



Cincinnati Region S.C.C.A.

RE-Port

By Regional Executive, Bill Niemeyer, Jr.

We hope you were among the attendees at the last monthly meeting at the beautiful Mill Race Banquet Center at Winton Woods. We had a large number of visitors including several Solo participants and the Graham/Strahm contingent looking at getting re-involved/involved in club racing. Once again there were plenty of club provided appetizers including delicious Buffalo wings and huge vegetable and cheese trays. As they say, our members come for the people and stay for the food or something like that......

The first three points events of the Solo season are in the books. The second Kentucky Speedway event turned out a large and competitive group once again. While there is a mid season gap in our schedule our Solo Committee has been hot on the trail of new sites. If you know of a large lot we can use please drop our hardworking Solo Chair Andy Stanford an email at quaddawg50 @fuse.net or you can call me direct at 513-678-6728. We hate to lose the momentum we have built with this strong program, plus it is a ton of fun to get out and compete.

Our race and PDX committees continue to work hard on getting the entry out for our August 8-10 Mid Ohio PDX, IT Spectacular event. The opportunities continue to increase for this event as we have arranged to have the Mid Ohio School operate the Friday evening Test Session following the PDX. They have also invited young drivers associated with entrants of the SCCA events to participate in the school's Sunday teen driving class at a significant discount. Make it a family weekend, bring your daily driver sports car to run the PDX on Friday and increase your young driver's skills on Sunday. We are very fortunate to have this fun weekend taking place at a not too far away premier facility.

The Tire Rack Street Survival teen driving program is really beginning to take off as well. Regions are adding events and many are finding out just how beneficial these events can be to a region, both for community outreach and financially. Sponsors are proud to associate themselves with the well-organized events that also serve to keep young drivers safe. All profits are split with the SCCA Foundation to provide further community outreach. Board member Doug Duddey has been attending nearby events to explore the possibilities for Cincinnati Region participation.

Last but not least, we look forward to seeing YOU at the beautiful Mill Race Banquet Center on W. Sharon Road west of Winton Rd. in Winton Woods. Invite a prospective member or friend, as the region will again be providing complimentary appetizer trays. A full bar is available; soft drinks are no charge.

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See you there!

Minutes of the April 15, 2008 Meeting of the Cincinnati Region Sports Car Club of America

Board members in attendance were Bill Niemeyer J.R., E.B. Lunken, Rick Barger, Chipp Swindler, Todd Cholmondeley, Jerry Cabe, Kurt Niemeyer, Doug Duddey, and Brian Walker. Also in attendance were Andy Stanford and Paul Williams.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Niemeyer J.R.

While the minutes of the March meeting were under consideration, Rick Barger inquired as to the reason for Kurt Niemeyer's objection to the approval of the March treasurer's report. Kurt's explanation was the lack of supporting documentation or an audit report. Rick provided Kurt with the current bank statements. In addition, E.B. Lunken requested that in the phrase "acting as Assistant R.E.", the word "acting" be deleted. On the motion of Todd Cholmondeley, with E.B. Lunken seconding, the minutes of the previous meeting, as amended, were approved.

Rick Barger presented the treasurer's report. Chipp Swindler moved, with Doug Duddey seconding, the approval of the report. On the motion of Rick Barger, with Bill Niemeyer J.R. seconding, the motion to approve was tabled.

In old business, E.B. Lunken informed the board that he had two members agree to serve on the audit committee and was seeking the third. On the motion of Brian Walker, with Todd Cholmondeley seconding, the March motion creating the audit committee was amended to include an inventory of club property.

Brian Walker reported that the region will participate in the April 26 LaSalle High School Car Show. On the motion of Rick Barger, with Todd Cholmondeley seconding, the board approved the expenditure of up to \$40 per show for promotional items for three car shows.

In the solo report, Andy Stanford informed the board the some event sites are still to be determined, and reported on the mentor program that the solo community has started. He also described improvements to be made to the solo trailer.

Todd Cholmondeley gave the race report. The race supps will be done by April 20, Todd is working on a contingency award deal with Hoosier Tire, and IT Triple Crown has been announced on the IT Forum website. Todd reported on changes being made to the worker campground at Mid-Ohio which should be completed by June. The next race committee meeting is May 6.

In the PDX report, Kurt Niemeyer told the board that both the sanction request and supps for the event had been submitted. The Mid-Ohio test session he previously had reported on will cost \$199, and will include three 30 minute sessions.

Jerry Cabe reported that the spring rally was held April 13, and had seven teams.

