

October 2009

# CinChronizer



Cincinnati Region S.C.C.A.

## RE-Port

By Regional Executive, Bill Niemeyer, Jr.

### Motorsport Activities Peak

It seems many of our members, R.E. included, were out participating in the hobby we all enjoy and many of our club activities seem to take place in September and early October. In this edition there are numerous and sometimes humorous reports from the Solo Championships and SCCA Runoffs® where it seems everyone involved enjoyed the sport and the camaraderie that comes with it.

With the lack of articles (Hint, Hint!) and our hardworking editors needing a break, we skipped the September "CinChronizer". Our meeting also came at the earliest possible 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in September so I'm sure everyone is starved for news and golly do we have it this month.

I know we had several competing among the 1,262 entrants in 34 classes at the Solo Nationals in Lincoln, Nebraska. Sounds like the new venue was well liked and all had a good time. Look for Bryan Schafer's article elsewhere in this edition for a full report on the trials and tribulations of our members.

The road racers have been out in force. At the Longest Day Nelson Ledges 12 Hour your R.E. and the Colletti Motorsports team won ITA by 9 laps thanks to a flawless car and consistent lap times from co-drivers E.B. Lunken, Frank Levinson of WOR and David Lowery of NEOhio. I saw several other Cincinnati Region members participated in crew and volunteer positions like Chipp Swindler and Jerry Cabe on grid/pits and F&C respectively. I'm sure there were others out on the corners that I missed.

I saw a number of region members at the OVR Labor Day PDX and Double Regional at Mid-Ohio. Sara and I both did the PDX with Sara moving up to Intermediate and passing both a Corvette and 2-350Z's in that group with the ITA Integra, a huge thrill for her and me. Jon Cindric, Rick Deerwester, Tim Ross, Everett McCauley and son Jay, all ran and/or Instructed in the PDX. A large contingent of the Frank family was there and I got the opportunity to meet them. Brian and Bruce ran the Fiesta and Sprite respectively in the double regional, Tim Silver had a great performance both days in his FP MGB, Rick Deerwester won at least on Sunday in SM in a hard fought battle. Jerry Cabe had a great time in his Miata, Joe Fisher was out in his CFF, Michael Strahm in his SSB Camaro. Stuart Mullan had a great run and I think at least one 2<sup>nd</sup> in the SRF.

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### Next Newsletter Deadline:

**Tuesday, November 3**

Send articles to  
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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. Board Meeting at 6:30 pm.



# Between the Cones



*Andrew Stanford, Solo Chair, Cincy Region*

The air is getting chilly but the competition is STILL hot! Two more events to go as of this writing, one more as of this printing I do believe.

Your Cincinnati Solo Program is in the middle of its fall schedule at River Downs. October 11<sup>th</sup> and October 25<sup>th</sup> mark the last two autocross events for 2009. The Points Race is hot and heavy and these last two events are sure to stir things up a bit!

I would like to personally invite everyone to show up for the October 25<sup>th</sup> year end event. We will be having a Tri-Regional Pax Challenge after the regular event. It will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Pax Challenge! Last year, your Cincy Region won the challenge and this year WOR and CKR are looking to get even!! Dust off those skills and come help us win again! OR... just come out to root on the home team!

September 27<sup>th</sup> was originally scheduled to be a Gymkhana event, but due to lack in interest, we decided to hold a run event, autocross style, close to 50 folks showed up and were treated to many runs and quite a few fun runs! Tires were cording everywhere you looked! A great time was had by all, and we were able to train quite a few new workers in positions like Computer, Timing and Scoring, Starter, etc...

Your Solo Program NEEDS YOU! Once again, we are falling short on volunteers. We need 5-10 able bodied volunteers to show up at 7 AM on EVERY event day. Please contact me for more information if you are interested in giving back to the club that provides a safe place to play with your car! It's almost time to appoint the Solo Board again, and this year I am planning to pare it down to those that show up and help.. expect some shaking up as we organize a tight-knit group willing to give what it takes to put on event after event... We have a long way to go, but I know the great members of the Cincy Region will come through as they always do!

