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This October-November all Great Lakes Division SCCA members will be asked to vote for the Area 4 Director to serve as our representative to the SCCA Board of Directors for 2012-2014. This is an important position that ultimately helps define the direction and future of the SCCA, no matter what activities in which you participate.

The Cincinnati Region has invited all known candidates for this position (currently Marcus Merideth and Steve Harris) to come talk to our membership, define their platforms and visions, and field questions from the general membership. Both have accepted the date of September 27th. We have also opened this meeting up to any SCCA member from any region within the Great Lakes Division, so we may have some additional guests from neighboring regions. We anticipate the meeting will go from 8:00 – 9:30, depending on questions.

Please note that the September membership meeting is on the 4th Tuesday of the month (Sept. 27th) in order to not conflict with the Runoffs.

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Deadline:

Tuesday, October 4th

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2011 SCCA Racing in GLD

by Jerry Cabe

The Club Race season in the Great Lakes Division continues in full swing. On July 9-10, the South Bend Region put on their Regional/National event at Gingerman Raceway in South Haven, MI. Gingerman has added a new section that extends Turn 10, increases the length and speeds on the backstretch between T-10 and T-11, and makes the track a 2.21 mile course.

As far as I know, I was the only Cincy Region driver in the regional race, finishing 6th in SM. In the National race, Shawn Slattery finished 1st in SM, and I pulled out a 6th place to finally score some national points. Christy Graham was at the event working Grid and John Peterson was officiating.

Next up was the Double Regional at the 2.0 mile Grattan Raceway course in Grattan, MI. Western Michigan Region combined races with the Midwest Council of Sports Car Clubs to put on a combined race. The MWCSCC sanctions many of the races in the SE area of the Central Division. WMR worked hard to get Topeka to allow a combined race event with the SCCA and the MWCSCC. There was a lot of different racers that we don't necessarily see in the GLD competing which made for some new challenges. Doug Seim from Cincy finished 11th in the first race and 3rd in the second race in FST. Sam Farmiga also ran in FST, finishing 7th in the first race, but did not start the second race. I squeaked out a 5th and 4th place finishes in SM. I wasn't getting around like I normally do, and John Peterson was the only Cincy official I remember seeing working the event.

And then came the IT/SPEC*acular event on July 29-31. Todd reported on this race last month. Even though I wasn't feeling well, I did struggle on and actually ran all the sessions, finishing ahead of Rob Bax on Saturday, but I got eaten up by him on Sunday. It was great to see Joe Kohls out running the ITC Fiesta, and actually finishing races. Elliott Bavely also ran in ITC, doing well considering he did an engine swap on Saturday evening. Barney Power's DSR Bobsy was also impressive in finishing races throughout the weekend. Paul Anderson was making his, and his car's debut in FV, after crashing into the wall in front of T&S back in 2009. I believe Paul was a little rusty, since we had to keep reminding him to go to impound after finishing 1st both days. Rick Deerwester who has been campaigning for the 2011 Spec Miata DNF Championship this season actually finished both races in the points. He thinks he has his mojo back – time will tell. Dan

and Dave Ruggiero ran their Miata in SM and ITA, finishing well, as did Dave Heckler in SM. Stuart Mullin returned from his recent move to the South to run in SRF, finishing well. There were many more Cincy Region members competing, and I apologize for not recognizing everyone. And I hope Todd recognizes all the Cincy Region volunteers that came out to make this a great weekend event.

Indiana Northwest Region held a National/Regional event at Gingerman the weekend of August 6-7. I opted to go there instead of flagging the ALMS/IRL races at Mid-Ohio. After all, I am in the chase in the GLD Regional Championship Series in SM. Todd and Matt Chomondeley also chose to go flag this event over the Pro stuff at M-O. I pulled out a 4th place in a very wet regional SM race. Unfortunately, nobody got the photo of me passing Norm Betts' T1 Corvette near the end of the race. The new section was sooooo slick once the surface got wet, even I had too much power. We were dry for the National race and I was able to pull out a 6th place in SM. Barney Powers was the only other Cincy Region driver, finishing 3rd in DSR in the regional, and 5th in the National.