On the motion of Chipp Swindler, with Todd Cholmondeley seconding, the board returned to the motion to approve the treasurer's report. The report was approved.

In new business, the board discussed the possibility of having a race at Bluegrass Motorsports Club, and Doug Duddey reported on SCCA's Street Survivor program.

On the motion of Kurt Niemeyer, with Todd Cholmondeley seconding, the meeting was adjourned.

Bluegrass Motorsports Club & Road Course presents







PDX - Performance Driving Experience - PDX

FRIDAY AUGUST 8, 2008 8/8/8

MID-OHIO SPORTS CAR COURSE



LEXINGTON, OHIO

Eight is the Date! Don't be late for the Cincy Region Performance Driving Experience at the Mid-Ohio Sport Car Course, Most Competitive in the US! The PDX is a go with sanction numbers issued by SCCA in Topeka, thanks a million to Wyndi McCormick for getting that back to us with record breaking speed and to our registrars -Team Tengen Sport- for getting every detail in order to accept entries. Check cincyscca.com's PDX page for details to enter via mail or electronically. If you are considering this event for your summer enter early, the number of inquiries have been tremendous with many new people contacting me to get information about this year's event. With Western Ohio Region's annual PDX event moving to Nelson Ledges for this year (WORscca.com), The Cincy Region PDX at Mid-Ohio will be one of a very few opportunities to run at this premier venue in 2008 and many entrants are headed in our direction.

If you can instruct or help in other positions we want to hear from you too. If you instruct/work the event and drive the entry fee is only \$50/driver, two driver cars are an option. Positions that need to be filled are in;

- •Tech Inspection with Bobbi, Tim, Suzie and Theo Ross
- •Grid and Pit where Chipp Swindler keeps the event moving to maximize the track time
- •Registration with Jodie & Scott Tengen welcoming everyone and keeping the paperwork straight
- •Instructors, observers and educators directed by Bill Niemeyer Jr.
- •Stewarding with John Pfetzing and Dave Howard in control and black flag
- •Flagging, Communications and Course Marshalling is provided by Mid-Ohio.

Last year Judy Cowie, Tom Phillips and Ron Long volunteered at the event as Cincy Region members of the F&C crew – thank you!

All volunteers get lunch for their efforts and help Cincy Region have another successful PDX event that everyone can enter. Any questions can be directed to Kurt Niemeyer at cincypdx08@yahoo.com.

Make Eight your date for fun!

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I.T./SPEC*tacular Bulletin Board

Race Dates: August 9 -10, 2008 Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course

Race Chair, Todd Cholmondeley, Tefkatt@aol.com

Flagging and Communications

The people in this specialty are informally called "Corner Workers". They usually have on white clothing to identify them. The white also does not interfere with the flags that they display. The F&C group is responsible for relaying information to the drivers of track conditions such as debris on the track or a faster car about to overtake a driver. They also communicate to the control center any track situation. The corner workers also may be the first response to a driver and car in case of an emergency.

Interested in learning the specialty? The flagging school will be held during the race weekend. Saturday is classroom and Sunday is at a corner station with an instructor.

For more information on how you can volunteer contact Flag Chief Rhonda Knapp roenap@yahoo.com or Todd Cholmondeley at Tefkatt@aol.comns.



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WHAT IS THE TRIPLE CROWN?

Over the winter an I.T. Advisory Committee made up of drivers from SCCA divisions across the country was formed to explore the idea of having an I.T. National Championship. This idea morphed into the Improved Touring Triple Crown (ITTC). The ITTC is a point series developed to recognize the nation's best IT drivers. One option to qualify is to combine the best results from your local or divisional series which are listed in the rules and participation in a minimum of two of the following race weekends.

- The I.T. West Fest at Thunderhill July 26th-27th
- The I.T.SPEC*tacular at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course August 9th-10th
- American Road Race of Champions by Grassroots Motorsports November 7th-9th at Road Atlanta The second option to qualify is to run all three major race weekends.

Points will be awarded for $1^{st} - 18^{th}$ at each event (Local and Divisional series will be awarded on final season standings) so you don't need to win every segment. Current plans include trophies that will be presented at the ARRC banquet for a podium finish in the ITA, ITB, ITC, ITS, and ITR classes.

