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Cincinnati Region S.C.C.A.

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By Regional Executive, Bill Niemeyer, Jr.

“Ain’t Never had too Much Fun”

My guess is that Commander Cody and the band never attended a Cincinnati Region event at Mid Ohio. I hope you were lucky enough to be one of those that took in the big PDX/I.T. Spec*taclular and there is a good chance you were, as I don’t ever recall seeing so many of our members in attendance.

As far as I can tell, everyone there had a great time; once again I tried to get around to talk to as many participants, entrants and volunteers as possible. The comments went from “good” to “better” to “this is the best event we go to”, “we always enjoy this event” and most importantly, “we will be back next year”. Even folks that help organize the Chicago Region’s June Sprints were complimentary on the fun and friendliness of our event.

Of course we couldn’t do it without the unbelievable efforts of our hard working race committee and chair Todd Cholmondeley who pours hundreds of hours into organizing the team of too many to name, (especially since I don’t want to miss anyone). All I will say is that there are a whole bunch of folks that deserve a big round of thanks for the effort they put into Making it Easy and Making it Fun!

Last month I said the economy has been a real challenge however it looks like a large group of people were ready to break out of the economic funk. Preliminary estimates show the event was a financial success as our entry numbers on the race were as strong as last year. We had a number of sponsors, and donations come through that were a big help as well.

The PDX portion continues to allow so many of our members to try out on the big track. If you haven’t tried it, be prepared for big smiles. I want to express my personal thanks to all those that volunteered for white-knuckle duty as instructors. I have never seen so many of our solo community at Mid Ohio, and they all seemed to be leading the fun, whether driving, volunteering or partying

Did I mention the party? Hundreds show up for the camaraderie that our club is known for and a few more for the prizes, beer and food. Seems the party continued at several venues around the paddock even after it ended at the Honda Pavilion. Several members kindly provided golf cart and Lemons car transportation (Ha Ha!) between the celebrations..

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Next Newsletter Deadline:

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Remember the regular monthly meeting will be at the beautiful Mill Race Banquet Center with an earlier 8:00 starting time. Board Meeting at 6:30 pm.



Between the Cones

Andrew Stanford, Solo Chair, Cincy Region



Hello Autocross Fans!

The Cincy Region Fall Season is underway! We had our final summer event for the year at Turfway, 87 Racers showed up and a great time was had by all! The day was HOT but the cars were HOTTER! The Formula 125 Kart of Paul Rydzewski took Fastest Time of the Day, but the fastest Automobile time was taken by Tom Thieman in his SMOKING fast Miata. Even our own resident Hotshoe, Danny Popp (Admittedly in a borrowed car...) couldn't match Tom's time.. wow..

NOS Energy Drink showed up and gave out CASES of their energy elixir and we were ALL buzzing around in high gear by noon! Thanks to Mike from NOS!

This final event at Turfway officially marks the end of our Summer program and the first event (Sunday, September 13th) back at River Downs, points event #7 starts off the 4 event Fall portion of our season. Come on down and help us celebrate with racing and fun for all!

I want to make an official plea to ALL MEMBERS to come on down at 7 AM on Sunday, September 13th to help set up. Volunteers have been getting a little thin, and the same 2 or 3 people have been showing up to take on the monumental task of readying the lot for our events. Folks, this is just TOO much work for 3 people. I need 5 or 6 minimum, to show up at 7-7:30 to help toss cones, set up the trailer, generator, PA system, FM transmitter, Waivers, Garbage cans...etc..etc... you get the picture. We could sure use YOUR help!!

Thanks in advance from your Solo Chair, and everyone who helps us out on Sunday mornings!! These events can only be done with YOUR help!!

Monthly Meeting Programs

We welcome presentations of automotive related subjects at all our regular meetings. Contact any board member to arrange a presentation or volunteer to be the Program Chair if you are so inclined.



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THAT'S
ONE
"HOT"
ENGINE!!!



