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The racing season is officially wrapped up in the Cincinnati Region, and we definitely went out with a bang! The region sends out a huge thank you to Todd Cholmondeley and Brian Walker for another incredible IT/Spectacular and PDX, as well as Nathan Roberts and Shari McCoy for an amazing Solo Season! I think I speak for everyone when I say I really appreciate the effort that they put into making sure we had a safe and fun place to play this year.

November is our general elections meeting, so we'll take a minute to go through the current board and then list those that have been nominated for election to the board in 2012. Our current officers are Bill Niemeyer, Chairman; Dave Santel, Regional Executive; E.B. Lunken, Asst. Regional Executive; Bryan Schafer, Treasurer. Pat Witte was the treasurer for the region, but stepped down due to time commitments with work. Christy Graham is currently serving as his replacement. Our Board Members at Large serve a two year term, and 3 are elected each year. Currently starting their second year of term and not up for reelection are Nathan Roberts, Shari McCoy, and Brian Walker. Currently ending their second year and vacating their spots will be Joe O'Gorman, Rodney Sizemore, and Christy Graham.

Here is the list of current nominees for our 2012 Board:

RE: Dave Santel

Assistant RE: EB Lunken

Treasurer: Christy Graham

Secretary: Bryan Schafer

Board Member at Large (3 Positions Available): Joe O'Gorman, Todd Cholmondeley, Pattison Lunken, Andrew Stanford, Kevin Coyne, and Bill Stevens

Please be sure to attend and vote! The Board of Directors is responsible for all decisions that affect your club! Also, please note that as always, there will be no December general membership meeting, and the January meeting location will be moved to Full Throttle Indoor Karting. Full Throttle is located at 11725 Commons Dr, Springdale, OH 45246. Please call 513-341-5278 for directions!

Thanks everyone! We'll see you at the Mills Race Banquet Center for the meeting!

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Make it Fun!

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Deadline:
Tuesday, December 6th

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2011 SCCA Racing in GLD

by Jerry Cabe

August 21st saw a single-day Double Regional race at Nelson Ledges put on by Neohio Region. This was originally planned to be in conjunction with their 12-Hour Enduro race, but that event got cancelled. Initial registration for the single-day event was light, but turnout improved significantly with good weather for Sunday. Cincy racers attending were Rick Deerwester in SM (qualifying 4th, finishing 4th in first race, and 3rd in second race), Tex Melotti in SM (7th, 6th, 6th), myself in SM (11th, 12th, 9th), and Greg Crosley in FV (2nd, 2nd, 2nd).

On Labor Day weekend, Ohio Valley Region held their PDX and double regional event at Mid-Ohio. Weather was OK, but on Sunday it was iffy with on and off rain that made it difficult to choose a tire to go out on. Attendance of drivers and volunteers was good for this end-of-summer event. Cincy drivers and class results are as follow.

Name	Class	Sat Qual	Sat Race	Sun Qual	Race	Sun Race
Brian Frank	FP	4 th	DNF	1 st		1 st
Richard Roberson	GTL	1 st	1 st	DNF		1 st
Bruce Frank	HP	---	4 th	---		3 rd
Tim Silver	FP	3 rd	DNS	---		---
Jason Briggs	DSR	5 th	DNF	---		---
Gary Portscher S2	---		3 rd	---		---
Dan Ruggiero SM	3 rd		3 rd	16 th		6 th
Rick Deerwester	SM	4 th	1 st	2 nd		2 nd
Jerry Cabe	SM	15 th	17 th	14 th		13 th
Doug Seim	FST	2 nd	2 nd	3 rd		2 nd
Dave Blevins	FST	7 th	4 th	5 th		---
Paul Anderson FV	3 rd		2 nd	3 rd		3 rd
Sam Farmiga FST	8 th		4 th	DNF		---
Paul Russ	SRF	14 th	14 th	7 th		10 th

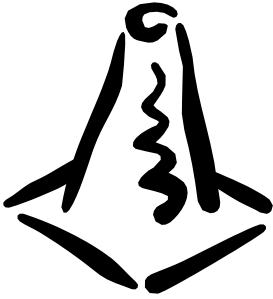
OVR held a 1-hour Enduro on Saturday in which Paul Russ drove his SRF to 5th overall and 5th in class. For the 10-lap Handicap Race on Sunday, I finished 7th overall, but 1st in class.

The Grand Am and Continental Tire Challenge series came to Mid-Ohio for the season finale during September 16-18th. Invited to participate in this large spectator event was the SCCA with an IT-Spec Miata Shootout. Registration for this event was 48 with about half being SM's. We had practice on Friday, qualifying on Saturday, and then three races on Sunday (a 13 lap and a 15 lap qualifying race, followed by a 19 lap race). There was a lot of top talent from around the GLD and other divisions in attendance. In Spec Miata, Dan Ruggiero and I participated from Cincinnati Region. Dan did well, qualifying 13th, and finishing 10th, 8th, and 8th overall in the races (finishing 2nd in SM in the final race). I felt I did OK after starting with a very poor 42nd place qualifying, followed by a 37th, 38th and a 32nd place overall (finishing 18th in class in the final race out of 25 SM's). Volunteers working this Pro event from the Cincy Region were too numerous for me to list, but I'm sure they all had a great time. Several of the corner workers waved to me, usually with their blue flags.