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Between the Cones

Solo Report

By: Shari McCoy and Nathan Roberts



Summer is winding down, the days are getting cooler and shorter, but the autocross season is still HOT, HOT, HOT! Currently 5 classes are separated by 50 points or less with only 3 more events on schedule for this year.

We held our seventh points event of the season on Sunday August 21st at Turfway Park. We had 42 drivers show up for the event, which started out wet in the morning for setup, but was dry before the first car was off. Everyone got eight runs and had a wonderful time. The course, which was designed by the dynamic duo of Scott Giles and Tom O'Gorman, was very challenging and fun. Our eighth points event of the season was scheduled to be held on September 4th at Kilkare, a joint event with WOR, but, unfortunately, due to storms and heavy rains on Saturday night and more moving through the area on Sunday it was cancelled. We didn't check on our email on Sunday morning and made it all the way to Kilkare to find out we wouldn't be racing.

As a result of the cancellation of points event #8 on the 4th our calendar will again be changing. The September 25th event that will be held at the Cincinnati Mall will now be points event # 8. The October 9th event will be the annual Pax Challenge and our ninth points event, also to be held at Cincinnati Mall, and the event scheduled for October 23rd will now be points event #10 ten. We hope to see you out at an autocross soon!



MACHINE TOOL SALES AND SERVICE

Race Report

The race committee met on August 23rd to discuss the future of the Cincinnati I.T.SPEC*acular and the OVR /Cincinnati Double National. Todd Cholmondeley will co-chair the OVR/Cincinnati Double National with Jude Summers. The date requested for the event will be June 8th-10th, 2012 at Mid Ohio. The primary dates requested for the I.T.SPEC*acular are August 3rd-5th with a back up date of July 27th-29th, 2012 at Mid Ohio. A questionnaire was proposed to be sent out for feedback from the PDX participants on whether holding the PDX over Saturday and Sunday would be attractive to participants. Next race committee meeting to be held October 4th, at Max & Erma's in Sharonville at 7 pm.

Membership Report

We are currently holding steady at 415 members . A great big welcome goes out to Todd Kime, Courtney Elmore, Greg Carey, George Jenkins, Kyle Jarboe, Richard & Robin Colburn. And an even bigger welcome back to Andy and Nick Stanford.

With the end of the Solo and Race seasons in sight it's time to get our membership "house" in order. I will be working with Jill & Al Tomey, Rodney Sizemore and Clark Marx to streamline how the CinChronizer goes out in the upcoming months as well as get updated info on everyone. If you would like to continue to receive the CinChronizer by mail after December 2011 you will have to contact Jill & Al Tomey at jtomey@cinci.rr.com with SCCA somewhere in the subject or call 513-574-9207.

THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you to everyone in Cincinnati Region for the idea to honor Judy at the IT Spec*acular in July 2011. Judy always referred to the racing community as her "second family." The outpouring of support from that "second family" has been wonderful and very much appreciated.

The Auction resulted in a handsome contribution to the ALS Society of Central and Southern Ohio.

A special thank you to our corporate friends that donated goods and services to the auction:

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In all over 42 donated items were auctioned (some bidding rather hot and heavy). All proceeds go to The ALS Association Central and Southern Ohio to Fight Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease).

See you at the races,
Bob Cowie

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, September 27th
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Coming A-*TRACK*-tions

September

- 25 - Points Event #8 Cincinnati Mall
- 20 - NO Monthly Meeting - see next week
- 27 - Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm

October

- 4 - Race Meeting Max & Erma's 7pm
- 9 - Points Event #9 Pax Challenge Cincinnati Mall
- 18 - Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm
- 23 - Points Event #10

November

- 15 - Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm

Club Racing & Time Trials in the Great Lakes Division

Scheduled events in the Great Lakes Division for 2011. This is a tentative schedule and you should check the website (www.greatlakes-scca.org) to verify exact dates, restrictions, and find additional info.

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| Sep 17-18 | GrandAm @ Mid-Ohio/OVR Restricted
Regional @ Mid-Ohio |
| Sep 19-25 | SCCA Runoffs @ Road America |
| Sep 30-Oct 1 | ALMS Petit LeMans @ Road Atlanta |
| Oct 8-9 | OVR Double Regional @ Mid-Ohio |
| Oct 29-30 | NEOhio Quad Regional @ Nelson Ledges |
| Nov 4-6 | ARRC @ Road Atlanta |