

February 2010

CinChronizer



Cincinnati Region S.C.C.A.

RE-Port

By Regional Executive, David Santel

Chairman of the Board
Bill Niemeyer, Jr. 513-683-9244
niemeyer65@hotmail.com
Regional Executive
David Santel 513-205-3198
david@cincypics.com
Assistant Regional Executive
EB Lunken 513-831-9660
Secretary
Bryan Schafer
btschafer@yahoo.com
Treasurer
Dan Chambers 513- 459-9505
danielchambers@gmail.com
Membership Chair
Bryan Schafer
btschafer@yahoo.com
Member-at-Large/PDX Chair
Brian Walker
bria7@yahoo.com
Member-at-Large
Chipp Swindler 513-861-4416
rupich@fuse.net
Member-At-Large/Solo Chair
Andy Stanford
Stanfordmotorsports@fuse.net
Member-At-Large
Rodney Sizemore 513-766-9111
Rodney@Sizemore.net
Member-At-Large
Tom O'Gorman
tomo.racing@yahoo.com
Race Chairman
Todd Cholmondeley 513-528-9217
tefkatt@aol.com
Chief Registrar
Starla McCauley
roamingstars@att.net
Web Master
Andy Stanford
Stanfordmotorsports@fuse.net
Competition Chair
Bret Frank 937-855-2723
BretLFrank@US.Schneider.com
Editors
Allen and Jill Tomey 513-574-9207
jtomey@cinci.rr.com

Next Newsletter

Deadline:

Tuesday, March 2

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. Board Meeting at 6:30 pm.

I will begin my second report as RE on a rather somber note. Our club was hit hard this month with the passing of several great members. See obits for Paul Prill, John Pftzing and Judy Cowie elsewhere. The racing community also lost John McGill, longtime manager of Nelson Ledges Road Course, Bob Bruce a long time course marshal at Mid-Ohio and finally, Ken Brown passed away on January 30th due to complications with diabetes. All of these members will be greatly missed, and the thoughts and prayers of the members of our club are extended to all of their families.

For those of you that missed the Annual Awards Banquet this year at the Mills Race Banquet Center, you missed an extremely good time! The banquet featured a great slide show by our resident photographer, Jeff Loewe (that may or may not have included rather incriminating photos of your new RE...). D. Scott Bourne manned the microphone for the evening and provided everyone there with great entertainment. My personal thanks go out to Bryan and Lisa Schafer, as well as Brian Walker and Jill Roeder, and everyone else involved in putting on the banquet. Your hard work paid off extremely well. The banquet was a blast, so thank you one more time! Congratulations to all of our members that received awards.

Speaking of amazingly fun gatherings, I had the chance to attend the SCCA National Convention for the first time this year. Jerry Cabe has an excellent write-up about our time out there later in this newsletter. I had a blast doing everything from losing my fun money at the blackjack tables (no thanks to John the Dealer) to taking home first place at our go-kart get together at the Pole Position Raceway. "Dave, that all sounds like a good time, but did you actually attend any of the convention sessions?" you may be asking yourself. Indeed I did! I must say that attending this gathering of almost 500 of our club's most dedicated members was an extremely humbling experience. It was absolutely amazing to see just how many people have been putting in massive amounts of effort for decades, just in the name of good fun for our peers that all share a love of sports cars. Most of the annual award winners and hall of fame inductees have been dedicated to the SCCA since long before I was even born, which definitely put things in perspective! On a similar note, it is worth taking a moment for special recognition:

To any member of our region who has ever volunteered your time to make our region better, whether it be flagging a corner at Mid-Ohio, shagging cones on a day you're not autocrossing, setting up and working the current car show, or working behind the scenes to send out this very newsletter, thank you from the bottom of my heart for the time you volunteer. None of us are paid on a regional level. We all do this for the love of the sport. I would never be able to lead this region forward without the support of my Board of Directors and our active members. You are the life and blood of this club, and we couldn't do it without you! Thanks again!

We'll keep making it easy, and you keep having fun!

