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GREEN FLAG! GREEN FLAG! Finally, after an elongated winter, and a certain groundhog being criminally indicted for false predictions by the Butler County prosecutor's office, the 2013 Cincinnati Region SCCA competition event calendar has kicked off! By the time you read this our first Solo events will have already been completed. Even though I am writing this BEFORE the events up at Wilmington Air Park, I do know that both events on April 6th & 7th have waiting lists for competitors! Congratulations to our Solo Chair's Shari & Nathan and the entire Solo Committee team!

Speaking of our Solo program... how about the membership meeting in March?! That was a great presentation by Shari, Nathan, Dennis and the rest of the team. And without official numbers, I will dare say that was one of the largest membership turnouts for a monthly meeting in a LONG time! Thank you to everyone that came out for the meeting! Our membership chair has been hard at work to make our new regular monthly meetings fun and interesting for everyone and with the general meetings now starting at 7pm, more time to socialize!! Mark your calendar for the next monthly meeting on April 16th @ 7pm at the Mill Race Banquet Center (1515 West Sharon Road, Cincy, OH 45240)!

Our Race/PDX/Time Trial committee has also been a bunch of worker bees this past month getting things organized for the I.T. Spectacular Weekend later this summer. Our true "Interim Race Chair" Todd has been wearing many hats and keeping the chair warm and ready for Jerry's return to action very soon. Keep your eyes open for more information soon about when registration will be opening up and how everyone can get involved to volunteer and be a part of this exciting weekend!

So now that this 2013 season is in motion, if you see an activity you haven't been involved in before but would like to try it out, come on down! This is YOUR club, enjoy it!

See you soon where the rubber meets the road,
Tony Brown

"If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough" - M. Andretti

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Membership Report

Lets hope April showers stick to the work week so everyone has drive pavement for weekend racing! The first membership only meeting at the Mill Race was a great success. Thanks to Shari, Nathan and Dennis for the great presentation. We had lots of new folks who got some great info on what to expect at their first autocross. Remember, this month we will have guest speaker Kevin Sobkowiak talking to us about carbon fiber and its applications to racing. Start time is 7 pm at the Mill Race!!!! The May meeting will be at Full Throttle Indoor Karting by Dave n Busters and in June we will be back at the Mill Race as Jeff Loewe will be giving us a presentation on high speed photography. I hope you can attend one or all of our upcoming meetings. Now its time to welcome our new members who signed up in March. D.Scott Dennison, Ken Newman II, John Jackson, John Strosnider, Rick Lusk, Kyle Geideman, Wayne Albain, Scott Phillips and Joshua Pepoon. And to straighten out some confusion from the National office. Welcome to Ralph, Sheryl and Anthony Stevens. Your names popped up in different months even though its a family membership.

Have a safe month,

Todd Cholmondeley



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Minutes of the January, 2013 Meeting of the Cincinnati Region SCCA Board of Directors

The meeting was called to order by Bill Niemeyer at 6:50. Board members attending were: Brian Walker, Bryan Schafer, Christy Graham, Joe O'Gorman, Shari McCoy, Todd Cholmondeley, Rick Deerwester, Tony Brown. Board members David Santel, Pattison Lunken and Nathan Roberts were unable to attend the meeting. Also attending were Jerry Cabe and Paul Williams. Brian Walker motioned to approve the November, 2012 meeting minutes. Shari McCoy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Brian Walker motioned to approve the December, 2012 meeting minutes. Shari McCoy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Christy Graham presented the treasurer's report. Joe O'Gorman motioned to approve the January treasurer's report. Shari McCoy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Christy Graham will lead a team to put together a Club budget.

Old Business

Todd Cholmondeley reported that approximately 55% of our e-mailed CinChronizer newsletters are opened.

Banquet planning: We have 67 registered for the banquet. The Board reviewed the banquet agenda.

Race/PDX Report

Jerry Cabe presented the Race/PDX report. The Race committee is planning to host the Roundtable on November 9. Plans for the 2013 race season are progressing. The next race committee meeting will be February 4. The Board unanimously approved the 2013 Race budget via e-mail prior to the January meeting.

Solo Report

Shari McCoy presented the Solo report. The 2013 schedule and budget are in progress. The board suggests that March 1 be the drop dead date for FAA approval on the Wilmington Match Tour. Joe O'Gorman provided a detailed status update on the Wilmington airport site. A committee will be formed to work issues related to the Region hosting National Solo events.

Membership

Todd Cholmondeley presented the membership report. Todd presented some ideas for future membership meetings.

Car Shows

The board approved \$600 for car show expenses in 2013. About 20 members showed up to work the SCCA booth at the 2013 Cavalcade of Wheels event. Brian Walker is finalizing details for the club event at the Cincinnati Auto Expo in February.

New Business

The next board meeting will be at Mill Race, 6:30, February 19.

Next Meeting Agenda Topics

SCCA Charter renewal due by February 15.

Minutes of the February, 2013 Meeting of the Cincinnati Region SCCA Board of Directors

The meeting was called to order by David Santel at 6:45. Board members attending were: Brian Walker, Bryan Schafer, Christy Graham, Joe O'Gorman, Shari McCoy, Todd Cholmondeley, Rick Deerwester, Tony Brown, David Santel, Pattison Lunken and Nathan Roberts. Also attending were Jim Clark, E.B. Lunken and Colleen Cabe.

Rick Deerwester motioned to approve the January, 2013 meeting minutes. Todd Cholmondeley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Christy Graham presented the treasurer's report and draft program budgets for 2013. The Board tabled discussion on program budgets. Brian Walker motioned to approve the February treasurer's report. Todd Cholmondeley seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business

David Santel will represent the region at the SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas.

