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RE-Port *By Regional Executive, Tony Brown*

“It sure is a shame that we have to deal with these mild winter conditions...”

Which was said by nobody in the tri-state area! Well, Mother Nature has definitely made up for our recent calm winter seasons with our record breaking temperatures and snowfall this year! But besides the winter weather....

Spring is around the corner! And the 2014 Cincinnati Region SCCA Event Schedule is moving in fast! Winter is normally the usual “downtime” for region members, but you wouldn’t know it from looking around our membership! Since our last issue of the Cinchronizer, we had our Annual Awards Banquet at the Mill Race Center. It was a great evening that will be recapped later in this issue, but I want to thank again the members that came out for an evening of food and socializing in the middle of one of our countless heavy snowfalls back in January.

At the last BOD meeting we had a discussion about how to make the monthly membership meeting a more desirable event to attend for our members. I am excited to announce that we have a tentative plan to make our meetings more efficient, fun and educational! First, the start of the plan was to move our February meeting date back one week from the normal 3rd Tuesday of the month to the 4th Tuesday (**next meeting 2/25 7PM**) for one time so that we can absorb the interest in our club from the **Cincinnati Auto Expo (2/20-23)** the weekend prior. This meeting has a tentative title of “Welcome to the SCCA”. It will be a general overview of the many facets of our club. Good for potential new members and also informative for current members. Second, the decision was made to condense our meeting schedule and eliminate a few of the monthly meetings during the year so that we could focus on our competitive events calendar and schedule more social activities. **The 2014 General Membership Meeting schedule is located in this issue!**

In this issue you will also find a flyer for a great event that is coming up quick on the calendar on **Saturday March 1st**! It is a benefit event to raise money for **“Rooms That Rock 4 Chemo”** at MADTREE Brewing Company. Details on the flyer!

Our event schedules are ramping up so please check the website for the most current updates to our Race, PDX, and SOLO programs! 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,
Tony Brown

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

A new year ... a new approach

by Rick Deerwester

Beginning with our February general meeting on 2/25 at 7PM, we plan to enliven our membership meetings with a series of special content presentations. Over the course of 2014 we'll cover the complete range of club activities to include Solo, Road Racing, Officiating and other sports car related areas. We'll even try to get a Cincinnati Region history session in to boot!

The February meeting will provide an overview and summary of each of the areas. It'll provide that seasoned solo competitor who's thinking of maybe dipping a toe into road racing with answers to what that takes ... or for that road racer who has thought of giving officiating a fling, the basics of what's involved ... or for the new club member who just wants to know what all is possible, some solid answers to that question.

Overall the presentations will include as much visual material as possible. The goal is make these topics interesting, informative and (especially) entertaining. In short, we're not going to subject you to a lot of "talking head" presentations! The idea is to transform our meetings into opportunities to learn more about all the facets of the organization's activities and to provide information at levels suitable for those interested in getting started in one (or more) of these activities, as well those of us who are just looking to get better as competitors or volunteers.

In the case of each of these monthly topics, the hope is that these initial presentations might evolve into more in-depth sessions that will delve deeper into the subject for those members interested in receiving that additional information.

We're looking forward to seeing all of those possible members (and more) on February 25, and especially to get the chance to do some "hot stove racing" over a beverage after the meeting. BTW, if you'd like to participate in developing a meeting topic and maybe even participate in presenting it, please contact me (Rick Deerwester) and I'll get you involved!

This is YOUR club. Tell us what we can offer to make it the best sports car experience possible.

Membership Report

by Todd Cholmondeley

I know its cold outside but its time to start thinking about racing for 2014! First welcome to our newest members Michael Wiley, Brad Baxter and Tim Beechuk we're glad you will be joining us at the start of the season. Its Rally time!!! Joe Kohls and I are planning an observation rally for Saturday March 29th. Time and location TBA. We will be using the movie RUSH for our rally. Teams of two will be given a rally sheet with questions about the movie. Kick back, observe, answer the questions as the movie progresses and then afterwards stay for food and awards. Should be a nice way to start the season.

P.S. Stay tuned for more details on an upcoming " Solo 101" program hosted by Shari and Nathan.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25th 7PM!!

Race Chair Report

By Jerry Cabe

Cincy Region's 2014 Club Race is beginning to firm up with a flurry of activity by the Race Committee members. Our event at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course will be August 8-10, 2014 and will include something for everyone. Friday, August 8th, will be our ever popular Performance Driving Experience (PDX). Invite your family and friends to bring their toys or daily-drivers out to spend the day improving their driving skills on track. If you have a competition license or driving instruction experience, Bill Niemeyer, the PDX Chief Instructor, would like to hear from you to possibly help with this event as an instructor. Other specialty needs also exist, so if you would like to give back to the sport we love, contact Brian Walker, our PDX Chairman.

