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The chill of Fall is in the air as we finally get a break to start reflecting on the “2013 that was” and the “2014 that will be!” As you will see in the event recaps later in this issue, there are many stories to be told from our Solo events and our members that competed, volunteered or were part of a crew at the 50th SCCA National Championship Runoffs at Road America last month.

We have had a few changes to our Cincinnati Region Board to update you on since our last issue of the CinChronizer. Todd Cholmondeley and Pattison Lunken have been serving on the board as Members-at-Large and have had work and life changes come up that have left them with the decision to step down from their positions. We greatly thank them for their years of service to the club as they move on to helping us out in different roles in the Cincinnati Region! Stepping up to fill their positions for the rest of their terms (finishing this year) are E.B. Lunken and Kevin Coyne. Thanks Kevin and welcome back E.B.!

For a long time our monthly newsletter has been in the fine hands of Jill and Allen Tomey. Like clockwork they have been there to make sure our Region stayed “in the know” as managing editors of the CinChronizer. We are now looking for someone to pass on this great responsibility, if you are interested please send me an email at tonybrown\_bah@yahoo.com. Again a great big Thank You to the Tomeys for their outstanding service to the club!

Also a reminder that our next General Meeting on October 15th at 8pm is our annual nomination meeting for those interested in running for a Board position for 2014. This meeting will finalize the ballot for the annual club elections at the November meeting. Look forward to seeing everyone at the Mill Race Banquet Center on the 15th!

And in closing, the Cincinnati Region of the SCCA has a rich (50+ year) history of hosting exceptionally competitive and organized motorsports events that are executed by our dedicated fellow member volunteers. Our Race and SOLO Chairs are already busy scheduling an action packed season to include Regional, Divisional and National events. We are looking forward to an even greater 2014!

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**

**Next  
Newsletter  
Deadline:  
Tuesday,  
Nov. 5th**

# Race Chair Report

*by Jerry Cabe*

While it certainly feels like we just finished with the 2013 IT/SPEC\*taacular, it is time for the planning to get started for Cincy Region's 2014 Club Race season. The next meeting for the RACE Committee is planned for October 21, 2013 at Pomodori's, 7880 Remington Road in Montgomery for 7:00 PM. The agenda will include a review and critique of the 2013 events, and a discussion and planning for the 2014 events. There are significant changes to the structure of Club Racing at the national and divisional levels for next year and the type of events that we plan will be important to their potential success. Anyone that wishes to contribute to the planning is welcome to join the Committee. Please just send me an email at [jcabe@belcan.com](mailto:jcabe@belcan.com) expressing your interest, or just show up at the meeting.

## Many Memories

*By Roger Many*



For the most part the sportscar drivers from the Cincy area have been men. The only time that I recall gals tried racing was back in the late fifties and the first one was Rene Kemper with her MGA. Then came Janet Bell with her A-H and later Carol Hatter with her A-H Sprite. I remember Janet Bell totaled her A-H in her first race down in Louisville, KY and that ended her racing experience. All in all, it was interesting to witness this early racing transition.

Before we had nice closed road course tracks like Mid-Ohio and Nelson Ledges, we did our racing mostly on airport type courses. Some of these courses were in Lawrenceville, IL Akron, OH and Weir airport in Indianapolis. At one time a race was held around the service roads of the Louisville, KY fairgrounds. This was later discontinued as it became too dangerous. We also raced through the streets of Put-In-Bay up in Lake Erie, but it also became too dangerous to continue. As sports car racing became more popular we saw the development of nice new, permanent race courses. We had a nice hill climb race site up in Bellefontaine, OH which was one of the highest points in the state. The county road was closed down for the one day event but we later lost this due to local political pressures.

Next month: The Cincinnati race that never happened.

## Car Shows 2014

Hey Guys,

The Cincinnati Region SCCA will have a booth at the **Cavalcade of Customs** on January 10-12 2014 and also the **Auto Expo** on February 19-23 2014. Both are at the Duke Energy Center downtown Cincinnati. We need several cars for the Auto Expo. We always need volunteers for all shows. Please contact me if you want to help out [briax7@yahoo.com](mailto:briax7@yahoo.com).