A copy of the rules is available on http://www.improvedtouring.com in the IT Championship events forum and at http://www.cincyscca.com. The program has started for the 2008 racing season but you really don't have to do anything at this time. Entry into the ITTC is free. Since all the events conclude with the ARRC in November and we automatically track your results we only ask that you participate in the events listed above and spread the word.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Long time members, participants, and supporters of the Cincinnati Region SCCA are Jim and Jennie Morsch, owners of Continental Motorsport Services. They are always happy to share their "Racers helping Racers" experience with everything from competition parts and safety equipment to car setup and trackside support. When they are not at their shop in Mason, you can find them supporting racers at their on-site store at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, or with their traveling trailer full of professional racing necessities at the Runoffs in Topeka, or other racing events.

2008 SPRING RALLY

The 2008 Tax Rally is now in the books. Seven teams braved unseasonably the cold weather on Sunday, April 13th. Some of the new participants got a little off course, but were able to find their way to the finish at



Cincinnati Region SCCA 2008 Tax Rally



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Kriemers Beer Haus in Miamitown. Even one veteran got lost but enjoyed a nice ride through the country. Finishing in 1st Place were EB Lunken and Matt Reeder in the 1963 Buick. They were assisted from the back seat by Harold Ellis. Second Place went to Josh Grace and Christine Yeley. And finishing on the podium in Third place was Jeff Loewe and Deborah McCrea. See the website for full results.

Pursuit Start Handicap Race Will Return

The Finger Lakes Region double regional to be held at Nelson Ledges Road Course on June 28-29, 2008 will again feature a 1 hour handicap race for classes T3, T2, SSB, SSC, ITC, SM,SSM, SRF, LEG-ENDS, SPU, ITA, ITB, ITS, and AS. The winner of this race (described by one of last years competitors as "the most fun I ever had racing") will take home as much as \$500.00. An added feature of this year's event will be a race for <u>Formula First</u> with their own race group, provided there is an adequate number of cars. For more info go to flr-scca.com or call 315-597-9637 or enter online at www.nescca.com/registration.

Cars for a Cause

Bv: Brian Walker

The car show on April 26th was a big success. We set up a great booth and passed out many flyers and water bottles. We also had people sign up for the SCCA clock! David Santel and I put our cars in the show but did not win anything. Many different types of cars were in the show. The LaSalle staff and students were very helpful and I believe they raised "mucho dinero" for their trip to Honduras. We will be attending several other shows throughout the year and encourage all SCCA members to join us in the promotion of our club.

Race Car For Sale

1997 Acura GSR
This is a beautiful car that is well prepared and competes in ITS.
24' Enclosed Trailer also available.

David Snyder 513-383-4514 ibracin@fuse.net

DID YOU SEE on the front page of the 'Life Entertainment and Leisure' section that none other than Cincy Region's very active member and photog extraordinaire, **Jeff Loewe**, was the Big Winner of 'The Enquirer's Cincinnati.com'/Cincinnati Flower Show Nature Photo Contest? The winning photo was taken in Lexington, Ohio.

Here is the link. http://tinyurl.com/5tvset

What could Jeff have possibly been doing in Lexington, OH??????

BLUEGRASS ROAD COURSE - IS IT DONE YET ?????????

Thursday April 10, 2008 marked a milestone in Sports Car Racing history in the tri-state area as ground was broken on the Construction of the Bluegrass Road Course near Sparta, Kentucky. The ceremony brought over 250 people to the site along Route 127 adjacent to Interstate 71 in Gallatin County, and guite a sight it is as you enter the magnificent piece of property that will be one of the most dramatic and challenging Motorsports facilities in North America. The challenging terrain strikes you immediately as you turn into the drive that takes you up the side of a gorge to the plateau where the track and buildings will be positioned amongst the forested landscape. Geographic relief will provide over 100 feet of elevation change as the track winds through the property, crossing creeks that feed into the mighty Ohio River just to the north. Wooded areas will ring the property assisting in noise abatement and provide a natural park like setting that will rival world renown tracks such as Monza, Nurburgring, Road America and Mid-Ohio. Architect Paxton Waters spoke directly to this aspect when he commented that of the dozens of tracks he has designed most are "stadium" style facilities that are built on relatively flat ground, however the Bluegrass Road Course brought the challenge of designing a three dimensional facility to take advantage of the natural terrain. The steeper grades will produce features similar to Laguna Seca and Road Atlanta that will thrill the drivers and spectators alike.

