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**Next Newsletter  
Deadline:  
Tuesday, March 3**  
Send articles to  
Jill and Allen Tomey  
at  
jtomey@cinci.rr.com

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

# Between the Cones

Andrew Stanford  
Solo Chair, Cincy Region

Well, autocross fans, it's getting closer! March is just around the corner and March 29<sup>th</sup> looks like it is going to be our first event. River Downs for points event #1! The following weekend, April 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> will feature Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the Evolution Performance Driving School. The registration information is on our website.

We are now in negotiations with Turfway Racetrack for some Spring and Summer dates as well, so fingers crossed, it looks like we are going to have a full schedule of at least 8 points events, and a couple of Test and Tunes if everything falls into place the way I am hoping it will. Stay tuned for more, both here AND the website ([www.cincySCCA.com](http://www.cincySCCA.com))

The awards banquet came off great, and a good time was had by Solo competitors who came away with 28 Solo trophies! Congratulations to all class winners, and the first ever recipient of the new Cincy Region SOLO Rookie of the Year: Tom O'Gorman!

There will be much more news as the season nears, at this time I am just hammering out the details for the schedule and trying to get all our ducks in a row to ensure a smooth running 09 Solo Season!

I am making a special appeal to all our Autocross competitors. COME TO A MEETING! It is always the third Tuesday of the month, The next meeting will be February 17<sup>th</sup> and we need to rally the crew, attendance is down and we need your input! Remember, it's YOUR club. Come and participate in the process. We need YOU!

## Cincinnati Auto Expo - Duke Energy Center February 19 - 22, 2009

Come on downtown to the Greater Cincinnati Auto Dealers Auto Expo ,February 19-22 at the Duke Energy Center. We will have our promotions booth in the lobby with a couple of COOL cars to view. We still would like a few more people to help man the booth so contact me if you are interested. See you at the show!  
Brian Walker - [briax7@yahoo.com](mailto:briax7@yahoo.com) or (513)519-3876

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## Getting to Know the Board - Meet Bryan Schafer

I'm Bryan Schafer and I'm serving on the Cincinnati Region SCCA board as Member-at-Large. Previously I have been a Member-at-Large and also Assistant RE. I joined SCCA in 2002, about a year after I caught the autocross bug. I compete at the regional, divisional and national level in autocross with, I suppose, a fair degree of success.

My cars are a 1995 BMW 318ti and a 2004 Corvette Z06. The BMW has seen lots of autocross and track duty. It is also my faithful daily driver. The Z06 is my current autocross car, fair weather daily driver, and also sees occasional track duty. I like to do as much of my own work on the cars as possible.

I am married to Lisa and have two grown children Joseph and Julie. I'm the only one with the car bug. I've lived in Blue Ash since moving to the Cincinnati area in 1991. Professionally, I am employed by P&G where I work with the R&D process development organization. My educational background includes degrees in biomedical engineering and production management, both from Purdue University.

I'm very excited about the prospects for our Region. We've seen quite a few newer members stepping into leadership positions and becoming very active in the club. The infusion of new ideas, energy and excitement has been great!



# Fun, Fair and Safe!



### The “Down and Out” rule

The down and out rule is something you usually hear for the first time in a driver’s meeting, before the autocross starts. It is a way of remembering and communicating to new corner workers, how to call penalties on cone strikes. It is a very important part of your worker assignment. You need to be able to call appropriate penalties into Timing and Scoring.

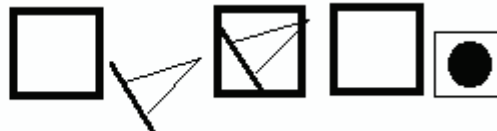
The “down and out” rule should be called the down OR out rule! As the rule goes like this: Penalties are called for a cone that is struck by a car and EITHER gets knocked DOWN, OR gets knocked completely OUT of the chalk outline around the base of the cone. Struck cones that do not fall down, and still touch at least one part of the box are NOT penalties.

So... DOWN or OUT or... both of course!

A penalty is given if :

- If the cone is knocked over and is out of the box.
- If the cone is knocked over and is in the box.
- If the cone remains standing but is out of the box.

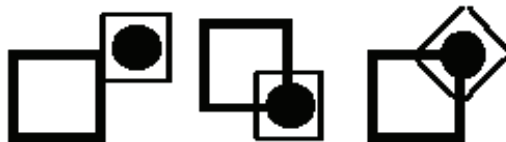
**Penalty Assessed**



A penalty is NOT given if :

- The cone remains standing and is touching the box
- The cone remains standing and is partially in the box.
- And of course, if the cone remains standing within the box.

**No Penalty Assessed**

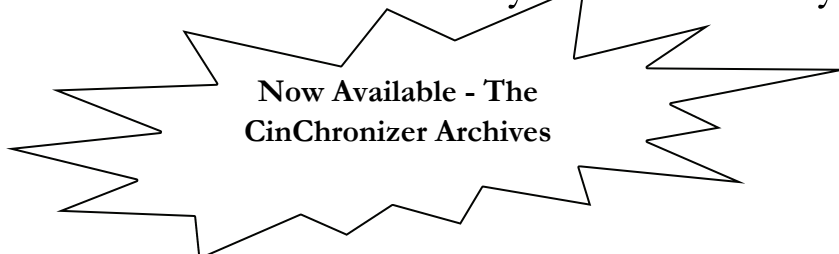


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# LeMans, Non. Les Citrons, OUI!!

“When Life Hands You Lemons”



“Take them racing!” To the 24 Hours of LeMons, that is. No, that’s not a typo, the LeMons is a 24 hour race held several times a year at different facilities around the country. Visit [24hoursoflemons.com](http://24hoursoflemons.com) (or the August 2008 issue of the CinChronizer -ed.) for more info. The Cincinnati SCCA is home to a group of guys working towards a spot in the October race at Nelson Ledges. Greg Lloyd, Andy Stanford, Tom O’Gorman, Dan Chambers, D. Scott Bourne, and David Santel have formed a six man team to bring to the race.