Saturday continues with a Club Trial where the experienced drivers put their driving skills to the test by running against the clock. This event combines your on-track skills in the controlled environment with the competitive challenge of recording your lap times. Of course, some don't get caught up in the competition and just use the lap times to quantify the benefits of different driving styles or lines. You can contact myself for additional info on the Club Trial.

Saturday and Sunday mark the highlight of our event, the IT/SPEC*acular Plus club races. This will be two days of races for a full complement of SCCA classes. Unlike our region's restricted-class events of the recent past, all 2014 regional/national classes will be run, including the new P1, P2, and SRF-3 classes. While I'm not the best person to explain these new classes, my impression is that P1 and P2 regroup the cars that used to be classed as CSR and DSR and S-2000. The SRF-3 is the Generation 3 Spec Racer Ford with the newer Ford engine. You may have noticed the "Plus" added to our event name. This was done to recognize the addition of these classes, as well as the inclusion of two Championship Series within our event. The US Formula 1000 East Championship will use our event as the final two events of their season long series. This highly competitive series promises some exciting racing as the drivers compete for the East Championship prior to the US Formula 1000 East Championship to be held in October at the Runoffs at Laguna Seca. We also welcome the FST Series to our event this year. The FST class has frequently been referred to as Formula Vee on steroids. Think of FV with more HP, and improved tires and suspension. I'm sure any of the several FST drivers in our region could give a much better definition, but bottom line is we anticipate exciting racing from them.

With this full weekend of activities/events we need region members to step forward to help with the events; both before the weekend and during the weekend. Don't be shy, get involved in the region's activities. This is a great time for new club members to get involved. Contact any of the below and we will find the right place where you can help.

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Solo Report

By Nathan Roberts and Shari McCoy

We hope everyone is having a safe and happy winter. Hopefully soon the snow will stop and we can get back to racing. The solo schedule for the season is coming together very nicely and before you know it, it will be April and we will be out on the enormous concrete pad in Wilmington dusting the cobwebs off of ourselves and our cars and getting ready for our first regional and our first national event of the 2014 season. We are very excited for this year as we have a very full and exciting solo schedule. The Cincinnati Region has regional points events scheduled, with a ninth event to be added as a joint event hosted by WOR. In addition to the full regional schedule we will be hosting three national events as well. There will be one event missing from the schedule this year, that is the Border Wars event that has been hosted in the past by the Indy Region at the Carbon Motors plant in Connersville, Indiana. This event has been held on father's day weekend for the past several years, however we recently received word from the solo chair of the Indy region that the site will no longer be available and therefore the event would have to go on a hiatus this year. We are really looking forward to the upcoming season and in two months from now we will be underway and back doing what with love to do with all of our friends from the region.

We would like to take this time to also congratulate all the winners from the 2013 season, our annual banquet was held last month, and it was an amazing event, full of fun, good food, laughs and friends. If you have never attending this event make sure you make room for it on your calendar next year, as it is one of the highlights of our winter each year.

We look forward to seeing everyone at an upcoming event soon.

Car Show Report

by Brian Walker

It's time again for car shows and the Cincy Region would like to ask for your help. We have one more show this year at the Duke Energy Center. We need volunteers to help pass out information about the SCCA and meet potential new members. The **Cincinnati Auto Expo 2014** is Thursday, February 20th - Sunday the 23rd 2014. Volunteers will be added to a list and will be checked off at the exhibitor desk on the ground floor. I need the list of volunteers A.S.A.P. Our booth will be on the ground floor and we will have a 12' by 80' space with enough room for about 4 or 5 cars. If you are interested in volunteering please call me (513) 519-3876 or email at briax7@yahoo.com

2014 Cincinnati Region General Meeting Schedule & Tentative Topics

February 25 - 7PM - "Welcome To The SCCA"
March 18 - 7PM - "Autocross/SOLO 101"
April - NO GENERAL MEETING
May 20 - 7PM - "Road Racing"
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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Mike's Brew Bash!

Come join us for a unique fundraising event to honor the memory of our dear friend Mike Kolthoff. And, at the same time, enjoy some of the best locally brewed beers at MADTREE Brewing Company.

When: **Saturday March 1st from 3-6 pm**

Where: **MADTREE Brewing Company**

5164 Kennedy Ave., Cincinnati, OH

\$40/person or \$75/couple

\$45/person the day of the event. Raffle Tickets may be purchased at the door.

Price includes a sampling of 4 MADTREE's freshly brewed beers and a take home growler of the beer of your choice.

To purchase event tickets online, visit the Rooms That Rock 4 Chemo website www.uchealth.kintera.org/mikesbrewbash



Proceeds from the event will go to The UC Health Foundation for "Rooms That Rock 4 Chemo", a fundraising project to transform the chemotherapy infusion rooms and radiation lobby at UC's Barrett Center. The UC Health Foundation is a nonprofit organization and gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law (tax ID 26-1594868). If you have any questions, please contact Becky at 513-584-8540 or becky.sittason@uchealth.com

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