Solo Spring Training Is Back!!

Who – All Interested Solo Competitors In
GLDiv

What – Solo Spring Training.

Learn about T/S – Tech – Sound
Control – Solo Safety Steward
Training – Course Design –
Registration/Waivers and more

When - Saturday, March 20, 2010
9 AM – 4:30 PM

Where – Andersen Logistics –
3333 Mesilla Court, Indianapolis

Why - Great chance to see your friends, make
new friends, get ready for the 2010 Solo
Season!

And the best news – It's FREE!!!!

Pre-registration is requested but not required.
Contact Velma Boreen for more information and to
pre-register. wiznby1973@yahoo.com or 317-706-
8969

COLLETTI
MOTORSPORTS

937-294-1533

Colletti-Motorsports.org

2009 ANOTHER GREAT RACE SEASON

..... once again demonstrated Colletti Motorsport's commitment to its clients when racing their Colletti prepared car or race rental, by securing the 2nd & 3rd places in the 2009 Great Lakes Regional ITA championship. 12 podium visits in 18 races, also, a 1st in class at the Nelson Ledges 12 hour endurance challenge. A total of 982 miles an average of 82mph including stops & without any mechanical issues.

The shop's wide range of skills & equipment offer a variety of services

- † Race Car rental for PDX & Circuit Racing plus preparation & track support
 - † Driver coaching including data logging
 - † Dyno tuning using our in-house DYNOJET dynamometer
 - † Race Tire Service
 - † Competition Alignment
 - † Corner Weighting
 - † Roll Cage, Exhaust & Air intake system Fabrication
 - † Engine, Gear Box & Differential Repairs & Rebuilds
 - † Extensive & economically priced selection of performance parts
 - † Large stock of spares for daily & runners & race cars
 - † Quality service & repairs for domestic & foreign cars
- Some of our authorized installation & dealerships

HONDATA

TIRE RACK

WIX

AEM

THE WORLD'S BEST AIR FILTER

ENGINEERED TO OUTPERFORM

2835 Main Street, Moraine OH 45439

The 411 on Car Shows



Picture from Cavalcade of Customs
- we are lookin' good!

Workers needed for Auto Expo

The Auto Expo is February 25-28th. We still need workers to help with the show. I need confirmations from people that want to help work the show so I can issue you Exhibitor Credentials.

Please contact Brian Walker

briax7@yahoo.com

(513)519-3876 if you can help. See you at the show!

CinChronizer Advertising Rates

Business card-\$200/Year*

1/6th Page -\$300/Year*

Quarter Page -\$500/Year*

Classifieds(3 Months) are free to members
Send to Jill Tomey (jtomey@cinci.rr.com)

All ads Expire 12/31 & are Pro-rated by the month.
Contact Dan Chambers
danielchambers@gmail.com
for payment info.

Pictures from Daytona 24





Cincinnati Region Sports Car Club of America Annual Awards



Jim Johnston Driver of the Year

(Aka National Driver of the Year) In 1958, Jim Johnston became Cincinnati Region's first National Champion. The trophy is awarded each year to the Region's driver who has achieved the highest level of success in road racing (be it amateur or professional) of any Cincinnati Region driver.

2009 Tom Patton

2008 Tom Patton
2007 Jason Henderson
2006 Tom Patton
2005 Tom Patton
2004 Chuck Brewer
2003 Tom Patton
2002 Tom Patton
2001 Bill Niemeyer, Jr.
2000 Bill Niemeyer Jr.

The Solo Rookie of the Year Award

2009 Not Awarded
2008 Tom O'Gorman

The Ray Thompson Cup Regional

Driver of the Year

(Aka Regional Driver of the Year) Former Regional Executive and race driver, Ray Thompson established this trophy to recognize the achievements of our Regional drivers. This award is not presented every year.

