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RE-Port *By Regional Executive, Tony Brown*

Is this **really** an issue of the Cinchronizer you are looking at? YES!! As I have mentioned in each issue previously, we are in need of a **new Editor of the Cinchronizer**. Hopefully we will have the position filled soon, but until then I will try to assemble our newsletter as regularly as schedule permits. So a reminder our next **General Meeting is Tuesday JULY 15th at 7PM in the Mill Race Center** with the topic of **Volunteering & Officiating!** Remember with our new meeting format, we will be taking June off and meet up again in July, the **2014 General Membership Meeting schedule is located in this issue!**

Brian Walker has been busy championing our renewed presence on Facebook! Please "like" the new **cincyscca** group and get up to the minute updates on the region events. And once again, we are on the lookout for an **Editor of the Cinchronizer!** If interested please contact myself or Bryan Schafer!

See you soon where the rubber meets the road!

Many Memories... *contributed by member Roger Many*

A short time after the newly formed Cincinnati Region SCCA was founded, the members wanted the club to host their own local road race event. Since there were already race events being held on airport circuits, what better local venue than Lunken Airport down by the river! (Just ask Ebby if he can remember this!) A tentative course was laid out at Lunken Field and most of the race plans were formulated. At the last minute the local politicians denied permission to conduct the race, thus came the end of our region's plans to race locally. Skip forward several years to the formation of the new racetrack called Mid-Ohio. Since the track was in the Cleveland (NEOhio) SCCA territory any club racing had to be jointly approved by both the Cleveland club's officers and the Mid-Ohio management. With the approval being granted by both, our region had their first Regional race event at the new track up in Lexington, OH. I was happy to be present when Bill Niemeyer Sr. inked the race contract for the first race event!

(Editor's note; Cincinnati Region did finally host that race at Lunken Airport in August of 2001, this time with the encouragement of then Cincinnati City Manager John Shirey.)

Rally Chair Report

by Christy Graham

The fact that there is a rally report at all **IS** news! Cincinnati Region has not had a rally program for some time. It's time to re-establish a series and hit the roads. It's been a miserable winter, unless you love to freeze and shovel. Let's get ready to get out and enjoy some open road time. Drivers grab a navigator or visa versa and let's go!

New to the rally concept? Everybody has to start somewhere, and we will start with a very easy event. Because spring sneaked up on me, plans couldn't be finalized in time, and we want you to have more than 2 week's notice, we won't be able to run in June (boo) but we'll announce a date later. And when it does happen, we will give you a map of locations you need to find and explore, with a list of questions to answer about the specific location and/or immediately surrounding area. We'll congregate at a pre-determined location at the end to share stories, answers, pictures, prizes and maybe a bit of food and drink.

This will be a family friendly event, low key and no math involved. Hopefully you'll visit places you are already somewhat familiar with, but see something new in the process. Or you may discover a place you never knew existed in our fair city. Either way, you're sure to have a good time exploring the city, hanging out with friends and meeting new people!

This will also be an excellent opportunity for non members as well. There will be a VERY slight up charge for non member participation, but it will be good for \$15 off an annual membership. Run a second event and get ANOTHER \$15 off. Add a member referral (which we all love to provide) and it's yet ANOTHER \$15 off. So for the very reasonable price of 2 rally entries and 2 days of driving fun, you can become a full member for..... well not very much. Spread the word to all your driving enthusiast friends.

Wait! What? Did someone mention math?

Well, yes. There are several types of rallies. We are starting with a social rally with a roughly prescribed course. Points are scored for your answers to a list of questions. There are also social rallies that have a prescribed course to follow with questions and possible mileage checks.

TSD (Time, Speed, Distance) are a test of skill and precision. Your set of Route Instructions defines which roads to drive and the speeds to maintain. Rally teams are scored on how closely to their ideal time they arrive at each checkpoint along the route, measured in hundredths' of a minute. It's the same penalty for arriving early as late. Each leg of the rally is scored separately. That's precision. Following the proper course is the first challenge. PLUS the navigator must perform calculations (based on the time it took to drive a particular distance relative to the time it should have taken at the prescribed speed) and determine whether the driver needs to slow down or speed up a little to keep his/her team "on time". Sound complicated? It does, but 1) you can drive "seat of the pants" method, 2) we will teach you how to do the calculations, and 3) there's an app for that. I prefer "seat of the pants", because I don't want to work at this (right now). You won't win a national championship that way, but you'll still have fun.

