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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR:

Welcome to the July and August Combo Edition of the Indy Regions' Clutch Chatter!

I hope everyone enjoyed the June Edition. I've received positive feedback from the membership via email and at the State Fair Grounds. Thank you all for that! If you have any suggestions to improve Clutch Chatter, please, please let me know. Your input is always appreciated

This month has a couple of changes. To start with, you likely expected the July issue, in well, July.

There was a tentative schedule in place, during the July Board meeting a permanent schedule was agreed upon.

Submissions from the BoD as well as the membership (That means YOU, if you're interested in contributing) are due before the first of the month. The next edition will be September, so if you would like to send in an article or classified ad, please get that to me between the 25th to 31st of August. Earlier is perfectly fine as well, but it's easiest to get everything that last week.

The publication will be put together and finalized during the first week of the month, and then distributed to the membership shortly after that.

This month you'll have the usual updates, as well as an article from long time SCCA member, and a founder of the CAM series: Raleigh Boreen. You'll also get a look into Norm Curreys'

prepared class Z in the Member Build segment. Thank you Raleigh and Norm! I have a few Member Builds lined up for upcoming editions, but looking for Member Biographies. We'd love to hear your story! In this month's Member Biography you'll get to take a casual ride around the IMS road course with me, but sped up for a little more fun.

Thank you for being a member, I truly hope you enjoy this issue of Clutch Chatter and the rest of the season with Indy SCCA!

Sincerely,
Ben Drexler EP 42

PS: Please email ClutchChatter@IndySCCA.org if you're interested in contributing.





UPDATES FROM THE RE:

Hello, fellow Clutchers!

With the season well under-way, there are still many more of our events to go to!

We had a very successful gathering at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for both the car show and our 80th anniversary celebration! If I didn't see you there, I'm sorry I missed you.

We also had a very successful participation at the Autocross at SIA (formerly the Subaru Challenge.) Since SIA employees were permitted to bring cars other than a Subaru, we had a diverse field of cars than in the past. We also had a pair of simulators which were very popular with spectators and drivers! A very special thank-you goes to Cameron Bidwell for

coordinating the SIA as well as Vinnie Taibi for setting up a very nice course and assisting Cameron, too!

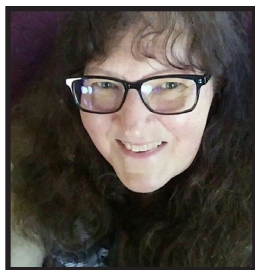
As usual, I hope to see you at one of our events! Until then, keep those engines revving!

Yours truly,
Charles Tashiro

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CHAIR UPDATES ROAD RALLY:

ZOMBIES IN ZIONSVILLE!!!!

Indy Region's traditional Halloween Scavenger Hunt has moved to Boone County this year. Rallymaster, Jeff Alexander, is once again plotting to give us a fun, family-friendly adventure in territory that is new to this event. We will start at The National Bank of Indianapolis at 106th and Michigan Rd.

Contestants are given a map and a list of questions to which answers can be found at various locations that are marked on the map. It's up to you to plot the shortest distance to get to the most places, find the most answers and be to the end point within 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 that will end in a restaurant near Whitestown, Indiana.

Additional details and registration can be found at the following:

[Zombies in Zionsville Rally](#)

Bring a friend, your spouse, your family and anybody else that wants to have an adventure and happy haunting!!

Wendy Harrison
Road Rally Chair



2026 ROAD RALLY CALENDAR:

Saturday, October 24, 2026:

Halloween GTA Road Rally

Saturday, December 5, 2026

Holiday Shopping Shuffle GTA Charity Road Rally





MEMBER BIOGRAPHY

BEN DREXLER:

What sparked your interest in motorsports?

When I was younger, I couldn't car less about cars. As soon as I got my first car I developed some unsanctioned "motorsports tendencies". That was in a late '80s Old Calais, then after I broke that car, I got an '86 Chrysler Laser and basically just began taking it apart for fun (and put it back together). A friend of mine had a Hyundai Excel, we took that apart once he got a '90 Mustang 5.0. From there it went from "how does this work?" to "How can we make this better?". Shortly after than I got my '85 Toyota MR2 and started taking driving far more seriously.

How did you become involved in the SCCA?

I covered this a bit in the last issue, but a great guy named Dick Powell came in to the copy shop I was managing to get his news letter printed. It was called Clutch Chatter. After not showing up because I drove an automatic sedan, I finally made it to my first event about 15 years later.

What's your favorite aspect of the racing community?

The variety. Lots of folks with different backgrounds, and generally all in it for fun. Even the more serious types are having the time of their lives, and sharing it with everyone around them.

Are there any specific accomplishments you're particularly proud of?

I'm in it for the fun, nothing all that serious. I'm proud of what I've been able to do to help the club however. I've served as the Solo "Greeter" for a couple years, welcoming new and old member into events at Grissom, and getting their autographs for waivers. I was a Member At Large on the board, Assistant RE, Solo and TT Safety Steward, TT Grid Chief and now the editor for Clutch Chatter among other miscellaneous things. I can't overstate how much the club helped me at a time when I needed it, and proud to have the chance to give back in a variety of ways.

How do you envision your future in the SCCA?

Hard to say, I'm a little rusty on my tarot.

Beyond future hopes and plans, is there a special event that you'd like to participate in? Dakar Rally, 24 Hrs of Le Mans, etc?

Someday I'll just get out and have fun at a full Time Trials. With some recent good news in my personal life I'm going to try to force myself to get ready and sign up for the TT Targa next year.

Where do you want motorsports to take you? World championships? Having more fun than all your non-racing friends on the weekends?