The search for a “lemon” (you can spend \$500 max on a car for entry, not including safety equipment) produced a ’92 Nissan Sentra SE-R for the bargain price of \$198. See the before photo below. Once the laughing stops, it will be completely gutted and prepped for racing, including a full roll cage and fire suppression system. The crew, all members of the Stanford Motorsports squad, have decided on a racing team name of “Eau Rude”, in parody to Spa Francorchamp’s famous corner “Eau Rouge.”

The team is also incredibly proud to announce that under the amazing suggestion of teammate Scott Bourne, we will be racing to support research for autism. We are currently seeking kind individuals who would like to help support our cause through general donations, or per-lap sponsorships. All money raised from the race will be donated to the Autism Speaks organization. Please visit their website, [www.lemonsrace.com](http://www.lemonsrace.com), for more before pictures or to donate to support autism.



The CinChronizer will be following their progress so stay tuned for articles on the epic build-up of the worst

## PDX

### Performance Driving Experience

The First PDX of the 09 Season will be held at

BLUEGRASS MOTORSPORTS PARK

May 15, 16 and 17

Training and Novice on Friday


PDX on Saturday


Club Trials on Sunday


Visit the website to register online.

## CLUB RACING ANNUAL TECH and PDX TECH SCHOOL

On Saturday March 28th 2009 at SRacing, Tim and Bobbi Ross will be conducting Annual Tech and Tech Training. It will be held at SRacing 100 Mercer Court, Lexington, KY 40511. They will do the Club Racing Tech in the morning and then do a training session in the afternoon about 1:00 PM. All are invited to watch and learn the finer points of Tech all day long. Tech forms for the upcoming Bluegrass Motorsports Park PDX will be available. Those of you interested in being a part of the training please contact Bobbi Ross at [bobbi.ross@fuse.net](mailto:bobbi.ross@fuse.net)

 We can always use more articles about events you have attended or stories about your car related experiences. Members are encouraged to submit articles to [jtomey@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jtomey@cinci.rr.com)

 Did you know you can sign up to have the CinChronizer emailed to you each month? Just send an email to [jtomey@cinci.rr.com](mailto:jtomey@cinci.rr.com)

 Classified ads are free to members and will run for three months and are renewable after that.

# Planning for the 3rd Annual I.T.SPEC\*tacular is Underway!

Race dates: August 1 - 2, 2009

Here is a rundown of classes invited and race groupings.

1. ITA, IT7, ITC
2. SRF, EP, FP, HP, GP, GTL
3. ITS, ITB
4. ITE, TCC, STO\* , GTA
5. ITR, STU\*
6. SM, SSM

\* STO and STU: descriptions of these classes can be found in the 2009 GCR

Unfortunately, we were unable to land a Formula series to anchor this year's event due to conflicting schedules. The next race committee is scheduled for 7:00 pm Feb. 23rd at: Ruby Tuesday's  
7701 Voice Of America Center Dr.  
West Chester, OH 45069

For more information, contact Race Chair, Todd Cholmondeley, Tefkatt@aol.com

## Cincy Region Positions Available

-  *Membership Chairperson*
-  *Membership Committee*
-  *PDX & Race Committee Members and Volunteers*

**Membership Report** By: ?????

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## Get A Free Trip To Las Vegas

We are in need of a membership chairperson and we feel it is important they understand what SCCA is all about and all national can offer to help us to grow our membership. For that reason **we are paying that person's way to the SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas.** Why should we want to grow our membership? Simply put there are savings for all of us in the way of lower entry fees and more negotiating clout. Every event has fixed costs; the more participants we have the lower the cost per individual. The new membership chair should be comfortable with Excel files as we get files from national with names of new and renewing members. It is probably a good idea that they love to meet new people and let them know how much fun they can have with the SCCA and their sporty car. Please contact Bill Niemeyer or Jerry Cabe if you are interested. (Contact info on front page)



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Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 17th  
at Mill Race Banquet Center on W. Sharon Road  
in Winton Woods at 8:00 pm - Note the earlier time!

## Coming A-TRACK-tions

### February

- 17 - Monthly Meeting 8:00 pm
- 19-21 - SCCA Convention - Las Vegas
- 19-22 Cincinnati Auto Expo, Duke Energy Center
- 23 - I.T.SPEC\*acular Race Meeting 7:00 PM Ruby Tuesdays

### March

- 17 - Monthly Meeting 8:00 pm
- 29 - Solo Points Event #1, River Downs

### April

- 4 & 5 - Evolution Performance Driving School
- 21 - Monthly Meeting 8:00 pm



### 2009 GLDiv racing Schedule

May 2-3	ORP	Indy National w/ restricted regional
May 9-10	Nelson Ledges	NeOhio Double regional
<b>May 16-17</b>	<b>BlueGrass</b>	<b>Cincy PDX</b>
May 23-24	Grattan	WMR Double regional
June 6-7	Mid Ohio	OVR National ( tentative may move to May 30-31)
July 4-6	Nelson Ledges	NeOhio/Detroit Double National
July 11-12	Gingerman	SB/WMR National w/ restricted regional
<b>July 31-Aug 2</b>	<b>Mid Ohio</b>	<b>Cincinnati I.T.SPEC*acular restricted regional/ PDX</b>
Aug 8-9	Grattan	SB/WMR National
Sept 4-6	Mid Ohio	OVR Double regional/ PDX
Sept 11-13	BlueGrass	WOR Double regional/ PDX
Oct 10-11	Mid Ohio	OVR Double regional