Don't forget the October Meeting is coming up, but MORE importantly, show up at the November "ANNUAL" meeting. The third Tuesday in November is the ELECTION MEETING and we need your vote!

Thanks, and until next month.. Be safe, have fun!!

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## Congratulations Carol Haskins - 45 Years!!

Carol Haskins is a 45-year member. Carol is synonymous with the Austin Healy Bugeye Sprite she raced for many years. Her family's business, Haskin's Hitchin' Post has long been a source for hitches and towing accessories for local racers. Carol current driver is the MGTD she used for Gymkhanas and she brought to the Region's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Carol held a number of offices in the region and won the Robert King Memorial Award which goes to the Region member who accumulates the most competition points from Cincinnati Region sanctioned competitive events in '65, '66 & '70. She was the recipient of the Gordon B Miller Award for the Region member who accumulates the most participation points in '67

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I saw Jon Goin in T&S, Chipp, Christie Graham and Jerry were in the pits and grid. Bob Cowie was on the corner and Judy was there for support. The Ross's were taking care of folks in Tech.

There were 624 drivers registered and 557 workers for the Runoffs® at the newest venue, Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin last month. Cincinnati Region was represented by:

**DRIVERS:**

Mike Kolthoff – FF

Tom Patton - GT2

Shawn Slattery - SM

**VOLUNTEER WORKERS:**

Bob Cowie - F&C

Jerry Cabe - F&C and Grid

Jason Briggs - Sound Control

Wayne Briggs - Sound Control I

EB Lunken - Sound Control

Bill Porter - Sound Control

Barney Powers - Sound Control

John Peterson – SOM

Mick & Letty Walker - T&S

A big congratulation goes out to Sound Control Worker of the Year Barney Powers who also won a Life Membership in a drawing of WotY recipients. Most importantly a photo of Barney photo accepting the award from SCCA President Jeff Dahnert was on the SCCA website as one of the scrolling 4 Top Stories. Thanks to Barney and the largely Cincinnati Region sound control crew, this may be our first region Worker of the Year Award. Congratulate Barney, when you see him towering above the crowd.

A whole bunch of other region members were in attendance as Crew, Photo, & Spectators and worker support in the case of Judy Cowie. Wish I were there but then there is always “next year”.

I'm sure I missed a bunch of you, my apologies! Let us know how you participated and we will get you the recognition you deserve.

A large contingent of mostly Solo competitors tried their hand at endurance racing at the Lamest Day 24 Hours of Lemons® race at Nelson Ledges. One of the team members has an autistic child so they did it as a fundraiser for the Autism Speaks charity so if you can, please go to the team's website ([www.lemonsrace.com](http://www.lemonsrace.com)) and make a donation to a worthy cause. Please see the report from this mostly tongue in cheek racing event.

November is the month for club elections. As usual we welcome and encourage you to get involved in the region in an elected position and the October meeting is the time to nominate as it is not easy to nominate from the floor on election night. If you are interested in running or in one of the appointed positions like competition chair let us know and we will make it happen.

Keep Judy Cowie in your prayers as she fights the effects of ALS. We also need to put out a big Get Well!!!! to Phil Osborn after a bout with pneumonia following the I.T Spectacular.

I'm sure this month's meeting will be a lot of fun as we hear more about recent events. Come on out for some “bench racing”, 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, October 20<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

*Bill Jr.*

***“Make it Easy, Make it Fun”***

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**Minutes of the July 21, 2009 Meeting of the Cincinnati Region, Sports Car Club of America**

Board members in attendance were Bill Niemeyer Jr., E.B. Lunken,, Todd Cholmondeley, Rodney Sizemore, Bryan Schafer, Brian Walker, Andy Stanford, and Chipp Swindler.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Niemeyer Jr.

On the motion of Todd Cholmondeley, with E.B. Lunken seconding, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

On the motion of Chipp Swindler, with Bryan Schafer seconding, the treasurer's report was approved.