I'm already there. No offense to anyone, but I have the most fun car out there...NOT the fastest by any stretch, but nobody's got #42 EP beat in combined fun and fuel efficiency (weird flex for a motorsports group I know - I hope you feel the same way about your car, but YMMV).

Everyone makes mistakes, and it can be especially scary to new drivers. Are there any mistakes or embarrassing moments on track you're willing to share to help encourage newer drivers?

Every single thing I told myself. "Just whatever you do, don't <insert anything here>" I immediately did. Don't downshift, blow past 1st and grid reverse? Check! Don't get lost? Check! Don't stall at the start? Check! Except it was actually worse, my alternator was going out unbeknownst to me, and there were delays at start, when it was time to go, no crank. The lesson from that is to focus on what you WANT TO DO, and remember you're surrounded by great people that are more than happy to lend a hand.

Are there any life lessons you've learned from your time behind the wheel, and meeting others in the community that you'd like to share with the club?

"Rule #32: Enjoy the little things." - Columbus

Is there any advice or insights you'd like to share with newer drivers? Outlooks, perspectives or pitfalls in technique you'd like to share?

Have fun, always stay safe, but have fun too. There's inherent danger in any motorsport, so just pay attention to who and what's around you and then send it.

Is there anyone in your life that you would like to give a special shout out to? Past or present connections?

Dick Powell, thank you for the invite! Sorry I was 15 years late.

Thank you so much for sharing your story with the club! Is there anything else you'd like to talk about?

I'm looking for member biographies for Clutch Chatter! Please reach out if you're at all interested. I've got a few member builds lined up. I wasn't planning to feature myself, but the ClutchChatter Inbox just has builds at the moment. ClutchChatter@IndySCCA.org.



CHAIR UPDATES TIME TRIALS:

Hello All!

I would like to extend a great thanks to all who attended the Indy-Ucky Time Trials Event at NCM with KYSCCA!

Unfortunately, I was unable to join in person, but kept track of news and information as it came in! Our RE, Charles Tashiro, was my delegate by proxy at the event, as well as TT Team member Sean McPike, who stepped in as a Volunteer Instructor! Thank you to both Indy Region Members for their support and Assistance at the event.

Thank you for your continued support and interest in our TT Program! Me and my Team are working hard to return Indy Region Time Trials to former glory, and we are looking forward to seeing you at Putnam Park on August 29th and 30th!

Remember [PLEASE REGISTER](#) EARLY for Putnam Park! This series' future relies on you, the members!

Michael Terry II
TT Co-Chair



CLASS	CAR NUMBER	DRIVER	SAT	SUN	COMBINED TOTAL	FINISH
M1	22	Dallas Reed	0:02:10	0:02:11	0:04:21	P1
M1	17	Max Livchak	0:02:19	0:02:18	0:04:37	P2
M1	13	Jonathan Wilk	0:02:31	0:02:31	0:05:02	P3
M2	376	Justin Vandergriff	0:02:17	0:02:17	0:04:34	P1
M2	346	Tony Garrett	0:02:27	0:02:26	0:04:53	P2
M2	36	Min Khant	0:02:30	0:02:28	0:04:58	P3
M2	776	Sean McPike	0:02:12	--	--	
M2	70	Andy Wolfe	0:02:48	--	--	
M3	23	Jason Norton	0:02:33	0:02:33	0:05:06	P1
M4	27	Jarrold Davis	0:02:20	0:02:19	0:04:40	P2
M4	57	Craig Moulton	0:02:28	0:02:28	0:04:55	P3
M4	24	Jared Clonch	0:02:37	0:02:34	0:05:11	
M4	3	Josh Murphy	0:02:35	--	--	
M5	619	Garrett Bolton	0:02:30	0:02:30	0:05:00	P1
M5	47	Kip Mitchell	0:02:32	0:02:29	0:05:02	P2
M5	75	William Swift	0:02:42	0:02:36	0:05:18	P3
M5	40	Jesse Sybesma	0:02:30	--	--	
S1	20	Seiya Kawashima	0:02:21	0:02:22	0:04:43	P1
S1	21	Alan Nothstein	0:02:26	0:02:26	0:04:52	P2
S1	62	Glenn Cason	0:02:37	0:02:36	0:05:13	P3
S2	19	Tak Mitt	0:02:22	0:02:24	0:04:46	P1
S2	88	Charles Tashiro	0:02:32	0:02:35	0:05:07	P2
S2	43	Frank Swihart	0:02:37	0:02:36	0:05:13	P3
S2	7	David Entz	0:02:22	--	--	
S2	51	Chris Wheatley	0:02:30	--	--	
S2	14	Donald Miner	0:02:32	--	--	
S2	50	Steve Williamson	0:02:32	--	--	
S3	26	Richard Kenney	0:02:27	0:02:28	0:04:55	P1
S3	2	Raymond Hudson	0:02:40	0:02:37	0:05:16	P2
S4	10	Mike Blinn	0:02:54	0:02:50	0:05:45	P1
S5	28	Devin Mayfield	0:02:39	0:02:40	0:05:19	P1
S6	41	Dave Melton	0:02:38	0:02:40	0:05:18	P1
T1	77	James Dinger	0:02:39	0:02:39	0:05:17	P1
T1	253	Brent Robbins	0:02:33	--	--	
T2	31	Samuel Moore	0:02:24	0:02:23	0:04:47	P1
T2	8	Benjamin Totaro	0:02:47	0:02:41	0:05:27	P2
T3	11	Josiah Douglas	0:02:23	0:02:29	0:04:52	P1
T4	44	Ryan Mukherjee	0:02:23	0:02:24	0:04:46	P1
T4	100	Liam Parkes	0:02:24	0:02:25	0:04:49	P2
U1	666	Dimitri Papazoglou	0:02:24	0:02:25	0:04:49	P1
U2	126	Chris Johnson	0:02:27	0:02:27	0:04:54	P1
U2	404	Michael Barnes	0:02:36	0:02:34	0:05:10	P2
U2	4	Adam DeLong	0:02:41	0:02:44	0:05:24	P3
U2	65	Gary Phelps	0:02:53	0:02:52	0:05:45	
U2	114	Alan Lani	0:02:40	--	--	