Cincinnati Region member Brad Poppell is the driving force behind this marvelous facility and has worked tirelessly with his team of Derek Daly. Paxton Waters and Andy Vertrees to bring a first class track to our area. The Groundbreaking Ceremonies included speeches from these gentlemen as well as Governor Steve Beshear, Gallatin county Judge Executive French and others that are instrumental in the progress of this project. The first person thanked was Kristine Poppell, a very good move by Brad to take care of the biggest supporter of this venture, all of us racers also extend our thanks to Kristine for supporting this vision. The SCCA was the most represented body at the podium, demonstrating Bluegrass' commitment to our club and its activities, with comments from Cincy Region RE Bill Niemeyer Jr., Central Kentucky Region RE Mark Rivera and Cincy Region Board member Kurt Niemeyer. Each spoke to the excitement this new facility is generating within the SCCA amongst Road Racers and Solo Racers, similar to the ebullition that surrounded the building of Road America, Mid-Ohio and IRP to the original generation of SCCA racers. Cincy Region

members were out in force with Scott Tengen, John Peterson, Bob Miller, Michael Kelly, Murray Wilson, Bill Niemeyer Sr. and Margaret Kuhnell also in attendance. SportsCar magazine scribe Nancy Schillace covered the ceremony, along with a videographer from NEOhio Region. WOR members Steve Colletti and Steve Harris were prominent in their attendance also. In all, the SCCA brought in some of its most recognizable and active members to support Brad, his partners and the Bluegrass Road Course project that will benefit the Great Lakes and other adjacent divisions with a fabulous road course and autocross facility.

After the speeches and thanks were completed tours around the property were available in sport utility vehicles piloted by Brad Poppell, Derek Daly, Mark Rivera and Kurt Niemeyer. Rumor has it Derek Daly, Bill Niemeyer Jr., Kurt Niemeyer that Scott Tengen went out for several hot laps too! The track



layout within the sensational landscape is a marvelous canvas to create fun and excitement for automotive enthusiasts in our own backyard.

The clearing of the property has been accomplished and now the excavating on the track has begun as progress continues at speed. With the construction moving along very nicely Brad Poppell is expecting to have competitive events at the track in Spring of 2009. Mark your calendars now to get the car prepared earlier next year to get out and be the first to set the track record in your class! Watch this space for monthly updates and check drivebluegrass.com for more information.

Wanna Be an SCCA Member?

The simplest way to join is go to www.scca.com and click the JOIN NOW button. Be sure to list Cincinnati Region (070) on the form so you are affiliated with our local group.

Miscellaneous "Ripples" from the Great Lakes Division

- The annual driver's school at Nelson Ledges was on April 19 and 20. The turnout was about twice what was expected so it looks like there are quite a number of new road racers joining our ranks this year. Understandable when you look at the fun quotient.
- A conference call of R.E.'s was held on April 21st, moderated by GLD president Steve Kammeyer. Our young division's goals are becoming more defined. Most importantly, is the growing importance of the "Round Table" traditionally held in late fall to plan the upcoming year's road race schedule. More divisions are implementing "Divisional Conventions" to involve more of the volunteers, committees and chairs in coordinating all types of events division wide. It is also a way to put together plans for divisional solo, rallycross and club racing events to provide stronger competition.
- Five divisions are currently planning divisional solo programs. For those of you that want to try your hand, there are several regions growing strong RallyCross programs: WOR is hosting several events including a National event, OVR has an event on the schedule and not so far away Detroit Region has a whole series planned.
- Best wishes for a speedy recovery go out to Linda Dent, better half of our GLD National Director Larry Dent. Linda took a bad head first fall down the steps of her home and fractured vertebrae in her neck. We will miss their presence the next few months at division events while Linda recovers.
- Message from Larry Dent: As some of you may know, a Task Force was recently created to study the SCCA racing program and the RunOffs with everything, good or bad, on the table for discussion. One of the items was the thought of making IT a national class. This was to be discussed at the upcoming face to face, but the idea has been openly discussed with drivers at one race this spring, and so I am sending this to all of you for discrimination and discussion. I personally am NOT in favor of this for a variety of reasons: cost, it ain't broke, don't fix it, and others. A lively discussion is taking place on the IT forum. For those of you who don't frequent the IT forum (or haven't done so recently), you might want to look at this: http://www.improvedtouring.com/forums/showthread.php?t=23946 Comments are welcome.

SPECIAL ENROLLMENT OFFER FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF CINCINNATI REGION SCCA PARTICIPANTS!