The next race in the GLD was the Ohio Valley Sprints, put on by OVR on October 8-9th at Mid-Ohio. This is a double-regional event which runs the 2.4 mile Club Course on Saturday, and then switches to the 2.258 mile Pro Course on Sunday. They also run a 1-hour Enduro on Saturday, and a 10-lap Handicap race on Sunday.

Name	Class	Sat Qual	Sat Race	Sun Qual	Race	Sun Race
Brian Frank	FP	3 rd	2 nd	2 nd		DNF
Richard Roberson	GTL	1 st	1 st	1 st		1 st
Bruce Frank	HP	5 th	4 th	4 th		3 rd
Gary Portscher S2	---		3 rd	DNS		3 rd
Greg Crosley	S2	1 st	1 st	2 nd		1 st
Rick Deerwester	SM	4 th	1 st	2 nd		2 nd
Dave Hechler SM	9 th		7 th	7 th		4 th
Robert Bax	SM	12 th	14 th	10 th		12 th
Jerry Cabe	SM	16 th	16 th	15 th		17 th
William EhrstineITA	9 th		8 th	---		---
Joe Kohls	ITC	8 th	8 th	7 th		8 th
Tim Floyd	FE	2 nd	2 nd	1 st		2 nd
Barney Powers DSR	6 th		6 th	DNS		6 th
Dave Kutney	SSB	2 nd	DNS	---		---

Dave Hechler and Rob Bax both ran SM in the 1-Hour Enduro. Dave finished 11th overall, 1st in SM. Rob finished 14th



Between the Cones

Solo Report

By: Shari McCoy and Nathan Roberts



The weather has turned colder, and the leaves are all falling from their summer homes in the trees, which can mean only one thing. Winter is quickly approaching, and the autocross season has come to an end. In October, our final month of competition, we held two wonderful events at the Cincinnati Mall. One on October 9th, which was our ninth points event of the season, and the second

one on the 23rd, which was our final points event of the season and our annual PAX Challenge. Year end trophies for seven classes came down to the final event of the season, so it was a very interesting event, with lots of season championships on the line. Our annual PAX Challenge was a hot battle as well, with visitor Dave Montgomery of the St. Louis Region winning the PAX Challenge over our very own Tom O'Gorman. We had four different regions battling it out this year to be the Cincinnati PAX Challenge champion. The three representatives of each of the four regions put on a great show for those that stuck around. So here's hoping that next year we can bring the PAX trophy back home to the Cincinnati Region.

We are very sad that the season is over, but we are looking forward to another great year of autocrossing next season. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for helping to make this a great season! We appreciate your help and support! We can't wait until next season starts. Make sure you keep an eye on the website for any updates on next year's schedule.

overall, 4th in SM. Joe Kohls was the only Cincy member running in the 10-lap Handicap race, finishing 12th overall, 2nd in ITC. Towards the end of the race, Joe fought hard against an ITE BMW M3 with his Fiesta; running side by side through the chicane and all the way around the keyhole, before being out powered by the BMW.

The final races in the GLD were a Quad Regional put on by Neohio at Nelson Ledges. The Championship in several classes in the GLD Regional Championship Series would be decided by this one weekend. It was your typical fall race weather at Nelson – cold, rainy, muddy, sunny, etc., but we never had snow. Recent rains made it such that you didn't want to be off track at any point during the weekend.

Results for Cincy Region drivers.

Name	Class	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4
Paul Russ	SRF	1 st	2 nd	4 th	3 rd
Bryan Floyd	GTL	1 st	---	1 st	---
Rick Deerwester	SM	3 rd	8 th	3 rd	4 th
Tex Melotti	SM	9 th	7 th	2 nd	7 th
Jerry Cabe	SM	12 th	11 th	12 th	11 th
Bill Stevens	ITB	DNF	DNF	---	---

I didn't get to talk with Bill to find out what was wrong with his Charger. And somehow, after the finish line for the 2nd race, Tex's rear bumper hit Rick's front bumper, sending Rick off into the tire wall, resulting in Rick receiving the "Inverted Turtle" award for finishing upside down. Rick and car were OK, and both ran on Sunday.

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 15th
at Mill Race Banquet Center in Winton Woods at 8:00 pm.

Coming A-*TRACK*-tions

November

4-6 ARRC @ Road Atlanta

7 - Race Committee Meeting at 7pm at
Pomodori's

15 - Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm
ELECTIONS for local BoD

15 - Ballots for Area 4 Director must be received
by this date

December

- no monthly meeting

January

17 - monthly meeting at Full Throttle Indoor Karting.
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