Colleen Cabe drove her dads Spec Miata in the Time Trials during the 2013 IT-SPECTacular



Do we call them the Wild Bunch The Cincinnati Region members at the Saturday night party during the 2013 IT SPECTacular



Elliot Bavely (#24) had a great race with Jim Royal (#8) in ITC at the 2013 IT-SPECTacular. Elliot ultimately finished 3rd



Jake Edison wins F1600 during the 2013 IT-SPECTacular



Lori Koltoff throws a final checker of F1600 in tribute to her husband Mike Koltoff during the 2013 IT-SPECTacular



Spec Miata's wait for the call to the track during the 2013 IT-SPECTacular

# Board Meeting - August 20, 2013

Tuesday, August 20, 2013

## **Minutes of the August, 2013 Meeting of the Cincinnati Region SCCA BoD**

The meeting was called to order by Bill Niemeyer at 6:45. Board members attending: Bill Niemeyer, Tony Brown, Christy Graham, Bryan Schafer, Shari McCoy, Nathan Roberts, Brian Walker, Rick Deerwester. Jerry Cabe, Tavis Spencer, Jay Deerwester, Kevin Coyne and Paul Williams also attended the meeting.

Joe O'Gorman and Pattison Lunken were unable to attend the meeting.

Rick Deerwester moved to approve the July, 2013 meeting minutes. Brian Walker seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Christy Graham presented the treasurer's report. Summary financial reports for our recent Solo National and IT\* Spectacular events are not yet available.

Shari McCoy moved to approve the treasurer's report. Tony Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

The Board reviewed the 2013 Solo regional event budget. On the motion of Rick Deerwester, with Bryan Schafer seconding, the budget was approved.

Christy Graham will try to put YTD actuals into the Solo budget prior to the September meeting.

Jerry Cabe reported that GLD have requested the traditional Roundtable event be scaled back. The 2013 agenda will be limited to scheduling and the 2014 GLD Champ Series. Steve Harris will host the meeting in Dayton on November 9, 10:00-3:00.

The board discussed the need for a report from persons the Region sponsors to attend events such as the National Convention. Future sponsored attendees must submit a report to the Board as a requirement for any sponsorship.

### **Race/PDX Report**

Jerry Cabe presented a detailed, written report on our recent Club Race and PDX at Mid Ohio. Highlights from Jerry's report:

- Overall attendance was down slightly but in line with expectations.
- All event operations went well and the fixed schedules worked out well.
- Remembrances were held for John "JP" Peterson and Mike Kolthoff, both of whom recently passed away.
- All worker specialties were well represented and our Chiefs did a good job.
- Jerry hopes to have a financial summary available at next month's meeting.

Brian Walker reported that we had fewer novices but plenty of instructors for the PDX.

### **Solo Report**

Shari McCoy and Nathan Roberts presented the Solo report.

The Solo National Tour event in Wilmington was an overwhelming success, with the Clinton County

Convention & Visitors Bureau estimating that the event contributed and incremental \$230,151 in spending in Clinton County. Competitors came from 23 states and there were quite a few spectators who stopped in to watch the competition.

The weekend prior to the National Tour the region hosted a test and tune and fun event on the Wilmington Airpark pad. Attendance was fairly low due to the fact that it was scheduled only shortly before the event and the weekend conflicted with the Toledo Pro Solo. Still, the region benefitted from being able to do much of the setup required for the Tour.

Upcoming events include a dual event with WOR at Kil-Kare on August 25 and a combined regional and divisional points event at Wilmington on September 15.

Various club members continue to pursue insurance for the Solo trailer.

#### **Membership**

Todd Cholmondeley expressed interest in continuing to contribute to club membership activities. The club typically receives 5-10 new contacts per month and currently has about 450 members.

#### **Car Shows**

No recent activity.

#### **Rally**

No report.

#### **New Business**

The Board reluctantly accepted the resignation of Todd Cholmondeley and thanks him for his dedicated service to the Region. Tony Brown hopes to nominate a candidate to replace Todd at next month's meeting.