Todd Cholmondeley gave a combined race/PDX report. Both events were going according to schedule. As of the meeting date, there were 129 entries for the race, while there were 39 students and 23 instructors enrolled for the PDX.

Andy Stanford provided the solo report. There were 98 racers at the last solo event. Andy informed that a new timing display unit had been purchased, and that all of the fall dates at River Downs have been confirmed.

In new business, the board considered possible dates for the 2010 event, deciding to hold any decision until the August meeting.

On the motion of Bryan Schafer, with E.B. Lunken seconding, the board voted to reimburse David Santel up to \$250 for the purchase of software and printing supplies.

On the motion of E.B. Lunken, with Andy Stanford seconding, the meeting was adjourned.

## November is Election Month and the Annual Meeting YOUR club needs YOU!!

The Cincinnati SCCA is looking for members that would like to give back and serve their region. The Nominating committee is accepting nominations for all offices up for election:

**Regional Executive:** Bill Niemeyer Jr. is running again, but, as always, is hoping for some competition! He has stated that he wouldn't mind taking on other responsibilities if someone wanted to step up and take the helm for a term or two. Bill has done an outstanding job thus far, and would continue to do so, but the office is open for election each year. This is a one year term office that consists of duties ranging from running the monthly meetings, attending various important National and Divisional gatherings, including the National Convention and Divisional Roundtable and Spring Training. Travel expenses are augmented by the Cincy Region. The R.E. works with the National Office, Divisional staff and of course the local club level.

**Assistant R.E. :** E.B. Lunken is the current R.E. and is running for re-election, but once again, all interested parties are encouraged to run for this position that assists the R.E. and fills in his shoes at those times where the R.E. cannot perform his duties, also a one year term.

**Secretary:** Kurt Niemeyer is the outgoing secretary and will not be running for re-election, we are in need of someone willing to put forth the time and effort to fill this position. Secretary is a one year term consisting of recording all activity at all club meetings as well as other important record keeping duties, more information on request. PLEASE contact the nominating chairperson with your recommendations for this very important job!

**Treasurer:** Dave Santel is the current Treasurer and will be running for re-election but your nominations will still be accepted for this one year term. The treasurer handles all the clubs monetary transactions and keeps detailed records. The Treasurer is responsible for reporting to the board of directors each month at the club meetings. Dave welcomes all competition for this position.

**Board Members at Large:** The board has 6 voting board members to round out its membership. Board Member at Large is a 2 year term, with 3 members being elected every other year, that means we are looking for 3 board members at large this year. Current BMAL that are up for replacement/re-election are: Rodney Sizemore, Todd Cholmondeley and Brian Walker, all have said they would run again, but welcome any comers for replacement if needed.

Please contact Andrew Stanford (Nominating Committee Chair 2009) With any interest in ANY of the above positions, as soon as possible. The Election will be held at the November Meeting (Annual Meeting) Thanks, Andrew Stanford 513-379-3874 or [Stanfordmotorsports@fuse.net](mailto:Stanfordmotorsports@fuse.net)

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## Congratulations Barb and Mike Hynd - 40 years!!!

Barb and Mike Hynd are 40 year members and were part of the British invasion of cars, music and tech inspectors. Barb was awarded the '85 Joel Williams Award for exceptional service to Cincinnati Region over an extended period and served as Divisional Administrator of Tech for a number of years. Both helped many Cincinnati Region members get their cars legal from a safety standpoint. Barb is retired from U.C. and P&G. Mike retired after a long career with G.E. They both travel regularly from their West Chester home to the U.K. where they maintain a flat near their families on the balmy southwest coast in Torbay where I am told there are live palm trees.

# 24 Hours of Lemons Race Report

## The Lamest Day at Nelson Ledges

Nasty. Brutish. Not Short Enough.

The crowd. The spectacle. The pall of blue smoke and roasted clutch discs. In all motorsport, no event captures the universal human need to wail on old crappans and Hoover down greasy barbecue like the 24 Hours of LeMons.