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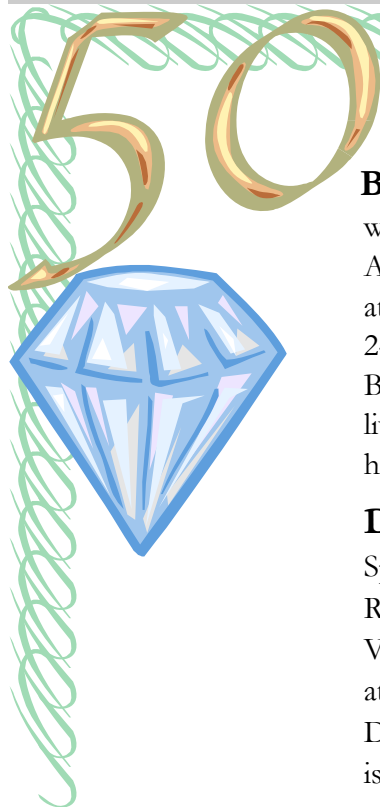
I did get to watch a few of the races between competing myself and the competition was strong. 25 cars in ITA, a gaggle of Spec Miatas and our newest member and longest distance traveled winner from Australia in Spec Racer. I was told there were entrants from 23 states including California and Texas as well as east coast cities. Cincinnati Region was represented in all but one of the six race groups with multiples in several such as the newly added Production classes.

The Solo program resumed on August 9th with at least another four events to go. So, check the schedule, come out to watch, volunteer or participate. All kinds of fun, a great group of folks, a very low cost.

Come on out for some “bench racing” free appetizers and soft drinks as well as a full cash bar at our 3rd Tuesday monthly meeting at the beautiful Mill Race Banquet Center. New earlier 8:00 starting time on Tuesday August 18th. Hope to see you there!

Bill Jr.

”Make it Easy, Make it Fun”



Cincinnati Region is especially proud to recognize two 50-year members

Bill Niemeyer, Sr. began racing at Road America in a Bugeye Sprite in 1959. He went on to win Divisional Championships in C Sports Racing after many years in Alfas and a Chevy powered Arnolt Bristol. Besides competing twice in the Runoffs at Daytona in '67 and '69 one of his most impressive accomplishments was winning 24 out of 27 races entered in his Opel 1900 Showroom Stock car in the early 70's. Bill served the region in many capacities including R.E. throughout the years. He lives with wife Anne in nearby Williams Corner Clermont County where he cares for his collection of classic sports cars.

Don Dreher is a long time Porsche owner and still has his 1958 Porsche 356 Speedster. Don enjoyed rallying and raced his 356 in E Production with Cincinnati Region members John Osteen and Larry Schumacher. He also had a Beech Formula Vee in the late 60's early 70's. Don lives in Cincinnati and enjoys classic cars by attending the Ault Park Concours and the local Porsche 356 Drei Staaten Gruppe. Don's son Mike told me the same things I heard from Bill Sr. “smooth and gentle” is the way to fast lap times.

New Ad Rates

Would you or a company you know, like to target our members and similarly inclined individuals in your advertising? The rate is \$50 per month pro-rated so all ads renew on Jan 1 (one time payment). This gets you not only approximately 1/6 page in the “CinChronizer” that goes out to our roughly 400 members but a space on our web site and our event entry forms. Please contact any board member to arrange your ad placement.



From The Race Chairman

Well the race weekend is over and now is the time we reminisce and thank all those who make this event possible. Participation from the Cincinnati Membership was outstanding. 45 drivers in the PDX, 17 competing during the race weekend and over 24 members helping out with the various specialties around the track. A tremendous effort is put into this weekend every year by dedicated volunteers within our region. To the Cincinnati Chiefs: **Chipp Swindler** (Grid), **Tim and Bobbi Ross** (Tech), **Carol Uller** (T & S), **Jason Briggs** (Sound) , **Dave Howard** (Pit), **Phil Osborn** (Driver Info), **Tony Horning** (Paddock) and **Steve Boesel** (Radio) Thank You! There are very few regions that have so much talent within their ranks.

To **Starla McCauley** (Cincinnati Registrar) a special thanks. Starla stepped in when we lost our Chief Registrar last year and has gone above and beyond in her efforts to make this weekend work. Her tireless work in learning the new online service, handling both the PDX and Race registration duties and always having a smile on her face has been uplifting.

To **Jerry Cabe**, Wow! Again this year you have outdone yourself with the behind the scenes work on the race programs, sponsors and prize donations for the Saturday night party. You tie up the loose ends when everyone else forgets.

To everyone else. GREAT JOB! We have a special region where it doesn't matter if you Auto-X or race. What matters is being there when your needed, and having fun in the process. Now that's what a Club is all about!

*Warm Regards,
Todd Cholmondeley
Cincinnati Region Race Chairman*





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Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 18th
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in Winton Woods at 8:00 pm

Coming A-TRACK-tions

- Aug 18** Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm
- Sept 13** Solo Points Event #7 River Downs
- Sept 15** Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm
- Sept 27** Solo TBD event River Downs
- Oct 11** Joint Solo Points Event #8 with WOR
- Oct 20** Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm
- Oct 25** Solo Points Event #9 &
2nd Annual Tri-Regional River Downs

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