2009 Rick Deerwester

2008 Doug Seim
2007 Stephen Jenks
2006 Rick Dierwester
2005 Shawn Slattery
2004 not awarded
2003 Joe Fisher
2002 Robin Goins
2001 Jennie Morsch
2000 Tim Reed
1977 Danny May

The Robert King Memorial

Donated by Mrs. Robert (Liz) King in memory of her husband, this was first awarded in 1957, the oldest of our Regional awards. The King Memorial is awarded to the Region member who accumulates the most competition points from Cincinnati Region sanctioned competitive events (races, rallies and solos).

2009 Scott Giles

2008 Claire Frimming
2007 Jerry Cabe
2006 Jerry Cabe
2005 Paul Williams
2004 Scott Tengen
2003 Bryan Schafer
2002 Kurt Niemeyer
2001 Brenda Miller
2000 Caleb Miller

The Bill Niemeyer Award Road Racing

Rookie of the Year (Aka Road Racing Rookie of the Year)

This is awarded to a driver who has a distinguished rookie season as determined by the award's donor. This award is not presented every year.

2009 Michael Strahm

2008 Not Awarded
2007 Tim Floyd
2006 not awarded
2005 Kurt Niemeyer
2003-2004 not awarded
2002 Brad Jaeger
2001 Rick Gilhart
2000 Dave Kienlen

The Joel Williams Award

Joel Williams was a Cincinnati Regional Executive and a Chief of Timing & Scoring for many years. With this trophy, the current Regional Executive recognizes a member who has given exceptional service to Cincinnati Region over an extended period of time.

2009 Anne & Bill Niemeyer Sr.

2008 Judy Cowie
2007 Philip Osborn
2006 Dennis Barnes
2005 Scott Tengen
2004 Tony Horning
2003 Fred & Ruth Zacharias
2002 John Peterson
2001 E.B. Lunken
2000 Bruce Wolff

The Gordon B. Miller Trophy

The Gordon B. Miller Company, a supplier of trophies to the region, donated this award. The award is given annually to the Region member who accumulates the most participation points in SCCA events.

2009 Brian Walker

2008 Jerry Cabe
2007 Robert Bax
2006 Kurt Niemeyer
2005 Kurt Niemeyer
2004 Roy (Chipp) Swindler
2003 Scott Tengen
2002 E.B. Lunken
2001 Caleb Miller
2000 Jeff Loewe

The Bert Hatfield Memorial Award

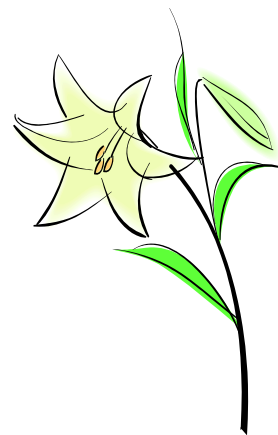
This award was, for many years, given to a Cincinnati Region member who excelled in Timing & Scoring. After not being presented through much of the 1980's, the award was expanded to include all race-working specialties.

2009 Todd Cholmondeley

2008 Jason Briggs
2007 Jeff Loewe
2006 Todd Cholmondeley
2005 Bob & Judy Cowie
2004 John Peterson
2003 Roy (Chipp) Swindler
2002 Susan Boesel
2001 Todd Cholmondeley
2000 Tom Phillips



May They Rest In Peace



Paul Prill

Paul Prill's true passion was motor sports, he was an active member of the (SCCA) since 1968. Prill competed in many cars throughout his sports car [racing career](#), most notably a highly modified 1962 Lotus Super Seven from 1972 to 1994. As with all of the other volunteer organizations in which he participated, he took leadership roles, serving as the Regional Executive of both the Detroit and Cincinnati Regions. After retiring from driving in 1994, he continued to serve as car owner and chief advisor of the Lotus for son Eric, VP of Marketing for SCCA, Paul and his wife of 44 years, Patricia (Pilarski) Prill were both huge assets to Cincinnati Region. Mr. Prill was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1993. Memorial donations may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in his name at www.nationalmssociety.org or 1-800-FIGHT MS