Each LeMons race is for cars purchased, fixed up, and track-prepped for a total of 500 dollars or less. Twelve hours into the race, the car voted People's Choice is called in and awarded a cash prize; simultaneously, the car voted People's Curse is called in and summarily destroyed. At the end of 24 hours, a gala awards ceremony plies the survivors with trophies, plaques, and four-figure purses in canvas bags full of nickels. What's not to like?

That is an excerpt from the 24 hours of LeMons website, and although it is NOT an SCCA Sanctioned event, it caught the eye of several Cincinnati SCCA Members, led by Team Captain, David Santel. Andrew and Nicholas Stanford, D. Scott Bourne, Dan Chambers, Tom O'Gorman, Greg Lloyd, Danny Popp and Kevin Bartels decided to build and race a Nissan Sentra SE-R in the 24 hour race at Nelson Ledges, having just \$500 invested (not counting the cage, tires and other "safety" related equipment) they left for the track on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to uphold the honor of the Cincinnati region, and to raise money for Autism Awareness through the charity Autism Speaks.

The Team (Team EAU RUDE, a division of Stanford Motorsports) started out great!, leading a couple of times and holding down a solid 5<sup>th</sup> place after 100 laps!, alas, the penalties and mishaps started soon after, but after the smoke had cleared on Sunday, the car had traveled over 1100 miles, been repaired twice, hit, bumped, bruised and had a tire flattened, as well as a couple of tires bolted to the roof as passing on yellow penalties!! They finished in 48<sup>th</sup> place out of over 120 entries... just seconds short of crossing the finish line, the horn blew the 24 hour time up blast as the Sentra was hooked up to a wrecker in order to do the parade lap... what an awesome spectacle...

The Team was so jazzed that three cars are planned for next year, the Sentra again, a Corvette and surprise surprise... a Festiva! Go on over to [www.lemonsrace.com](http://www.lemonsrace.com) and check them out, you will find pictures of the car build, the team, the cause and soon the race too!

If you ever do any racing in your life, you HAVE to check out The 24 hours of LeMons.. racing reduced to it's barest form indeed..

*Andrew Stanford Team Eau Rude*



# 2009 SCCA ProSolo Finale & Solo National Championships Lincoln, NE

This year the Solo community had the pleasure of spending a week in Lincoln, NE. This was the first year for a new Championship site, the Lincoln Airpark. All in all the Airpark was a wonderful site for both the Pro & Solo championships. In addition to a very large area for two 60 second solo courses, there was a huge paddock area, and for the first time a 40 second test course that was open all week. The entire surface is concrete, in good condition, and with decent grip...although the surface caused tires to pick up a lot of extra rubber. Hardware stores must've wondered why there was a run on heat guns and scrapers the week we were there.

Before turning to the competition I should point out that Lincoln is a very nice host city and the locals are among the friendliest people I've ever met. We were blessed with mostly very nice weather all week.

Attendance at both events was at or near entry caps, with approximately 250 for the Finale and nearly 1,200 for Solo.

For those not familiar with ProSolo, it is similar to Solo but uses mirror image courses and a drag racing-like starting tree. Competitors line up at the tree and the clock starts when the light goes green. After a run the competitors immediately switch sides and run the other course. There are two class competition sessions of four runs each on Saturday, and another round of class competition on Sunday morning. Class standings are used to put the fastest drivers into a challenge round on Sunday afternoon. This is a single elimination format where drivers are paired up and each gets one run on both courses. The faster driver moves to the next round.

Both events featured long, fast courses. We had new course designers this year and they put a premium on proper car positioning at several key points on the course. Those drivers who put the car in the right place were rewarded with fast, clean runs. Did I mention that the site is large?

