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During my second year of being an SCCA member, I sat in on a board meeting to discuss the Solo program in the solo chair's absence. At that time, the club was in need of a treasurer so I raised my hand to volunteer. The bewildered look I got from the rest of the board probably should have indicated what I had just signed myself up for, but 4 years later I'm very glad to have served on the board of what was just recognized as the SCCA's region of the year.

So what goes into earning the Region of the Year award? According to Colin Arnold, who presented the award at this year's convention, it was our region's dedication to improving our membership. I thought about this for quite some time, and it really boils down to the volunteer base we have in our region. I have to admit that struggling to find volunteers to reliably fill important positions gave me a few grey hairs during my first year as RE. I'm happy to say that as of this time, the Cincinnati Region is blessed to have what I consider to be an all-star team at the helm. Do some very light digging around on any online forum and you'll quickly find that our club racing program is regarded as one of the best in the country. Our co-solo chairs have worked tirelessly to improve the autocross events we host, including polishing processes and procedures, as well as finding exciting new venue opportunities. The region has grown because a large team of volunteers lead by Brian Walker have promoted our events all around town, and Todd Cholmondeley has made it his personal mission to ensure our current members find value in their membership. We're also lucky to have a treasurer who is dedicated to make sure our finances are under control.

At the recent board meeting, Todd Cholmondeley confirmed that this year will be his last at the helm of the club racing program. Todd's efforts deserve a huge pat on the back, as is evident by our recent IT/Spectacular that was not only a smash hit with the participants, but was one of the very rare financially successful events in the nation right now. Jerry Cabe has graciously volunteered to take the reins from Todd, so the future of the event is in GREAT hands!

I also announced that this will officially be my last year as the Region Executive. I would like to pass the position off while the club is doing well, and expect to help in any way I can for the incoming RE. Please let us know if you're interested in the position. There are many exciting opportunities in the works for the club, and I'd love to see a dedicated individual run for the position. Thank you to everyone who has made my stint as RE a very pleasurable and memorable experience! Here's to many more years of great success for the region's future leadership!

Yours in sport,  
Dave Santel

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Newsletter  
Deadline:  
Tuesday,  
Oct. 2nd**

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**Make it Safe! Make it Fun!**

**Thank you** to everyone in the Cincinnati Region who helped make our second Silent Auction, in memory of Judy Cowie, to fight ALS (Lou Gehrigs disease) **a big success.**

The fun night at Quaker Steak and Lube prior to the IT-Spec\*taclular race at Mid-Ohio really had a big turnout. We filled an entire room. We may have come up with a new place and reason to gather and bench race. The Silent Auction at Mid-Ohio brought more bid items to the tables providing a big increase in donations.

Special Thanks To:

- \* The Cincinnati Region-SCCA
- \* Continental Motorsports
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- \* Cincy Motorsports Journal
  - \* Kurt Niemeyer, Editor

In the past, the region has sent a thank you to Chip Hart for his help with the Auto Expo. This year he requested we make a contribution to a kid's charity instead so we donated to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Below is an excerpt from their thank you note from Susan McConnell, CEO:

*The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana would like to thank you for your generous contribution. We received \$200 on June 14, 2012 which will help make heartfelt wishes come true for local children with life threatening medical conditions.*

*Watching a smile stretch across a child's beaming face during a wish is a powerful inspiration for all of us at the Make-A-Wish Foundation. A wish renews the spirit of the child and family and offers hope for the future, strength for tomorrow and a joyful experience.*

*As long as children continue to battle life threatening medical conditions, the Make-A-Wish Foundation will be here making wishes come true. We thank you again for your kind support.*



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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Effective immediately, Jim Green has resigned as Executive Steward of Great Lakes Division.

As sometimes happens, events in Jim's personal life demanded his time, leaving precious little for his SCCA functions. Jim remains a highly valued Steward in Great Lakes Division and will continue to serve our members. We appreciate his efforts and continued commitment to the club.

I have appointed Dan Hodge as Interim Executive Steward for Great Lakes Division to serve the remainder of Jim's term. Dan will be assisted by former GLD Executive Steward John Peterson.

Please join me in thanking Jim for his service and welcoming Dan to this new position.

