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The busy season for the Cincinnati Region is winding down with the completion of the PDX and IT/Spectacular. While I was not able to attend due to competing at the Pro Solo in Toledo, I heard rave reviews about the weekend. Like I expected anything less... Congratulations to Todd Cholmondeley for hosting another year of what has come to be known as THE premier race in the Mid-West!

The Cincinnati Region has also been expanding our base of national competitors on the Solo side, with large crowds not only representing Region 70, but bringing home serious piles of hardware! (The trophy kind, not the broken car kind, that was only me.) We're very excited to see more of our region members getting into the sport enough to travel, and I think many are surprised at just how well they're doing!

As always, please take a minute to thank the volunteers in our club that sink time into putting on events for the rest of the members. We often lose sight of just how much work it takes from the volunteer end so the rest of us can play, and we're quick to criticize and slow to compliment. A little pat on the back and a thanks can go a long way towards keeping our events lead by committed volunteers for years to come! Thanks to Todd and Brian for a great race weekend, and thanks to Shari and Nathan for putting on a stellar solo season so far!



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# INAUGURAL GLD CLUB TRIAL

By Jerry Cabe



The Cincinnati Region, as well as several other regions within the Great Lakes Division, has held Performance Driving Experience (PDX) events for several years. The PDX (Level 1 of the four-tiered Time Trail program) provides individual instruction and track time to develop the skills and experience for performance driving. This is generally accomplished on a road course under strict safety rules. Individual timing of the PDX event is prohibited to allow a safe environment for learning, not competing.

On Saturday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, the Cincinnati Region held the first Club Trial to be put on in the Great Lakes Division. The Club Trial is Level 2 of the Time Trial program, and is the next step in the development of performance driving skills. While very similar in logistics and execution to the PDX, the Club Trial adds timing to the mix. A transponder is added to the participant's vehicle in order to allow recording of individual lap times.

The Club Trial event was held in conjunction with Cincy's IT/SPEC\*acular weekend. The Club Trial was scheduled as Group 8 of the Saturday race event, and had 15 participants. Most had driven in the PDX on the previous day, so they all were familiar with the course and the logistics the event would operate under. The Club Trial participants all received a 20-minute morning session to prepare themselves and car, and to run their best "qualifying" lap time. These best times were used to set the grid for the afternoon session, and allowed the best opportunity for the participants to have clean track time in order to concentrate on applying their driving skills. Both Club Trial sessions were run with only two minor spins on track.

For some of the participants, their AM lap times were better than their PM times. This is likely to have been a function of the atmospheric conditions (hotter in the afternoon). But most showed lap-time improvements between the two sessions. But in the end, all the participants for the inaugural Club Trial had big smiles on their faces.

A second Club Trial is scheduled by the Neohio Region at Nelson Ledges on August 19<sup>th</sup>, and the next PDX is scheduled at Mid-Ohio on August 31<sup>st</sup> by Ohio Valley Region. Info on both of these Time Trial events can be found on [www.motorsportreg.com](http://www.motorsportreg.com) or by contacting the appropriate region through their website.

## RACE REPORT

Wow I can't believe how fast the Mid Ohio race weekend went by. Thankfully the weather was beautiful and the gas prices were a heck of a lot lower then they are now. Thanks to Rodney Sizemore, Claire Frimming, E.B. Lunken and Anthony Horning for their stellar work in setting up the paddock and supervising the "Hauler Rodeo's" on Thursday and Friday evenings. We had a few grumbles about moving cars and trailers but nothing major. Friday's PDX got off a little late due to some miscommunications between the Pro group and the track personal which led to a couple of shortened morning sessions but Brian Walker, Bill Niemeyer, Jerry Cabe, Dan Coughnour and Dennis Barnes were up to the task and by the end of the day everyone went home happy. Storms late Friday evening

dampened things a bit but dry weather on Saturday and Sunday with cool temperatures had everyone in a festive mood. Bob Cowie was very excited to report that the amount of activity and bidding on the silent auction this year far surpassed last year and he anticipated a hefty check being sent to ALS in Judy Cowies name. Thanks to all that bid on items, we appreciate your generosity and support in the fight to find a cure for ALS.