The Cincinnati Region was well represented at Solo Nationals (but we need even more next year). Apologies if anyone is missing on this list:

ESP Kent Weaver 21st out of 32  
ASP Greg Lloyd 18th out of 22  
CM Ray Thomas 14th out of 21  
STS Justin Harbor 29th out of 46  
STS Phil Osbourn 30th out of 46  
STSL Laura Harbor 7th out of 11  
GP Scott Giles 3rd out of 16  
GPL Renee Hines 2nd out of 5  
SS Bryan Schafer 5th out of 60  
SSL Crissy Weaver 2nd out of 13  
ES Tom O`Gorman 6th out of 42  
FS Jack Burns 6th out of 26  
FS Jim Zeisler 13th out of 26  
FSL Debbie Zeisler 6th out of 7



Overall it was great week of competition and camaraderie. It is always exciting to see a small city get built in the paddock area, and somewhat sad to see it all come down at the end of the week. Where else do you find adults playing four-square late into the night, gas powered margarita mixers, motorized bar stools, two large autocross courses, a test and tune course.....?

So, start planning for next year. A record setting attendance from our region would make an already great week even better!

*Bryan Schafer*

# Great Lakes Division Roundtable

Hosted by South Bend Region SCCA

Saturday, November 14, 2009

Holiday Inn Downtown

213 W. Washington St.

South Bend, IN 46601

Please join us for hospitality on Friday night from 6:30 – 9:00pm at the Holiday Inn. On Saturday, we have a full calendar of topics and discussions beginning with continental breakfast at 7:00am. Registration continues to be \$25 for this event!

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Bollinger, SBR Roundtable coordinator, at (574) 271-0088 or [kbbollinger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kbbollinger@sbcglobal.net); or South Bend Region RE Jeff Luckritz a (269) 429-3676 or [jluckritz@sjschools.org](mailto:jluckritz@sjschools.org).

## TR MARFE Winter Kart Series

Teams are now forming for the for the 2nd annual Mind and Right Foot Exercises (MARFE) winter go-kart league. This is a fun league created to provide some racing over the winter months. All events will be held at Competition Racing indoor track in Lawrenceburg. Teams of 3 drivers will run in a one-hour enduro race with 2 required pitstops for driver changes. 8 Teams run together on the track at a time, and points are awarded at the end of each race based upon finishing position. We will run 5 regularly scheduled events plus a championship event at the end of the season. We plan on running 2 run groups to accommodate 16 teams. Complete teams or individual drivers are welcome. Individuals will be combined to form a team. Cost is \$100 per team per race. A deposit of \$100/driver holds your spot. Last year's event filled in three days - so don't delay - register today. See photos from last year's finale at <http://jlofoto.ifp3.com/#/gallery/2009apr19-marfe-series-final/>

See [www.cincyscca.com](http://www.cincyscca.com) for more details, or contact Joe O'Gorman [ogorman@cinci.rr.com](mailto:ogorman@cinci.rr.com) or Jerry Cabe [friar\\_10bsp@fuse.net](mailto:friar_10bsp@fuse.net).

## Messages from the Editors

If you thought last month's CinChronizer got lost in the mail, it didn't. With most of the writing crew out of town, we missed our window of publication so we decided to take a month off.

I hope you enjoyed the color spread in the August issue. It was compliments of Staples as the black and white copier was a tad hungry and began eating copies.  
*Jill and Al Tomey*

## HELP WANTED

After many years of service Andy Welden has decided to step down as Division Pointskeeper of National Points. We thank Andy for his service and need someone to replace him.

Requirements: Familiar with Excel, numbers oriented, accuracy driven, able to follow procedure.

Interested parties contact: Andy Welden [andywelden@sbcglobal.net](mailto:andywelden@sbcglobal.net) 317-297-5474

## Trivia

**Q.** Who was the first woman to win an SCCA National Driving Championship (Club Racing)?

**A.** Donna Mae Mims in H Prod in 1963 driving a pink Bugeye Sprite.

*Editors' Note: Sadly, Donna Mae Mims passed away on October 6th, 2009.*

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 20th  
at Mill Race Banquet Center on W. Sharon Road  
in Winton Woods at 8:00 pm

## Coming A-TRACK-tions

- Oct 20** Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm
- Oct 25** Solo Points Event #9 &  
2nd Annual Tri-Regional River Downs
- Nov 14** Great Lakes Division Roundtable
- Nov 17** Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm  
Annual Elections
- No Monthly Meeting in December
- Watch for information on Annual Banquet

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