Sign up for the Honda Teen Defensive Driving Program on August 10th to receive \$100 off each enrollment

Teens will learn valuable, life-saving defensive driving skills

Program highlights include skid control, emergency lane change, wet braking and classroom sessions

Special offer valid for the August 10th program only during the Cincinnati Region SCCA event at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course

Adults are welcome to enroll with teens

Sign up for a class by visiting our website at www.midohioschool.com or by calling The Mid-Ohio School at 877-793-8667. Enter coupon code **CC\$100OFF** in shopping cart of website for this discount

Spots are limited so enroll now!

It's Solo Time in Cincinnati!

Andrew Stanford, Solo Chair

Spring has sprung and the smell of fresh cut grass and burning rubber is in the air! Most regions are just getting started but your Cincinnati Solo program already has 3 points events and an Evolution School under its belt. The season is off to a great start, and life is good!

Sunday April 20th marked Cincy region's 3rd points event of the year and even though the weather was a little bleary all had a good time at Kentucky Speedway. Kinks have been worked out and the event ran smoothly. The class battles are heating up with the spring temperatures and the rest of the season promises much more action.

While we have a small break in the action, due to scheduling accommodations, rest assured, we have lots more racing in store. In the meantime, we have been traveling around to other Region's events and sampling some great hospitality! On April 27th a contingent of Cincy Autocrossers traveled to EKU and the Central Kentucky Region to enjoy a charity Solo event, complete with a car show. Our own Tony Wiesenhahn set the FTD and the XP nod, Paul Williams took 2nd in the hotly contested A Stock class, as well as showing a certain young gun upstart (yes David, I am referring to you!) that the old guard still has what it takes. Rumor has it David is out shopping for a C4 as we speak! It's a little embarrassing to admit that the excitement for the day was supplied by yours truly as the Fire Breathing Festiva decided to roll over and play possum, reminding everyone that Autocross is serious business and that we all need to put safety number one. The CKR safety team is second to none, and kudos go out to them for getting me out of the car safely and in record time! THANKS!

Our next scheduled event is June 8th, with a joint points event with Western Ohio Region at KilKare Raceway in Xenia. We are working hard to secure more venues and add dates as you read this. But thanks to the various SCCA regions in our area, as well as the Cincinnati Sports Car Club, there is plenty of racing to keep us content until we get back to our scheduled events, which run right up into the fall.

Please stop by our website: CINCYSCCA.COM and click on the link to our Online Forum. The banter is hot and heavy, pictures, opinions and great company abound. Stay in touch will all the latest news and gossip!

Yes indeed, life is good!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By: Jerry Cabe

Current membership in the Cincinnati Region is 414.

As a way to say "Thanks" to our men and women who serve, the SCCA offers a Military Discount. If you are in active United States Military service, you qualify for a \$35 rebate, making the National dues just \$25. Check with the membership chair or go to www.scca.com for more information.

The Finish Line

We lost another of our old time racers! Bill "Dorny" Dornberger lost his battle with throat cancer in early April. A fine wake was held at Hap's Irish Pub in East Hyde Park. Some of the old pictures on display brought back memories of his racing Les Jamison's Elva Courier. He took it to driver's school at Marlboro about '65, and raced it for about 3 years. In those days, he was teaching Math and Driver Ed at Hamilton Taft High. He rolled the car on 2 occasions, both at Nelson Ledges. The second time, it went to the dumpster (Corvair steel wheels were bad news!) Dorny always had interesting street cars: a Morgan + 4, Saab Sonnet, and Studebaker Avanti to mention a few. He participated in events of both the Hamilton and Oxford Sports Car Clubs as well as SCCA. Shortly after the Courier's demise, he quit teaching and worked with Pari-mutuel computations at Churchill Downs. Dorny was a very "laid back" character, and will be missed.



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Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 20th at Mill Race Banquet Center on W. Sharon Road west of Winton Rd. in Winton Woods

Coming A-TRACK-tions

May

20 - Monthly Meeting at Mill Race Banquet Center

June

- 8 Solo Autocross Joint event w/WOR at KilKare Raceway, Xenia
- 17 Monthly Meeting at Mill Race Banquet Center

July

15 - Monthly Meeting at Mill Race Banquet Center

August

- 8 PDX at Mid-Ohio
 - Competitors Practice Session sponsored by Mid-Ohio 5 8 pm

9/10 - I.T./SPEC*tacular at Mid-Ohio

9/10 - "Corner School"

10 - Honda Teen Defensive Driving Program

SPORTSMANSHIP DEMANDS SAFE DRIVING!



Factoid: Belgian-born engineer, Jean Joseph Étienne Lenoir invented and patented (1860) a double-acting, electric spark-ignition internal combustion engine fueled by coal gas.