On to the racing! What a great group of drivers and fields we had this year. The Pro groups did not disappoint on or off the track and the club driving was fantastic. Unfortunately the Spec Miata races didn't get through the first lap in the afternoon races either day before the caution flags flew, but what do you expect when you put 45 Miata's on the track? With all the new faces we had more than one lost driver looking for the tech barn, false grid or the party Saturday night. Thanks to all that got these wayward folks where they were going. We had 18 participants that drove more than 600 miles to be at the event which shows that our reputation is growing as a race to be at. And last but not least kudo's to Jerry Cabe and "his kids" for showing the rest of the division how a club trial works. Great job to the 15 drivers that went out and set times. We hope for more of the same in the future.

Respectfully Submitted, Todd Cholmondeley



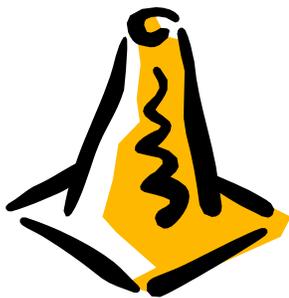
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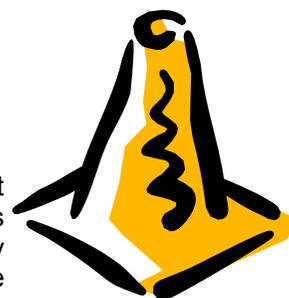
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# Between the Cones

Solo Report

By: Shari McCoy and Nathan Roberts



August is here, which means the autocross season is almost complete. We have only four more points events until our season is over. We held our sixth points event at Turfway Park on Sunday July 22. Our August calendar is very busy with three points events in three weeks. Our next event will be points event number 7 on August 12th and we will be holding our eighth points event the following Sunday, August 19th, also at Turfway Park. Then on August 26th, we will head north to KillKare Raceway for our first joint event with the Western Ohio Region. We are very excited about our upcoming events in August. Our season will conclude on September 16 with our annual Pax Challenge to be held at the Wilmington Airpark. We only have a few more events before it is time to get ready for the winner, we look forward to seeing you all at one of our upcoming events!

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## Hey Guys,

The 2012 Cincy Performance Driving Experience was a great success. It surprises me every year that we manage to pull it off. I believe we had much better cooperation and management of the day and we learn and improve after every event. The car count for the event was 33 novices in two groups, 29 intermediate, and 31 advanced/instructors for a total of 94 cars. The weather forecast for the event was 40% chance of rain but the racing gods must have been with us because there was only a small sprinkle the whole day.

The Ferrari Club joined us for yet another year (see note from them below) and we were very glad to have them. Michael and Robert - Thanks for your continued support.

For the second year in a row we had the Track Tours at lunch time and also the Instructor Ride Alongs. These were very well received this year and added on track fun for non-PDX participants.

I would like to thank Rodney Sizemore for delivering PDX supplies, Jeff Loewe for the photos, E B, Dennis, Bob and Barney for Novice classroom sessions, Bill for being Chief Instructor, Dan and Dennis for Chiefs of Safety, Gordon, Tim, Bobbi and all that helped with tech. A big thanks to Chip, Pat and the others that worked grid. None of the weekend's activities would be possible without the tireless people of registration Todd, Jill, Christy, Pattison and many others too. Thank you to Jill and Colleen for the help at the SCCA Tent.

I had a great day with the RX-7 and I heard from many others that can't wait till next year. Thank you so very much for the help of everyone that made this yet another great year at Mid Ohio.

Have a great day, Brian Walker PDX Chairman

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Bob and Brian-

Thank you for again having us to the PDX. Our members had a really nice time, and everyone was able to leave the track with their cars in the same shape as when they arrived. As always, you guys did a great job keeping everyone safe. I also appreciate your flexibility with Craig Reed, I believe he was able to give 3 people rides and they were all happy about their on track experience.

I trust the rest of the weekend went well and you are starting to recover a bit today.

I'll look forward to some more fun next year!

Regards,

Michael Kelly

FCA Ohio Chapter President

Come for the cars, stay for the people

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## Help Spread the Word

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## Coming A-*TRACK*-tions

### August

- 12 - Points Event #7 Turfway Park
- 19 - Points Event #8 Turfway Park
- 21 - Monthly Meeting at Mill Race
- 26 - Joint Event w/WOR Kil-Kare

### September

- 16 - Pax Challenge w/ WOR Wilmington
- 18 - Monthly Meeting at Mill Race

### October

- 16 - Monthly Meeting at Mill Race

### November

- 20 - Monthly Meeting at Mill Race



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