CHAIR UPDATES

SOLO:

Hi all, July is behind us and so too the great and slightly out of the ordinary Indy/Columbus Shootout and the Solo National Tour. Despite the thunderstorms both events experienced, all runs were made on a dry surface thanks to patience and the fortunate timing of the bad weather.

Despite wet weather we had a good turnout at the Fairgrounds for the Indy/Columbus Shootout. The manager of the Fairgrounds was kind enough to allow us to come back on Sunday if we had a rain out, however the weather cooperated and we were able to get in 4 runs each on Saturday and complete the Shootout. The following six drivers advanced to the Shootout: Darren Daubenspeck (Indy Region), Seth Fultz (Indy Region), Vinnie Taibi (Indy Region), John Morgan (Columbus), Deagan Myers (Columbus), and Nick Myers (Columbus). After the rain evaporated and the dust settled, it was Nick Myers who ended up on top, taking the win in his E Street Miata for the Columbus Sports Car Club.

Next up for July was the Solo National Tour. This event is always a big deal and this year did not disappoint. One hundred and eighty drivers wheeled into Grissom and braved the heat, humidity, and rain to compete in this annual tradition. If there was

one word to describe this year's event it would be "busy". Because of the rain, Friday and Saturday experienced compressed schedules however the timing of the rain was fortunate and the Starting Line driving school, Test N Tune, and Saturday's competition were all completed on a dry surface.

Several Indianapolis area drivers placed well in the competition:

Darren Daubenspeck	2nd Place	A Street
Nicholas Myers	2nd Place	E Street
Will Lahee	3rd Place	B Modified
Kevin Keys	3rd Place	CAM-S
Thomas Blankenship	3rd Place	Club Spec MX-5
Wanda Brinkerhoff	2nd Place	Ladies Street Tire Bump

I want to thank all the volunteers that made for a successful National Tour! The following people came out to do setup and help the Test N Tune run smoothly: Tony Muriel, Darren Daubenspeck, David Meyers, Dave Dusterberg, Kevin Keys, Jim DaPuzzo, Raleigh Boreen, and Michael James. I can't thank you guys enough for volunteering – you are the reason the SCCA asks Indy Region to host the National Tour year after year!

Special thanks go out to Sara Lamkin, Vance Nonno,

and Zach Douglas! You all did an awesome job wrapping up the Tour! Because of you all of Indy's equipment AND the SCCA's equipment was packed and ready to go well before dinner time. Sunday we were treated to great weather and being able to pack up and get home "on time" was a great way to end the long weekend.

Don't forget! The South Bend Region is hosting the Hoosier Challenge this year at Grissom and Sunday, August 16, doubles as Indy Points Event #6. The MotorsportReg link to register for this event is on the Indy Region website: [Indy SCCA](#).



Solo Season Results

SOLOPOINTS!

Indiana Region SCCA Recent Event Points:

Results
Indiana Region SCCA Event
July 1 - Columbus July 11, 2020

Pos	Dir	Driver's Name, Team	Car	Spencer	Time	Mtg	Rpts	Course 1	Course 2	Score
Street Category A Street										
1	21	Dan Dandridge	2011 Chevrolet Corvair	Belmont	July	21.087	23.208	23.658	23.146	
2	5	Eric Emerson	2010 Chevrolet Corvair	Columbus	July	24.546	23.640	20.710	23.246	
3	12	James Carney	4 Chevrolet Corvair	Columbus	July	24.777	21.678	21.771	23.176	
B Street										
1	11	Jeff Bickford	2017 Jaguar F-Type	Belmont	July	21.716	20.226	20.818	20.783	
2	40	Nathan Finn	2017 Volvo Polestar	Columbus	July	24.784	27.441	25.868	23.488	
C Street										
1	18	Yana Nason	2016 Mazda MX-5 Miata	July	26.972	24.411	23.568	23.988		
2	17	Steve Brown	2014 Mazda MX-5	Columbus	July	24.833	26.133	27.890	24.116	
3	10	Chris Carter	2016 Mazda MX-5	July	25.980	27.787	26.082	26.986		
4	13	Alan Rogers	2012 Mazda MX-5 Miata	July	26.826			26.986		
D Street										
1	47	Shady Kusan	2017 Subaru BRZ	Belmont	July	25.116	26.956	25.815	24.847	
2	7	John Mangan	2014 Subaru WRX	Columbus	July	26.237	27.232	26.899	26.590	
3	17	Charlie Sain	2014 Toyota GT86	Columbus	July	26.112	26.436	25.821	26.386	
4	16	Ryan Nason	2017 Subaru BRZ	Columbus	July	26.720	26.721	26.229	26.196	
5	40	Pauline Layfield	2016 Subaru BRZ	July	27.226			26.822		
6	36	Alan Zhang	2014 Alfa Romeo Giulio	July	26.846	36.451	29.714			
7	51	Ryan Lusk	2016 Volkswagen Golf R	July	26.710			26.710		
E Street										
1	21	Nicholas L Myers	1999 Mazda Miata	Columbus	July	24.622	24.368	24.323	23.823	
2	131	Danaghi Myers	1999 Mazda Miata	July	24.994			24.994		
3	1	Justin Dandridge	1999 Mazda Miata	July	24.874			25.137		
F Street										
1	10	Chris Whiskery	2014 Chevrolet Camaro	Belmont	July	26.140	26.087	24.888	24.888	
2	122	Dan Dandridge	2014 Infiniti GT35 Roadster	July	26.889	26.885	27.911	23.856		

