

July 2009

# CinChronizer



Cincinnati Region S.C.C.A.

## RE-Port

By Regional Executive, Bill Niemeyer, Jr.

### This Is It

No, not a line from Kenny Loggins, (for those of you that have been around long enough to know), but rather the culmination of a whole lot of effort by our PDX/Race Committee coming to fruition. In just a couple of weeks the Big, Big, Big, Cincinnati Region PDX/IT Spectacular takes place at Mid Ohio. As I said last month the economy has been a real challenge for most of us so we can use all the "FUN" we can get. SCCA PDX is probably the lowest cost way for you to drive at speed on a real road racecourse.

All you need is a closed car (or a roll bar), driver's license, an approved helmet and long pants and shirt and you too can drive the famous Mid Ohio Sports Car Course. If needed, you even get a qualified instructor at no charge to help you learn the ropes.

Just sign-up on Motorsportsreg.com, print an entry from www.Cincyscca.com or send in the form from last month's "CinChronizer". You can use a credit card to pay on Motorsportsreg.com or save the region the credit card fees and send a check to Starla McCauley our hard working Registrar. For you regular racers, get some great test time as an instructor. I found it was a great experience for me riding along as I got to look for things I didn't have time to find while driving.

Another idea for regular autocrossers or road racers is to reward that hard working crew, spouse or student with some time behind the wheel. If things are still a little tight we can use the help around the facility for both the PDX and Double Regional and that gets you a reduced entry fee and more importantly helps us all to enjoy our sport.

Get in some actual wheel-to-wheel competition at our Double Regional. The I.T. Spectacular is highly regarded by many competitors throughout the country. Why you ask.

Our race is known for having some of the friendliest volunteers.

You get a ton of seat/track time and three races.

Great party with lots of door prizes, libations and conversation on Saturday night.

Keep in mind if your license has inexplicably lapsed, like mine did, our own region member Bryan Floyd is the divisional licensing steward and can help you to re-qualify for your competition license, but it is getting down to the limit. SCCA licensing is working hard to help you get your credentials back without the hassle of the past.

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#### Next Newsletter Deadline:

**Tuesday, August 4**

Send articles to  
Jill and Allen Tomey  
at  
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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 again Autocross fans! Your Solo Chair here with the report for June. We are in the heat of the summer, that's for sure! Tires are heating up, the season points chase is heating up, and oh yeah, the weather too! June and July are busy months with your Cincinnati Region holding two events as well as many of our members visiting other cities for Regional, Divisional and National events. WOR, CKY, CiSCC, Peru, DC, you name it and members from your home region here in Cincy have been attending, and representing!

We Solo nuts would like to thank the Board of Directors and all event participants for helping us buy a new TIMING DISPLAY! We can't wait to use it at our next event. The 8" LED Numbers are easy to read from a distance making it easier for everyone involved to keep track of the competitors times. THANKS GUYS!

We would also like to thank Jim Clark and the Cincinnati Sports Car Club for the loan of THEIR display over the last few events. PLEASE try to get out to their last event of the year, July 18th, 2009, at Scarlet Oaks, then come on down to Turfway the next day for OUR event!

The June 16th event was a blast. We had great competition and a good turnout, and a super time was had by all. Check our website for all the results, points and links to more information: [www.cincyscca.com](http://www.cincyscca.com)

The next autocross event for the Cincinnati Region is July 19th at Turfway Park, COME ON DOWN, whether you are a regular, haven't raced in a while, or NEVER raced, we want to see you! Bring your street car, and have some fun with us.

Most of the members of your board of directors, as well as the Solo committee and the regulars hang out at our online forum. Schedules, results, bench racing, and SMACK TALK, can be found at the Forum links on our site (see link above).

There are still lots of events to come this year, and a lot of talk about new and improved venues for next year, no reason to sit at home on Sundays.. COME ON OUT AND AUTOCROSS!!

Also, make sure to check Jeff Loewe's website (<http://www.loewephoto.com>) for more great pictures like the ones below!



<<< Brian Crouch give a little advice to Dave Santel

Greg Lloyd came out on top of the PAX index for the day>>>>



<<< John Ebert, in his MR2, started the day July 16

FTD was set by Ray Thomas in his Reynard >>>



## **This Is It** *(continued from first page)*

We want all our members to come out to Mid Ohio July 31-August 2<sup>nd</sup> and join us for the fun. More importantly, invite a friend to introduce them to our sport.

Our Solo program has been providing tons of fun thanks to our dedicated Solo Committee and some great venues. Check the schedule, come out to watch, volunteer or participate. All kinds of fun, a great group of folks, a very low cost.