Judy Cowie

It is with great sadness we must announce that Judy Cowie passed away Thursday February 4th at Hospice of Cincinnati. Judy and her husband Bob joined the SCCA in 1967 and have been very active participants ever since. Best known for the Flagging and Communications skills they exhibited at a wide variety of Professional and Amateur road racing events over a forty two year period. Judy was the 1997 and 2008 Recipient of Cincinnati Region SCCA's Joel William's Award for "...Exceptional Service over an extended period of time", and the 2005 Bert Hatfield Award for "... Excelling in Worker Specialties" which she accepted along with husband Bob. Judy attended many events throughout this last season as she managed the debilitating effects of ALS. She was honored with a large SCCA banner signed by a large number of her SCCA family at the end of the season. The banner had a prominent place in her room during her final days where she was visited by a continuous stream of friends. We will miss her, please keep Bob in your prayers. Bob has requested donations to ALS Association Central & Southern Ohio 866.273.2572 or www.alsa.org

John Pfetzing

Cincinnati Region lost one of our long time members recently. Despite living in Centerville, OH John remained a member of Cincinnati Region and served as a race steward and official for us on many occasions after hanging up his helmet. Known as the Racing Professor John, age 71, died January 27th of a heart condition. John taught math for 35 years at Sinclair College during the same period he also taught courses at Wright State and University of Dayton. Before that he taught at Ohio State. Weekends and summers allowed him to pursue his other passion, racing formula and sport cars. He competed in races at many different road courses in the U.S., Canada and England. His career as an amateur racecar driver became a profession for several years after his retirement from teaching. He passed his love of racing to his son J.D. a professional race driver and racing team owner who graduated from GMI. Give your best to JD next time you see him. Gifts in memory of John Pfetzing should be directed to the Sinclair Community College Foundation.

Cincinnati Region SCCA will be making donations to the respective charities.

2009 Significant Membership Anniversaries

50 Years and more

Roger Many - 51 years
William B. Niemeyer Sr.

45 Years and more

K. C. Van Niman - 47 Years
Barney Powers

Carol Haskins

40 Years

Steve Benson
Barbara & Mike Hynd
John O'Steen

35 Years

Roberta (Bobbi) Ross

30 Years

Peter O'Shaughnessy

25 Years

Dennis Barnes
William Fair
Robert Frank
Paul Russ
William Stevens

20 Years

Gordon Crenshaw
Jon Goins
Richard Reenan
Jeff Weyer

15 Years

Joe Fisher
Norm Goldrich
Ian Haskell
John Howaniec
Dave & Justin Howard
Erv Martin
Mike Mooney
Tom Phillips
Brian Wade

10 Years

Todd Cholmondeley
Claire Frimming
Renee Hines

Robert Krumdieck

Paul McClurg

Yves Scemama

Rodney Sizemore

Mick Walker

5 Years

Christian Bernhardt

Colleen Cabe

John Ebert

James Forbis

Wayne Furr Jr.

Robert Habel

Gregory Lloyd

Aubrey Malott

Roger & Dinah Winter

2010 SCCA National Convention

By Jerry Cabe

From the Cincinnati Region, five members attended the 2010 National Convention in Las Vegas. John Peterson as GLD Executive Steward, Wayne Briggs as the National Administrator of Sound Control, David Santel, Cincy Regional Executive, Dan Chambers, Cincy Treasurer, and myself as GLD Time Trial Program Manager. Dave, Dan and I traveled out together (somebody needed to keep an eye on the Treasurer in Vegas). This was the first time attending the SCCA Convention for all three of us. Our travels presented no real problems except for a flight delay on the return trip. Once we got registered and sat in on some of the larger sessions, the graying of the SCCA became obvious. I was there with probably the youngest attendee, and with the youngest looking attendee at the convention. However, only once did I see David get carded in the casino. I heard several comments that it was good to see capable young blood coming into the club and stepping into leadership roles.

Usually, every convention has a theme or a defining initiative. The “Make It Easy, Make It Fun” from last year was carried into this year’s convention, probably because there is still more to do in this regard. It also appeared that there was a strong emphasis on bringing “customer satisfaction” into the everyday operations, both at the national, and hopefully at the regional level. With an open mind to continuous improvement, we can all improve how we function and interact to make all we do more enjoyable.