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1	22	Michael Dandridge	2013 Infiniti GT35 Roadster	July	26.817	26.809	28.762	23.847		
2	40	Andrew VanVleet	2010 Ford Mustang	July	26.951	26.256	26.762	26.719		
G Street										
1	1	David Meyer	2010 Honda Civic Si Sedan	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100		
2	2	Greg Cragg	2011 Hyundai Veloster N	July	26.933	26.943	26.140	26.150		
3	40	John Nason	2014 Volkswagen Golf GTI	July	27.509	26.716	26.400	26.415		
H Street										
1	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
2	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
3	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
4	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
5	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
6	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
7	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
8	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
9	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
10	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
11	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
12	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
13	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
14	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
15	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
16	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
17	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
18	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
19	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
20	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
Street Touring Category A Street Touring										
1	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
B Street Touring										
1	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
C Street Touring										
1	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	
D Street Touring										
1	1	John Mangan	2014 BMW 125i	Columbus	July	26.924	26.966	25.129	25.100	

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Timing System										
Pos	Dir	Driver's Name, Team	Car	Spencer	Time	Mtg	Rpts	Course 1	Course 2	Score
1	15	Adam Paul	2013 Subaru BRZ	July	21.427	20.847	20.589	27.088		
E Street Touring										
1	1	Michael Schulte	1991 Mazda Miata	Columbus	July	24.768				
2	4	David Lusk	1997 Toyota MR2	Columbus	July	26.401	26.103	27.520	26.589	
G Street Touring										
1	1	Brian Bishop	2012 Honda Civic	Columbus	July	24.745	24.754	26.368	26.482	
2	1	Alan Carter	2012 Honda Civic	Columbus	July	24.866	26.323	31.042	27.161	
3	1	Shady Kusan	2019 Volkswagen GTI	July	25.885			26.788		
Prepared Category X Prepared										
1	1	1971 Ford Mustang	1999 Porsche Carrera Wild	July	26.449			26.449		
Street Modified Category Street Modified										
1	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2008 Subaru Impreza WRX	Columbus	July	24.726	25.044	25.517	25.346	
2	1	1971 Ford Mustang	1987 Chevy Camaro T10	July	25.223	25.273	24.886	24.408		
3	1	1971 Ford Mustang	1987 Chevy Camaro T10	July	25.223	25.273	24.886	24.408		
4	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2007 Nissan 370Z	July	25.407	27.206	26.514	26.096		
5	1	1971 Ford Mustang	1987 Chevy Camaro T10	July	26.898		27.205	27.205		
6	1	1971 Ford Mustang	1987 Chevy Camaro T10	July	26.898		27.205	27.205		
Other Category Classic American Muscle Classic										
1	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2010 Chevrolet Camaro	Belmont	July	25.763	27.401	26.263	23.128	
2	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2010 Chevrolet Camaro	July	26.000	24.402	24.402	24.402		
3	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2010 Ford Mustang GT	Columbus	July	26.010	23.827	24.013	24.013	
4	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2010 Ford Mustang GT	July	26.010	23.827	24.013	24.013		
5	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2010 Ford Mustang GT	July	26.010	23.827	24.013	24.013		
6	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2010 Ford Mustang GT	July	26.010	23.827	24.013	24.013		
7	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2010 Ford Mustang GT	July	26.010	23.827	24.013	24.013		
8	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2010 Ford Mustang GT	July	26.010	23.827	24.013	24.013		
9	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2010 Ford Mustang GT	July	26.010	23.827	24.013	24.013		
10	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2010 Ford Mustang GT	July	26.010	23.827	24.013	24.013		
11	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2010 Ford Mustang GT	July	26.010	23.827	24.013	24.013		
12	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2010 Ford Mustang GT	July	26.010	23.827	24.013	24.013		
13	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2010 Ford Mustang GT	July	26.010	23.827	24.013	24.013		
14	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2010 Ford Mustang GT	July	26.010	23.827	24.013	24.013		
15	1	1971 Ford Mustang	2010 Ford Mustang GT	July	26.010	23.827	24.013	24.013		
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2026 SEASON

2026 INDY SCCA ROAD RALLY SCHEDULE:

April 18th	Dogwood Daze III Regional Tour Road Rally
Oct 24	Halloween GTA Road Rally
Dec 5	Holiday Shopping Shuffle GTA Charity Road Rally



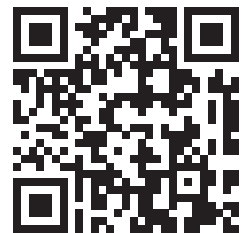
2026 INDY SCCA TIME TRIALS SCHEDULE:

June 6th - 7th	Round 1	Gingerman Raceway
July 25th - 26th	Round 2	NCM Motorsports Park
Aug 29th - 30th	Round 3	Putnam Park Road Course