The board tabled discussion on the Club's use of social media. Bryan Schafer will schedule a meeting on the topic with interested parties (Kevin Coyne, Shari McCoy, Nathan Roberts, Brian Walker, Tavis Spencer, Tony Brown) after next month's Solo Nationals and Runoffs.

The board discussed the race track being developed at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY and believes that additional GLD involvement is needed, and that a group should visit the facility. Jerry Cabe and Paul Williams will lead this effort.

The next board meeting is 6:30, Tuesday, September 24, at the Mill Race Banquet Center. This will be a combined BoD and membership meeting.

On the motion of Bryan Schafer, Bill Niemeyer seconding, the meeting was adjourned.

#### **Next Meeting Agenda Topics**

Social media outlets (forums, Facebook, newsletter, e-mail, etc.) at the next meeting.

Replacing Todd Cholmondeley and Pattison Lunken who recently resigned.



Bill Niemeyer ran EB Lunken's Doran S2000 at the 2013 Runoffs. Bill finished 8th



Brian Floyd awaits the start of the 2013 Runoffs GTL race



Rob Bax waits for the start of the GTL Race at the 2013 Runoffs



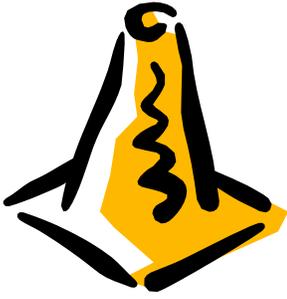
Rob Bax pushes Brian Floyd during the 2013 Runoffs GTL Race



Tom Patton held his own in a tough field in GT2 at the Runoffs. Tom qualified and finished 8th this year.

EB Lunken puts on his best Uncle Nasty face at the 2013 Runoffs

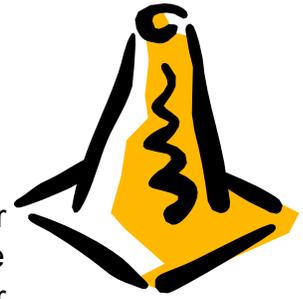




# Between the Cones

Solo Report

By: Shari McCoy and Nathan Roberts



The 2013 Solo Season is winding down. We held our last points event of the season on September 15 at the Wilmington Airpark. Not only was this a points event for the Cincinnati Region, it was a joint event with WOR as well as a Great Lakes Divisional points event. We had 114 people participate in what was a great final points event for the 2013 season. There were several classes that came down to the last event to determine the class champion for the season.

We have one final event, our season ending fun event and PAX challenge to be held on Sunday October 6 at the Wilmington Airpark. It will be our last chance to get our cars out and have fun with our cars and enjoy the company of our friends on a Sunday afternoon for the 2013 season.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those that have such a key role in the success of the Cincinnati Region autocross program. We would like to thank Paul Williams for his continued efforts to secure the Wilmington location for future events. We would also like to thank Dennis Barnes for helping with the Wilmington Project and for being our devoted safety steward year after year. We would like to thank Brian Walker for his extreme devotion to the Cincinnati Region SCCA and for all the support he has given us throughout the years. Thank you also to Scott Giles for his work in helping to build a competent and diverse group of course designers. We would also like to thank Kevin Coyne for stepping up and taking over as our waiver chief and being very diligent to make sure all of his duties are performed to the highest of standards. We would also like to thank Bryan Schafer for being the most patient man on earth by dealing with our timing issues and Axware to make sure that our events run well and everyone gets times. Also a big thank you goes out to Robert Drake for showing up early and making sure all the cars are teched so that we can have a safe and enjoyable event. We would also like to thank each and every one of you who choose to spend their Sundays in a parking lot with us. If there is anyone we failed to mention in this article we do apologize we appreciate each and every member of this club more than any of you could possibly know.

While the 2013 season is coming to a conclusion we are already working to put together a 2014 schedule which will include local, divisional and national events. Thank you all for a wonderful 2013 season.



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Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 15th  
8 pm at Mill Race Banquet Center

## Coming A-*TRACK*-tions

### October

15 - Monthly Meeting  
21 - Race Committee Meeting  
Pomodori's in Montgomery  
7 pm

### November

19 - Monthly Meeting



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