Tony Brown will submit information required to maintain our Club Charter to National.

Race/PDX Report

Todd Cholmondely presented the Race/PDX report.

In Jerry Cabe's absence, Tony Brown volunteered to serve as interim Race Chair; Brian Walker will be PDX Chair; Dave Howard will serve as Chief Steward. Rick Deerwester motioned to approve these appointments. Joe O'Gorman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Solo Report

Nathan Roberts presented the Solo report.

A tentative schedule has been published. David Santel reported that we have not heard anything more from the FAA on the status of Wilmington. All of the dates we have requested for Solo events have been approved by the airport. Parts of the schedule are still in flux due to schedule conflicts and other factors.

Membership

Todd Cholmondeley presented the membership report.

We have over 400 members, and the count continues to climb by several members each month.

Todd will report next month on members who will be eligible for a region lifetime membership. The next board meeting will be March 12, 7:00, at a location TBD. The next general meeting will be at the Mill Race on March 19, 7:00.

Car Shows

Brian Walker reported on car shows. Brian is working on setting up the Auto Expo, which starts this week. Brian could use additional help from the membership for this and other car shows.

New Business

Tony Brown put forth a proposal for a new role: Site Manager - Wilmington. The Site Manager will have primary responsibility for communication with interested parties, including Wilmington Airport, Wilmington Port Authority, Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, Wilmington City Council, and the Clinton County Convention & Visitors Bureau. Rick Deerwester moved to appoint Paul Williams as the Site Manager - Wilmington. Todd Cholmondeley seconded the motion. The motion passed with Joe O'Gorman opposed.

On the motion of Pattison Lunken, with Bryan Schafer seconding, the meeting was adjourned.

Between the Cones

Solo Report

By: Shari McCoy and Nathan Roberts



Hello all! Sadly, due to the time constraints of our monthly newsletter, you'll have to wait until next month to hear how the first event went. However, as we round out the week before our opening weekend and the registration fills up, the excitement is becoming overwhelming. Of course, as the pre reg fills up we all begin to make our predictions for how things will turn out. Some of us going as far as guessing the outcome of full seasons. Super Stock looks like it will be yet another hotly contested year between Kent Weaver, Crissy Weaver and Bryan Schafer. With the all-Corvette battle raging the absence of Dr. Greg Lloyd makes for an early points advantage for the other competitors. Our very own chief safety steward, Dennis Barnes, looks to defend his C Street Prepared title against any and all challengers. Dennis is always one of my favorite competitors to watch, spending his whole time on track with the car pushed to its limits, locking up breaks, sliding the car through turns and doing it all in the safest manner possible. Street Touring Sport is a class I could write a whole book about but will be one of the few that I can guarantee will come down to the last few events in the points race.

As always, we welcome back the U.C. Bearcat FSAE team who will be out in force for our first event and showing just what the future of automotive engineering has in store. Pro Index should be a close battle with the addition of the Road Tire Pax bump helping a few competitors run stock class cars on street tires and stay competitive. Expect to see good showings for the whole class and although my money is on Col. David "DANGER" Santel to take the title, I expect to see the most fight out of the person driving the car with four doors. Most of all we can't look past our tire index. Wow! What a huge class and no wonder, with such a level playing field, why not race in the most action packed class we have to offer? I expect to see strong performances from all the usual suspects: Dave Rudy, Clark Marx, Chris Jackson, Evan Frank, and Aaron Gastrich who all fought it out last year. Attempting to keep the new kids in line will be none other than Jack Burns, now driving an HS Mini Cooper and Gary Niles.

As good as that racing will be the best show may be our up-and-comers with Brandy Spencer Piloting her new BMW 330i. If she can transition from front wheel drive to rear wheel drive she can be a big problem for the boys at the top. Anthony Mester made a good showing at the end of the last season and with some new tires may quickly join the front runners. The big story that only a few may know is the return of Thomas Giordano. Tom attended his first event 2 years ago and was instantly smitten with the sport. Showing great promise in just one event he spent the following winter saving and building up his car in preparation for the next season. Sadly, this did not happen. A few months

before the beginning of last season Tom was involved in a terrible car accident that left him in the hospital for quite a while and led him down the path of a long recovery. Almost as bad, he lost his treasured car, a 7th generation Celica, to the accident. As time passed and he recovered, he stayed determined to race and saved his money to buy yet another car, this time a Miata. Now, after a year of waiting, he will finally get his chance to dodge the cones again. This puts in perspective for me how lucky I am to get to race all summer. So the next time you feel a little burnt out and think about hanging up your Hoosiers just remember Tom and his year long wait just to race again and how much one autocross can mean to a person.

Before i close this out, I'd also like to thank everyone who came out to our solo seminar at the last member meeting. We had some great questions and I met a lot of promising new drivers that I can't wait to see out on course. As always, if you want you see your name in here, shoot us an email and let us know how your season is going, what you've done to your car or just your opinion on autocross in general.



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Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 19th at 7:00 pm
at Mill Race Banquet Center in Winton Woods

Coming A-*TRACK*-tions

April

- 6 - Test & Tune a.k.a. Testaplooza
Wilmington Lot
- 7 - Region PE #1 Wilmington Lot
- 16 - Monthly Meeting at Mill Race **at 7 pm**

May

- 18 - Region PE #2 Wilmington Pad
- 19 - Region PE #3 Wilmington Pad
- 21 - Monthly Meeting at **Full Throttle Indoor Karting at 7 pm**

June

- 16 - Tri-Region Challenge Connersville Indiana
- 18 - Monthly Meeting at Mill Race **at 7 pm**
- 30 - Points Event #7 Turfway Park



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