2026 INDY SCCA SOLO SCHEDULE:

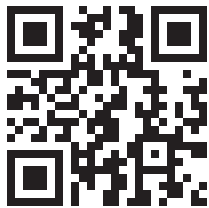
April 25th	Tire Rack Street Survival	
April 26th	Fun Event 1	Lincoln Technical College
May 3rd	Points # 1	Grissom Aeroplex
May 9th	Work Day	Grissom Aeroplex
May 30th	Solo Drivers School	Grissom Aeroplex
May 31st	Points # 2	Grissom Aeroplex
June 21st	Subaru Challenge	Subaru of Indiana
June 28th	Points #3	Grissom Aeroplex
July 11th	Indy Vs. Columbus Points #4	State Fairgrounds
July 17th - 19th	Peru Nat Tour and Pts 5	Grissom Aeroplex
August 16th	Pts #6 / Hoosier Challenge	Grissom Aeroplex
August 23rd	Points #7	Grissom Aeroplex
Sept 13th	Points #8	Grissom Aeroplex
Oct 4th	Points #9	Grissom Aeroplex



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GREAT LAKES DIVISION REGION LINKS:

Indiana



Columbus SCCA



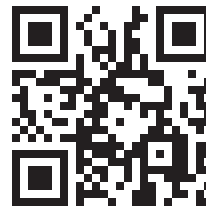
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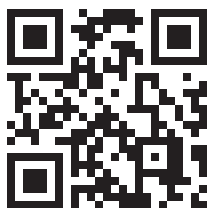


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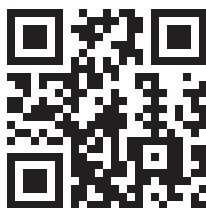
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Kentucky SCCA



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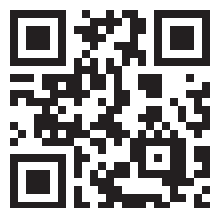


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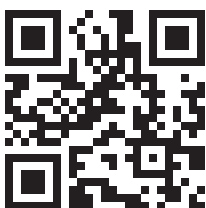
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Cincinnati SCCA



Northeastern Ohio
SCCA



Northern Ohio
Valley SCCA



Northwestern Ohio
SCCA



Ohio Valley SCCA

Ohio

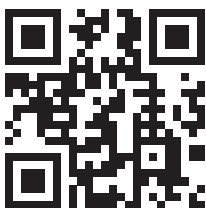


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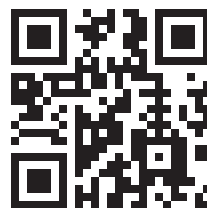
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Detroit SCCA

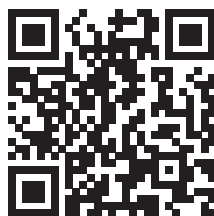


Saginaw Valley
SCCA



Western Michigan
SCCA

West Virginia



Southern West
Virginia SCCA



MEMBER BUILD

NORM CURREY:

How did you get this car, and is it a dream car, a race what you have, or something in between?

My Nissan 2005 35th Anniversary 350Z was a trade that I had to make since the other car was falling apart. I looked for a sports car, just because, and found the Z having just been traded in for a 370Z. Wow, I jumped on it. 10 years previously my brother-in-law talked me into test driving a new 2005 350Z. 10 years later (2015) I had my Z.

Did you intend to do a build/restoration when you got it, or did you just enjoy it as it was? And if you didn't plan for a build/restoration, why did you start?

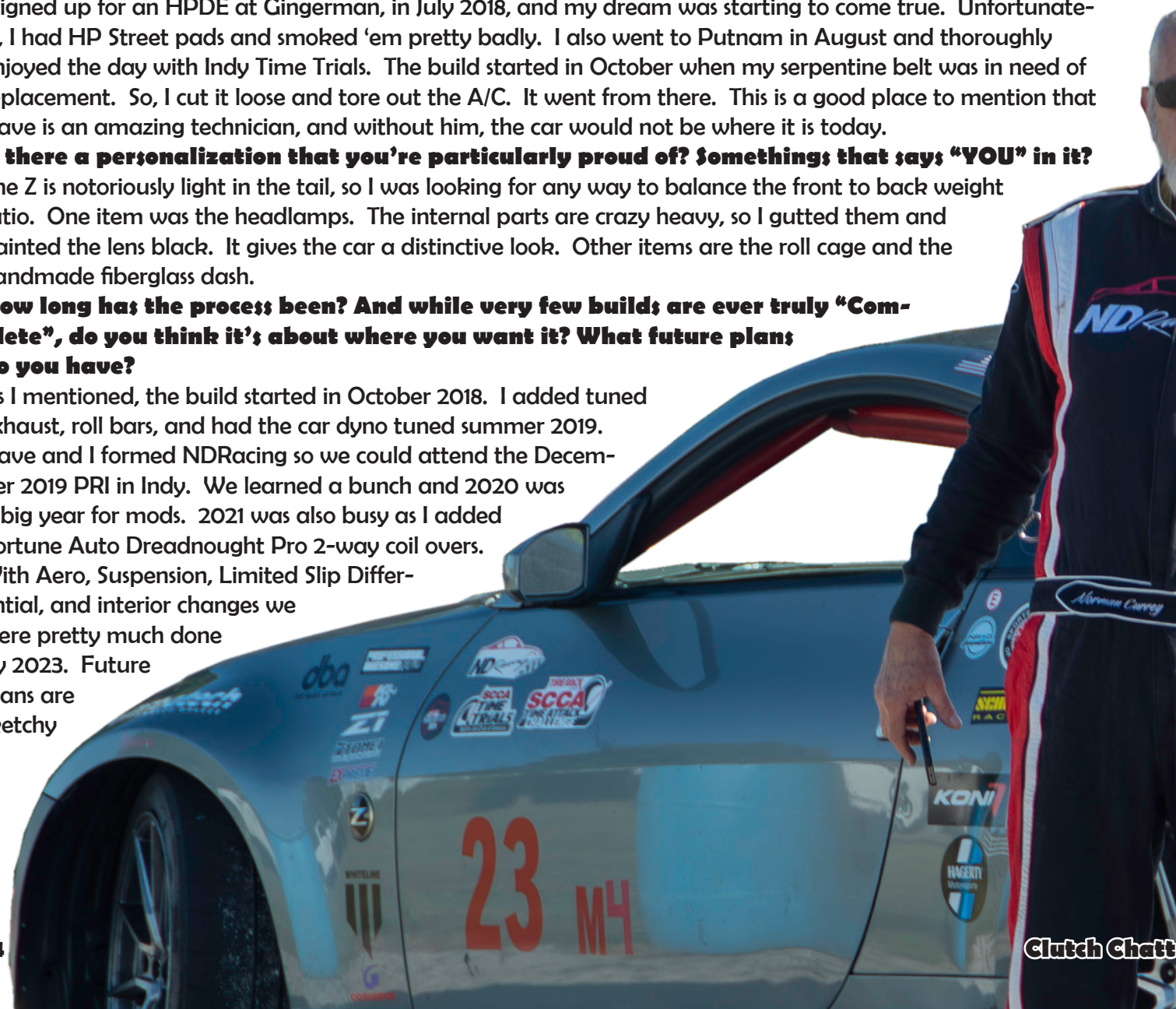
The Z was my daily driver and I had no intention of building it into what it is now. But I did have a dream of having a track car and have loved racing, as a spectator, all my life. Dave talked me into a SOLO fun event in April 2018 at Grissom. Even though it rained we had a blast and soon signed up for the next event. I signed up for an HPDE at Gingerman, in July 2018, and my dream was starting to come true. Unfortunately, I had HP Street pads and smoked 'em pretty badly. I also went to Putnam in August and thoroughly enjoyed the day with Indy Time Trials. The build started in October when my serpentine belt was in need of replacement. So, I cut it loose and tore out the A/C. It went from there. This is a good place to mention that Dave is an amazing technician, and without him, the car would not be where it is today.