So look for more news to come and get ready to come out, have some fun and get involved!

We have super people contributing to this effort, but if you'd like to help, let us know!



Race Chair Report

By Jerry Cabe

The Race Committee has hit high gear and well on our way toward our August 8-10, 2014 events at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. We anticipate opening registration May 25th on www.MotorsportReg.com. Friday, August 8th, will be the full day Performance Driving Experience (PDX). Almost any toy or daily driver can be used. You will be paired with an instructor who will work with you throughout the day to improve your car handling skills. As always, Bill Niemeyer would like to hear from any potential instructors that would be willing to give back to the sport we all love. Saturday and Sunday for our Club Racers and volunteers to participate in the 2014 IT/SPEC*tacular Plus. The "plus" has been added to recognize the opening of our event to all SCCA National/Divisional classes. It also recognizes the inclusion of two series within our event. The US F1000 Championship and the Formula First (FST) Championship Series will be running with our event. Saturday's activities will also include a Club Trial event for those wanting to apply the skills developed in the PDX and run against the clock.

We're also pleased to welcome Kutney Automotive Motorsports as a sponsor for our event this year. Dave Kutney has supported the Cincinnati Region and our autocross program for many years, and is expanding his support to the Club Race event. As always, the way to say Thank You is to support the businesses that support us – Kutney Automotive, Continental Motorsport Services, and Performance Alignment. Please see our Sponsor Spotlight elsewhere in this publication.

There are so many ways you can get involved with our race event if you don't race. Just let anyone on the race committee know you are interested and we will find a spot for you. Contact any of the below and we will find the right place where you can help.

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 15th 7PM!!

Solo Report

By Nathan Roberts and Shari McCoy

April has finally arrived and with it has come the beginning of autocross season. We hosted our first regional events of the year on the Wilmington Airpark Pad on April 5. We held our season opening test and tune and on April 6 we hosted our first points event of the year, which was also a GLD, OVR and WOR points event as well. Both events were very well attended meeting their entry caps. The weather was great and everyone had a great time. Thank you to all who attended it was great to get back out there for the start of a great year!

In addition to our first regional events of the year we also hosted a National Match Tour, we had **215** people from across the United States attend this event. We received great feedback from all the people that we talked to and the buzz is already starting to form for our future National events to be held in July and August!

There have been a few updates to the solo calendar to mention. The first of which is a joint points event with OVR to be held on **Sunday June 1st, at the OSU-Ackerman Lot in Columbus**. This should be an excellent event and it is always great to get out and visit a neighboring region, this event will replace the Border Wars Challenge that was originally on our schedule to be held in Connersville. We will also be adding a joint event with WOR to be held at Kilkare that date is still TBD but we will update the schedule as soon as the date is set.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make our first events a success. We look forward to seeing everyone at an autocross event soon!

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

We would like to draw attention to the fine people / companies that support the Cincinnati Region's Road Race events by highlighting one each month leading up to our event at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in August.

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2014 Cincinnati Region General Meeting Schedule & Tentative Topics

June - NO GENERAL MEETING
July 15 - 7PM - "Volunteering & Officiating"
August - NO GENERAL MEETING
September 16 - "Tuning/Chassis Set-up/Winter Prep"
October 21 – Club History & Officer Nominations
November 18 - 2015 ELECTIONS
December - NO GENERAL MEETING

ALL GENERAL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT
MILL RACE BANQUET CENTER
1515 West Sharon Road
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2014 Cincinnati Region Events Calendar

June 1 - SOLO - Points Event #3 with OVR (OSU ACKERMAN LOT - Columbus, OH)
June 29 - SOLO - Points Event #4 (TURFWAY)
July 13 - SOLO - Points Event #5 (TURFWAY)
July 25-27 - SOLO - National Solo PROSOLO Event (Wilmington PAD)
August 1-3 - SOLO - National Solo CHAMP TOUR Event (Wilmington PAD)
August 8-10 - RACE - I.T. SPECTACULAR / PDX (MID-OHIO)
August 24 - SOLO - Points Event #6 (Wilmington LOT)
September 7 - SOLO - Points Event #7 (Wilmington LOT)
September 21 - SOLO - Points Event #8 (Wilmington LOT)
October 5 - SOLO - Points Event #9 (Wilmington LOT)
October 19 - SOLO - Make-Up Date / Fun Event (tentative)

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