Yours for the Sport,  
Stephen Harris  
Director, Area 4 SCCA



Dave Santel set FTD at the July 22 Solo



Tim Viar was FTD PAX for both July Solo's



Tony Brown gets scrutinized at Tech Day getting ready for the IT Spectacular

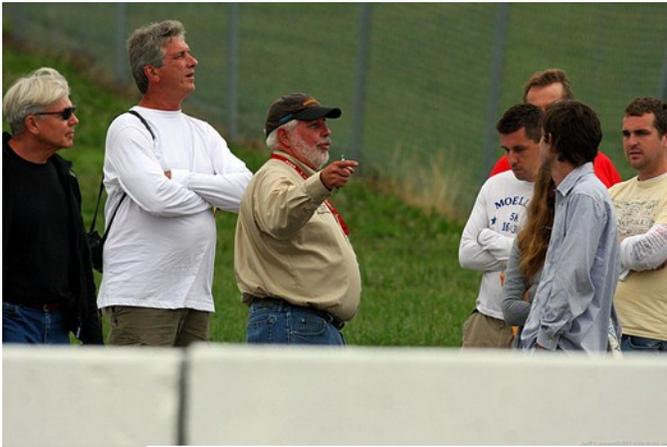


Good turn out for Tech Day in July getting ready for the IT Spectacular



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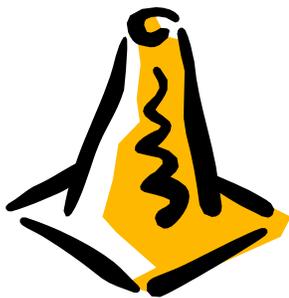




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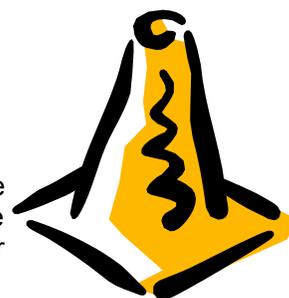
Doesn't get any better than this!



# Between the Cones

Solo Report

By: Shari McCoy and Nathan Roberts



The solo season is winding down to a close and we only have one more event for the 2012 season. It seems like just yesterday we were getting ready to have our first event and now here we are at our final event for this season.

July was a busy month for our solo program with three events in three weeks. We had two events at Turfway Park and our first joint event of the season with WOR. We would like to thank all of those who made the trip to KilKare with us for the event hosted by WOR. It was great to see such a strong Cincinnati showing at a local event outside of our region. WOR did a great job putting on the event and we look forward to seeing some of the WOR people at our final event of the season.

Our final event is Sunday, September 16 at the Wilmington Airpark. This will be our second joint event of the season with WOR, and as always our final points event of the season is our annual PAX Challenge. Hopefully we will be able to gain back the PAX Challenge title after losing it last year. On line registration is now open for the final event at Wilmington on MyAutoEvents.com. There is an entry cap for this event, so if you plan on attending please make sure you register early.

In addition to the Pax Challenge, this is our final points event of the season, and two hot battles are coming down to this event. The battle for the season championship in SMF will be decided at this event. Tavis Spencer, in the Dodge SRT-4 is currently leading with 544.18 season points, but Robert Drake is hot on his heels in his Mini Cooper S with total season points of 536.17. It all comes down to this final event. Tire Index will be another great battle to watch with Chris Jackson leading but Aaron Gastrich is close behind. Less than two points separate first and second place for the season trophy going into the final event. It will definitely be an event to watch. We hope to see you all at the Wilmington Airpark on Sunday, September 16.

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### The Final Checkered

This month we bid final farewells to two members of the SCCA family. Les Jamison died Sunday, August 12 and John Kutney Sr. passed away on August 21.

I can remember Les Jamison as a real car guy. I recall back when he sponsored Gene Scott in his G modified Elva MK5 and then with Malcomb Lykins in his E Production MGB. Always willing to help be it in the old dairy garage or signaling in the pit lane at the races. One great guy who will be missed.

Roger Many



John Kutney Sr. passed away on August 21 at the age of 87. John was active in the club in the late 70's and early 80's racing a showroom stock Renault LeCar, VW Rabbit and Chevrolet Citation making the runoffs 3 straight years. He is survived by his wife Jean of 64 years, 4 sons and 2 daughters. A memorial mass is planned for Saturday, September 15, 2012, 11 am at St. James of the Valley Church in Wyoming Ohio.

Dave Kutney

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept 25th at 8:00 pm  
at Mill Race Banquet Center in Winton Woods  
One week later due to the Run-offs.

## Coming A-*TRACK*-tions

### September

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

### October

16 - Monthly Meeting at Mill Race

### November

20 - Monthly Meeting at Mill Race



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