Is there a personalization that you're particularly proud of? Somethings that say "YOU" in it?

The Z is notoriously light in the tail, so I was looking for any way to balance the front to back weight ratio. One item was the headlamps. The internal parts are crazy heavy, so I gutted them and painted the lens black. It gives the car a distinctive look. Other items are the roll cage and the handmade fiberglass dash.

How long has the process been? And while very few builds are ever truly "Complete", do you think it's about where you want it? What future plans do you have?

As I mentioned, the build started in October 2018. I added tuned exhaust, roll bars, and had the car dyno tuned summer 2019. Dave and I formed NDRacing so we could attend the December 2019 PRI in Indy. We learned a bunch and 2020 was a big year for mods. 2021 was also busy as I added Fortune Auto Dreadnought Pro 2-way coil overs. With Aero, Suspension, Limited Slip Differential, and interior changes we were pretty much done by 2023. Future plans are sketchy



as the car is awesome now. I may look at data acquisition later.

Were there any major issues, or times that you weren't sure it was going to happen? If so what happened and how did you push through?

Wow, I was brazing the roll cage on the passenger side B pillar and the car caught on fire. I emptied an ABC fire extinguisher to put it out. What a mess! By the way, this was right next to the fuel tank. YIKES! I wasn't going to let this get me down though, I'd come so far by this point. Cleaned up and pressed on.

Are there any lessons you've learned in the build (either specific to your platform, or just in general) that you'd like to share with the club?

I did not have a specific plan when this started. The mods just kept coming as I learned what was needed. The LSD was added after another member drove it and mentioned the one-tire-fire. If I was to build another I definitely would have a plan since I have learned so much about race cars.

The other thought here is noise. SCCA has rules on noise levels, especially at the National level. The car has no cats nor muffler, so I had to replace part of the exhaust with a resonator, which has helped. I can also add a down-pipe on the tail end.

How many events have you been able to drive it so far?

8+ years Solo and Track.

Does it perform how you expected? Are there any lessons learned that you'd like to share?

