fun but not real exciting, an Old Cutlass. At 16 it was a great car.

How did you get interested in cars and the SCCA?

I have always liked cars and racing. I especially enjoy Indy Car and F1. I am a Road Racing junkie.

What would you like to see SCCA do in 2024 and coming years?

I am running for the BOD of SCCA because I want to see more transparency with our programs and where the Club spends its money. I want to make sure the funds at SCCA are being spent wisely and for all of our programs. We need to strive to have all of our programs be cost effective for the Club and the participants. I also want to help find ways to get more people involved in the Club at all levels. We need more young people to be part of SCCA.



Norm Currey at the wheel of his 350Z at Grissom

TIME TRIAL PROGRAM





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?



What car and manufacturer won the 1969 and 1970 SCCA Road Rally Championship?

This was Road Rallies, not Pro Rallies.

(answer on the last page)



Dayle Frame – Area 4 Director Representing the Great Lakes Division on the SCCA National Board

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Notes from the Director's Chair Area 4 Director Update for September 2023

August was pretty hectic. First are the face to face meetings with the CRB and BoD in Kansas City (8/1-8/6). The following weekend, I'll was at the CAM Solo event in Indiana (8/11, 8/12) as well as a Club Racing event at MidOhio (8/13). That was followed by flagging a Club Race at Grattan (8/19, 8/20). September doesn't slow down as I'll be at the Solo Nationals (9/3-9/9) and the Runoffs (9/23-10/2).

As an aside, I bought a new EV on 7/31 and as of this writing she has 4,515 miles. Trips to KC, Grissom/MidOhio, Grattan and the Halkias memorial service all added up to a lot of cockpit time these past few weeks. With Championship season upon us, there will be many more in the next month before my hip replacement surgery on 10/5. With all of that on my plate next month, I may not have time to craft an October update for you. But I'll be sitting around a lot after my surgery so count on one in November.

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

Video Conference Meetings:

- ➤ Club Racing Board (CRB) (8/1): As I was driving to Kansas City for the CRB and BoD meetings, I was not able to sit in on this meeting. The results of all of the CRB rules changes can be seen here.
- ➤ Electrified Vehicle Advisory Committee (EVAC) (8/9): With a bit of a hiatus due to the BoD meeting, we reviewed our action items and plotted a course for moving forward during championship season.
- ➤ Board of Directors (BoD) (8/22): The BoD got an update from Heyward Wagner on the incident at the Hillclimb event that had a fatality.
- ➤ BoD (8/28): We had a short agenda as championship season is coming up and all programs are preparing for that. Our financials look fine. We are behind the curve a bit as YTD entries and sanction fees are down due to poor weather in the early part of the year.

SCCA Events:

- ➤ CRB meeting (8/3): We discussed some of the long term, strategic topics that were brought up back at the spring face to face meeting. How would the Runoffs change in the next few years? What classes would be involved? How would the Club Racing program differ from its current incarnation? We also chatted about more immediate issues like "halos" on formula cars, the SMX class, in car flagging systems, etc.
- ➤ BoD meeting (8/4, 8/5): The BoD meeting would last two days so we could cover the usual oversight items (financials, program status, Enterprises, etc.) but also work on our own governance (bylaws,

- term limits, etc.). It was an effective series of meetings, and we continue to lay the groundwork for future success. We have a very good set of Directors all working for the greater good of the Club.
- ➤ CAM Challenge @ Grissom AFB (8/12): Raliegh Boreen has invited me to CAM events for quite a while, but something was always in the way. This year I made it a priority to make sure that I attended one of these events.

While I've been to plenty of Solos and even participated in quite a few, I was not prepared for this event. Yes, I'd seen the CAM classes run at the Solo Nats last year but I didn't get a chance to talk to the drivers too much. This was different. I walked amongst the grid and was able to chat with several of the drivers. And what a wide variety of drivers it was! There were many unique stories that led them to CAM. This set of classes has developed its own culture and there is a tight knit group of members participating. That spells success in the SCCA.

The on track action was neat too. The course was long and the competition was fierce. I was told by Velma Boreen that I would be passenger on one of her runs. What a blast! That gal knows what she's doing behind the wheel. Then the rains came. I was lucky enough to not get soaked. It was interesting watching the big cars dash through the puddles.

- ➤ OVR Double Regional at Mid-Ohio (8/13): After the Solo I drove over to Ohio, stayed the night and went to the Mid-Ohio course for day two of a double regional held there by OVR. The car count was a bit depressed due to the fact that there was a race there two weeks earlier hosted by Cincy Region. The main reason I was there was to cheer on the HProd folks who were gathered en masse for the H Production Invitational. As this was my class back in the day, it was nice to see all the usual faces and cars as well as some new ones. Even my old steed was there piloted by a buddy of mine who bought her from me. Chris Schaafsma (defending HP Champion) ran away with the race but there were battles all through the field. It was quite a site to see 30 HP cars on track at once.
- ➤ Sam Halkias Memorial Service: I want to take a minute to write about the loss of a colleague to this Club. Sam Halkias was a long-time friend who was very supportive of me (and MANY others) when I was just starting out. He was always there with advice, tools and parts (we ran similar old British sports cars). He paid it forward for guys like me and made it easier for the next generation to get into the Club Racing game.

He was the EP Champion in 2009 and I will NEVER forget that race. In a driving rainstorm, he piloted his TR6 to victory at Road America. Several of us watched from T3. We hustled up to the winners circle and I had the pleasure of being the first to shake his hand when he climbed out of his car. He was so happy. All the years of work and preparation had paid off in a title. Someone handed him a phone and he called his wife. He voiced cracked as he told her the good news. As he was a solitary guy at the track (no crew, no family), I had never met her until the service last Friday (8/25). It was heartening to see all the SCCA members who attended the service.

I thought it so apropos that he was buried in his drivers suit with a checkered flag. He will be missed.

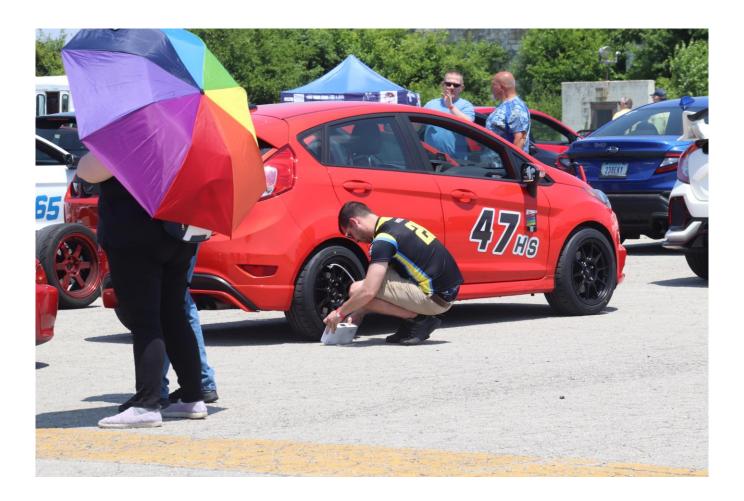
Be sure and visit the <u>GLDiv website</u> for information about all of the SCCA programs within the division. We have schedules, official's contact info, standings, etc. for all the SCCA programs.

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.

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The grid is a busy place at one of the Indy Region Solos

******* Indy Region Members, watch for more info 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 members.

Answer: Ford Mustang Mach 1, both 1969 and 1970