For details on these and our other events, like I said last month "Everyone's Invited" for free appetizers and soft drinks as well as a full cash bar at our 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday monthly meeting at the beautiful Mill Race Banquet Center. New earlier 8:00 starting time on Tuesday July 21st. Hope to see you there!

*Bill Jr.*

***"Make it Easy, Make it Fun"***

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# **Cone College Presents**

## **Solo Series: Street Tire Index Class**

New to Cincinnati Region this year, this Solo Class is for competitors that want to run their cars on street tires and compete with other drivers on street tires. Different than running in ST classes (Street Touring) The Tire Index allows differently classes cars to compete heads up, by utilizing the SCCA RTP Index (PAX) this index assigns the different classes a multiple, in order to "level the playing field" For example, a Corvette might be an A Stock, but can compete with a H Stock Mini by multiplying each driver's final time by a nationally accepted "index" So even though the Corvette might make it through the course with a faster time, after the index number is applied, the Mini might be determined the winner.

For Example:

A Stock Corvette runs a 45.050

H Stock Mini runs a 46.100

The A Stock PAX index is .843     $.843 \times 45.050 = 37.977$

The H Stock PAX index is .802     $.802 \times 46.100 = 36.972$

With this example, the Mini wins!

The Index numbers change every year, as they are based on actual racing results from the National Office of the SCCA. The SCCA strives to keep the "index" fair, by constant evaluation. Current PAX Index numbers are available on our site, and the SCCA Main webpage.

The Cincinnati Region SCCA has just adopted the Street Tire Index class this year. If you would like to participate in this class, make sure you register in the "T" class as well as your own class at My Auto Events while registering (simply select Tire Index (T) from the pull down menu while registering) OR, just let someone know at registration on the morning of the event and we can put you in this class. This program is going strong, and promises to be one of our most hotly contested classes for year end trophies!!

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**Don't Miss** the Cincinnati Sports Car Club's autocross on July 18th at Scarlet Oaks!

# Final Invitation

## 2009 I.T. SPEC\*tacular Double Restricted Regional at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course August 1 & 2, 2009

Classes invited are IT7, ITA, ITB, ITC, ITS, ITR, ITE, GTA, GTL, EP, FP, HP, SRF, STU, STO, AS, SM, SSM. Please contact Starla for a copy of the Supplemental Regulations.

Registration is open for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual I.T. SPEC\*tacular July 31<sup>st</sup>-Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 at Mid Ohio Sports Car Course. Go to [www.motorsportsreg.com](http://www.motorsportsreg.com) to register or to check out the entry list. You can find the listing under Cincinnati Region SCCA.

All mail in entries must be postmarked by July 21<sup>st</sup> to avoid the late entry fee. Online registration with online credit card payment can be made with no late fee up until July 27<sup>th</sup>!

SPECIAL OFFERS: go to [www.cincyscca.com](http://www.cincyscca.com) for more details.

**Hoosier Tire** has announced that they will be offering **free Hoosier race tires** to overall winners in ITA, ITB, ITC, ITS, ITR, ITE, IT7, SM, SSM, EP, FP, HP, AS, STO, STU, GTA, GTL  
1<sup>st</sup> place will receive (2) free tires {must have 3 competitors in your class} 2<sup>nd</sup> place will receive (1) free tire { must have 5 competitors in your class}

**Hoosier Tire Midwest** is offering the **IT/SPEC\*tacular Hoosier Tire Giveaway** For each day of the 2009 IT/SPEC\*tacular, Hoosier Tire Midwest will be holding a drawing for a free Hoosier Racing Tire. The drawing will be from all entrants. You will receive one entry for each tire purchased from Hoosier Tire Midwest during the IT/SPEC\*tacular. This drawing is in addition to the Hoosier Racing Tire Contingency Program.

**Race & PDX Entry Raffle:** We will be raffling off two Entries for the 2010 I.T.SPEC\*tacular. Each winner will have their choice of using their winning ticket for a Race or PDX entry. All proceeds will go to pay medical expenses for the family of long time SCCA member and Corner worker Susie Beal who lost her life after a brief illness earlier this year. Entries will be transferable. Cost is \$5 per ticket or (5) tickets for \$20. Tickets will be sold at Registration and during the Saturday evening party. Drawing will be after dinner Saturday night.

**MID OHIO** [www.midohioschool.com](http://www.midohioschool.com)

**A.** Is hosting an evening Test and Tune session Friday evening July 31<sup>st</sup> Cost is \$150 for (3) 20 minutes sessions.

**B.** Is offering a Teen & Adult defensive driving school both Saturday Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the track in the upper paddock. You can save \$75 off of the registration price of \$350 by using the coupon code: CRSCCA 09.

We hope to see you at the track!