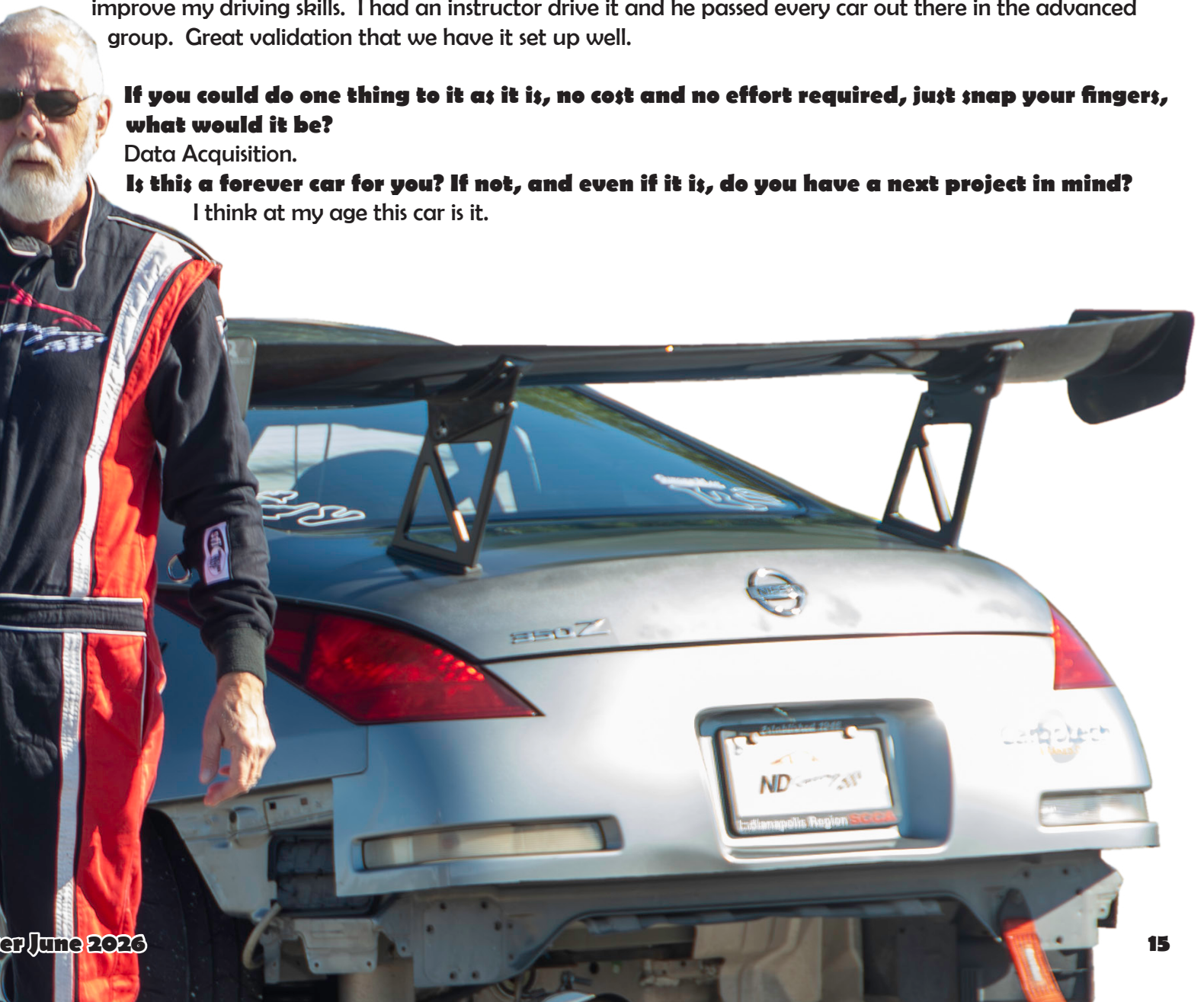
The car performs very well. It's the driver that needs work! I've learned to trust the car more, but always can improve my driving skills. I had an instructor drive it and he passed every car out there in the advanced group. Great validation that we have it set up well.

If you could do one thing to it as it is, no cost and no effort required, just snap your fingers, what would it be?

Data Acquisition.

Is this a forever car for you? If not, and even if it is, do you have a next project in mind?

I think at my age this car is it.





CHAIR UPDATES ACTIVITIES:

Hey everyone, my name is Dave Dusterberg and I'm stepping into the role of Activities Director so Ethan can concentrate on other responsibilities that we all deal with from time to time. Many in the region may remember me but for those who don't, I was involved with the SCCA and the Indy Region from 2006 through 2018 and served on the board in some capacity from 2009 to 2016. I have served as Activities Chair, Assistant Regional Executive, and Regional Executive. I have also been a Solo Co-Chair and unofficial Club Race Chair. I'm primarily a Solo guy, but I also have done a little Club Racing, endurance racing, HPDE and Road Rally. I was involved in helping create CAM. I stepped away from the SCCA in 2018 to deal with some health issues and returned in 2025, lured in by the creation of Club Spec Mustang.

As Activities Director, there are several things I seek to accomplish for the region and you, its members. First is to increase the visibility of the region. It's important because with the ever-increasing number of leisure activity choices people have today, we can't continue being the Secret Car Club of America. We must let people know we exist. Second is to foster relationships with local motorsports and car culture entities that will create opportunities for the region and those we have relationships with. This is important as the region looks into its future and how it will remain sustainable and grow. Third, I want to create more social activities to add another dimension to our lives within the club. It is a club after all, and

one of the bedrocks of any club is that it is a social endeavor.

With all that said, I want to build a team of like-minded members to help achieve these goals. Here's the call-out: if you like talking to people, talking about cars, the SCCA, and what it means to you, join with me to get the word out. You can hit me up through activities@indyscca.org or at the next event you see me at. I've already been at work on the first accomplishment. The Region is going to have a booth at the IMSA Battle On The Bricks Street Party that takes place on Main St. In Speedway. It takes place on Thursday, September 17th from 5pm to 9pm. I could use a few people to help with talking up the region. Again, if you're interested in helping, email me at activities@indyscca.org

I'm working on some other opportunities, but those are stories for another time.

Until next month,
Cheers,
Dave





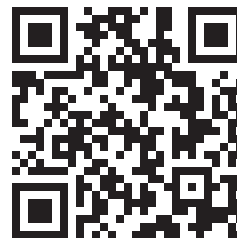
CHAIR UPDATES MEMBERSHIP:

INVOLVED MEMBER AWARD:

Did you know you can earn an award simply for participating in Indy Region events and activities? The Involved member award will be an embroidered lightweight jacket or fleece. A member will be awarded a jacket only once in every 5 calendar years (example: a winner presented a jacket in 2007 is eligible again in

2012). Repeat awards within the 5 calendar years will be recognized by embroidering of the award year on the jacket.

More information on this award, its points system, and a printable (or Excel) worksheet for logging your points is found here: <http://IndySCCA.org/information.html>



CELEBRATING MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES WITH INDY REGION:

July

Brian Ball - 30 years

John Reisert - 30 years

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

15 New members

8 Expired memberships

49 Weekend members

552 Current memberships





MEMBER CONTRIBUTION:

The attached picture of the gate at the Grissom Aeroplex is familiar to most people with Indy Region. For the last 25 years plus SCCA members have been driving to Grissom to autocross on weekends, but how did we ever get to use this facility?