There were a lot of 2009 statistics presented. Overall SCCA (Inc, Pro and Enterprises) did well in a “tough times” year. Financials were all positive (I’ll leave the details to Dan), but membership and member retention were down, which is probably the reason for the continuation of the Make It Easy, Make It Fun initiative.

Something you will be seeing soon on the SCCA website is a “What can I do with my car?” dropdown tool. New or prospective members can use menus to select make, model and year of their car, and they can easily see various options of how they can participate in the SCCA with that car in each area (Solo, Time Trials, Rally, or Club Racing).

Membership referral credits are going to be increased from \$5 to \$10 for each referral, and worker incentives will be increased from the current max of \$30 to \$45. I heard un-officially that SCCA Pro events will soon count toward days worked for the incentives. There are also going to be monetary incentives for regions that achieve goals of increased membership and member retention (detail target levels were not provided).

The Time Trial Advisory Council (TTAC) reported that in 2009, a total of 114 Time Trial events (about equal with 2008) were held with over 3,000 participants. Level 4 events (Hill Climb) averaged 67 entrants per event. The Time Trial program is growing and taking hold across the divisions to varying degrees, depending on the level of prior activity in Solo I and Hill Climbs.

The Club Racing Board (CRB) session reported the following statistics for 2009 as compared to 2008 in parenthesis. National events 71 (74), Regional events 236 (225), Driver Schools 25 (25), National Competition Licenses 4,588 (4,752), Regional Competition Licenses 2,166 (2,426), and Licensed Workers 3,861 (4,958). The sharp drop in workers was attributed largely to an effort to clean out old licenses. The requirements for the 2010 Runoffs will be 4 National starts with 4 National finishes, eliminating the “top 10 in points from each division” approach. Points will still count toward divisional championships, tow fund, Triple Crown, and the Super Sweep Award.

Membership Services reported that for 2009 there were 42,521 members (down 10%), 72.5% retention (down from 76%), and 9,089 new members with 53% of them under age 35.

During the CRB Town Hall, several questions/comments were fielded and discussed. I noted that it appears there is no near-term effort to include hybrid or alternative fuel vehicles in Club Racing (except for TDI Cup diesels). Reasoning is that there exist several unresolved issues with participant and worker safety at this time. It was also noted that with the recent allowance of 15-year olds to participate in competition (under close scrutiny) that there is an investigation into allowing 15-year old workers in hot areas like F&C (however, tracks like Mid-Ohio may still have restrictions). The re-writing of the GCR for 2010 is complete and the copy that is on-line is the Official GCR. The re-write attempts to better organize the manual and move procedural stuff to the appropriate operating manual. Printed copies for those that requested them (or generally receive them like Tech), should be mailed out in February.

S.C.C.A.
CINCINNATI REGION
CINCHRONIZER
c/o The Tomeys
3823 Springoak Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45248



We're on the Web!
www.cincyscca.com

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 16th
at Mill Race Banquet Center in Winton Woods at 8:00 pm.

Coming A-TRACK-tions

February

- 8 - Race Meeting 7pm Uno's
- 16 - Monthly Meeting 8 pm
- 25 - 28 Auto Expo

March

- 16 - Monthly Meeting 8 pm
- 20 - GLDiv Solo Spring Training

Wouldn't it have been
great to see all these
pictures in color? An
email subscription is
the answer!



The Sports Car Store provides dealer quality service at about half the price. We receive our parts direct from the distributors and pass the savings on to you. Owner, Steve Mains has personally been working on import cars for over forty years. If you own a Mercedes - Benz, BMW, Porsche, Audi, Jaguar, Ferrari, Saab, Rolls - Royce, Bentley, Lamborghini, Saab, Volvo, MG, Triumph, Volkswagen (air or water cooled), we want to be your service and repair specialists.

7659 Turfway Rd. Florence, KY
www.sportscarstore.net
859-283-0800