## GLD Club Racing Report

We've hit the summer doldrums in Club Racing. May was wrapped up with the OVR Race of Champions at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. This is a GLD National race with a restricted regional, and included a Muscle Milk Trans Am race. Dan Ruggiero and Tim South ran in the Spec Miata national with Dan finishing 8<sup>th</sup> (with a best lap of 1:48.070) and Tim finishing 15<sup>th</sup>. Tom Patton's Winged Tiger took 1<sup>st</sup> in GT2 and was seriously challenging some of the GT1 cars. Steve Jenks (FM) and Tim Floyd (FE) both finished 4<sup>th</sup> in class. Barney Powers scored a DNS (not sure what happened). Mike Kolthoff had an early entrance into the pits, and one or two laps later retired to the paddock about Lap 7. Paul Russ finished 12<sup>th</sup> is SRF.

In the Restricted Regional race there was a lot of action in and out of class. In Spec Miata, Rick Deerwester finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, David Ruggiero 6<sup>th</sup> (best lap of 1:47.637; better than Brother Dan in the national), Tex Melotti of Hamilton finished 7<sup>th</sup>, and Dave Heckler finished 13<sup>th</sup>, but was not running at the end. Stewart Wright took his BMW to a 2<sup>nd</sup> place in ITB. Casualty-of-the-Day goes to Scott Giles' ITB that came together with a car that had spun and stalled in the middle of the carousel during qualifying, resulting in significant damage and a DNS.

The Muscle Milk Trans Am race was run at the end of the day. There were Cameros, Corvettes, Mustangs, Jaguar XKR's and an RX-7. Fifteen cars started, and after more than 90 miles (40 laps) there were 8 still running. The Jaguars dominated with Jorge Diaz, Jr. taking the win with an average speed just under 96 MPH.

Volunteer workers were plentiful for this race weekend, with the Cincy Region being well represented in all areas.

June had no SCCA Club Racing in the GLD. But there was the little Grand Am race weekend at Mid-Ohio that many from this area attended. Racing were the Rolex Series Daytona Prototype and GT cars, the KONI Challenge GS and ST's, the Ford Mustang Challenge, and the SCCA Pro Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup. Those Turbo Diesels sounded like hybrids after all the other cars. The following weekend Mid-Ohio hosted the "rolling museum" with the Sportcar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA). I have to admit that I didn't know what half the cars were, but they were all beautiful. The racing was very refreshing in that there were very few overly-aggressive moves. These guys and gals respect their fenders and bumpers, but still put on a good series of races. Again, the Cincy Region was well represented with volunteer workers on the Grid and corners for both these events.

Up first in July is a Double National at Nelson Ledges on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, followed by another National with restricted regional (IT cars) at Gingerman. After this is the Cincy Region's IT/SPEC\*acular and PDX at Mid-Ohio on July 31st – August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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## Great Lakes Division Solo Divisional Championship Information

You may have already seen that SCCA will charge an additional \$180 for anyone who does not run a National Tour or the GLDiv Solo Divisional Championships. The \$60 entry fee for the Divisional Championships is a real bargain and you will get 2 great divisional level courses that will avoid the bumps, fantastic trophies, giveaways at registration, GREAT door prizes, a raffle or two, a picnic dinner on Saturday evening (include in your \$60 entry fee) and some of the best competition in the country! Registration is open now at [www.axwaresystems.com](http://www.axwaresystems.com).

**The Divisional:** The Great Lakes Division Solo Divisional Championship will be held at Grissom Aeroplex in Peru, IN on August 7, 8 and 9, 2009. There will be a limited entry Test & Tune from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Friday, August 7, 2009. Registration and tech hours will be from 5-8 pm and 7-8 am on Saturday morning, there will be a welcome party, and the course will be open for walking until 8:00 pm. There will be two days of competition on Saturday and Sunday with a picnic dinner on Saturday evening at the site. The site will close at 8:30 pm each evening and open at 6:00 am each morning, **and there will be no camping on site.** Hotel, motel and camping information will be located on the [soloseries.org](http://soloseries.org) website and you can register for the event at [www.axwaresystems.com](http://www.axwaresystems.com).

Please remember that the Divisional will be run similarly to the Solo Nationals in that you will be required to have certain stickers on your vehicle, you will be required to have a current SCCA Solo Rulebook and you will be required to go through Impound. You can purchase the stickers and rulebooks at registration.

We look forward to seeing you in August at Grissom!

*Marlene Obenour*  
**Great Lakes Division Divisional Solo Steward**

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 21st  
at Mill Race Banquet Center on W. Sharon Road  
in Winton Woods at 8:00 pm

## Coming A-TRACK-tions

- July 19 Solo Points Event #5 Turfway
- July 21 Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm
- July 30-Aug 2 Cincinnati I.T.SPEC\*taclular / PDX  
Mid Ohio
- Aug 9 Solo Points Event #6 Turfway
- 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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