The Grissom airbase was built in 1942 as the Bunker Hill Naval Air Station. In 1954 it became the Bunker Hill Air Force base. They housed bombers, tankers and refueling planes at the base. In May of 1968 the Air Base was renamed in honor of Indiana native and Apollo 1 astronaut Lieutenant Colonel Virgil “Gus” Grissom. In 1994 the active Air Force pulled out of the base and it became an Air Force Reserve Installation. Today the Grissom Air Force base is the home of the 434th Air Refueling wing and the Air National Guard. Today Miami County manages all of the parts of the Air Base that are not actively used by the Air Force.

The area that is used for autocrossing is a former “Ready Area” from back in the “Cold War”. The strange shape is because the Air Force parked B-58 Hustler bombers at the site, ready to go at a moment’s notice. The building that is on the site goes deep underground. It housed all of the people who were on the bomber crews and maintenance people.



In 1996 GM asked to use the “Ready Site” for testing cars. Later that year Chrysler, Delphi and Monroe Shocks started using the site for testing. Some of the GM people were in the local Corvette Club so they asked to use the site on weekends for autocrossing. By the end of 1997, the Miami County people were getting so many requests they decided no one would use the area. The person who organized the GM training was a successful SCCA Member by the name of Roger Johnson. Roger was a multi-time National Champion in Solo and in the SCCA Hall of Fame. Roger offered to manage the site for Miami County. The SCCA National office made the decision that the Grissom Air Base would be became a “Neutral Site” that any SCCA Region could use it for Solo events.

Today, the Grissom Aeroplex is used during the week for testing by Delphi and Stellan-

tis. It is also used two weeks a year by the Indiana State Police and Highway patrol. From mid-April to mid-October there are four SCCA Regions that use Grissom for Solos events: South Bend, Indy, Ft. Wayne and INR and three Corvette clubs that use Grissom. It is also used by the FSAE Team from Purdue. Grissom is approximately an hour away from all of the clubs that use it. It has become one of the best sites for autocrossing in the Midwest. Grissom has hosted National Solo events every year since 2000. In fact, the largest National Tour ever was held at Grissom in 2002. The attendance was just over 400 cars.



As autocrossing sites get harder and harder to find, enjoy the Grissom Aeroplex for as long as we have it. Hope to see you at Grissom for a local event or for a National event.



MEMBER CONTRIBUTION:

80TH ANNIVERSARY SOCIAL MEETING AT THE INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

The Indianapolis Region of the SCCA was founded 80 years ago, at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway during the 1946 500 mile race, by a chance meeting of Bill Shafer of Indianapolis, and Russell Sceli of the newly formed National SCCA Club in Connecticut.

It's only fitting that we honor our 80th Anniversary of that chance meeting and formation of our Region by holding a social meeting at IMS, during a completion weekend.

Racing America held a Trans-Am, Sports Vintage Racing Association (SVRA), and Formula 4 race event on June 19-21 of 2006 at IMS, and graciously subsidized a hospitality room on Saturday, June 20 for the Indy Region SCCA in the Pagoda Plaza.

Racing America also hosted a Hagerty Cars and Coffee car show on June 20, which featured a parade lap for all car show entrants on the road course during the lunch break for the RA competition events. Over 20 IndySCCA members entered the car show and enjoyed the road course parade lap.

Over 50 current and past IndySCCA members enjoyed the fellowship in the hospitality and meeting room, which featured all four of the Region's traveling trophies gathered together in the same room for the first time in over 15 years. The Hergenrother, the Fairbanks, the McGee, and the Tovey traveling trophies were

recently polished and have not looked this good for years.

Past member and 1968 Worker of the Year Don “Moose” Parish brought a cache of 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s Clutch Chatter Region official newsletters, and uniform patches from Club races and events of the ‘60s and ‘70s for display and appreciation. Moose also hosts a monthly IndySCCA “Old Farts” lunch meeting at a bar and grill on the Indianapolis north side. Contact Chuck Hanson if you’re interested in attending one of these informal social gatherings.



Multiple old acquaintances reunited at the hospitality room. It was heartwarming to hear a story told by one member about crewing for a driver to execute repairs on a car during a club race, but he couldn’t remember whose....until the car specifics were discussed – and another older member at the table declared “that was my car, and that was the June 1970 Regional Race at IRP!” Time and mileage changes the appearances of everyone, but with the relation of this tale, two old friends who’ve lost contact over the years were reunited.

Let’s look forward to the 90th and 100th Anniversaries of the Indy Region, and hopefully we can hold those events at equally significant places!



Jan Castelluccio, member since 1977, and Bill Baten, member since 1997 in the hospitality room. Chuck Hanson, Life member since 1968 to the left. Other members in the background.

BOD MEETING MINUTES:

Minutes will be published once approved by the Board of Directors. I expect the past minutes to be approved and included in the September edition of Clutch Chatter.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be:

August 11th at 6:30pm
McAllister’s Deli
5822 Crawfordsville Rd
Indianapolis, IN

MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS:

Set of 4 Bridgestone RE-71RS 245/40R18 200 treadwear tires mounted on 4 Enkei Tuning TS-7 18"x8" wheels (weigh 19.6 lbs ea.). Mounted and balanced by Tire Rack South Bend. Tires properly stored and only have 18 runs on them (12 runs at Grissom and 6 runs at Tire Rack test facility). Street Class Legal Fitment and offset for 2025 Honda Civic with hub rings included. Wheels are in perfect condition with no curb rash.

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Call Mark 570.707.7522



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