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RE-Port *By Regional Executive, Tony Brown*

WOW! The Cincinnati Region SCCA has been very busy, who said we had an off-season!! Our February General Meeting had the biggest attendance of any meeting we have had in recent memory. In large part to the potential new members that came to check us out after seeing our booth at the recent car shows! So just a reminder our next **General Meeting is Tuesday March 18th at 7PM in the Mill Race Center** with the topic of **SOLO!** Remember with our new format, we will be taking April off and meet up again in May, the **2014 General Membership Meeting schedule is located in this issue!**

Several of the Cincinnati Region members attended the **2014 National SCCA Convention in Charlotte, NC** the weekend of March 7-9th. Due to the print deadline for this issue, you will see a full recap in the April CinChronizer. But a few highlights to wet your appetite. Several SCCA members from the Cincinnati area were recognized with National awards:

Tom O'Gorman - Solo Driver of the Year

Todd Cholmondeley - The Martin Tanner Award

Jerry Cabe - The SCCA Member of Excellence Award

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!

Final Checkers *respectfully submitted by Bill Niemeyer, Jr. - Chairman*

Cincinnati Region lost two dedicated members from our past recently.

Ed Hill, who along with his late wife **Lou**, were heavily involved in making Cincinnati Region a major player at Mid Ohio with our National, Trans Am and regional races in the 70's. Ed was Race Chair, long time treasurer and held the position of Regional Executive in 1970; Ed and Lou received the Joel Williams award for "exceptional service over a long period of time" in 1980. Their late son Steve was also a contributing member of the club during that same period.

Bill Tyler, passed away in February as well. Bill was Regional Exec in 1987 and presided over a re-write of the club's by-laws. Bill was the father of Ben and Maggie and husband of Bonnie Tyler, also a very active member at that time. Bill was often found around the track wearing F&C whites.

Round Two: SOLO

by Rick Deerwester

Based on the exciting (actually darn near historic) turnout for our February meeting inaugurating the “new and improved” SCCA general membership meeting format, it appears that we may just have hit on something!

If you weren't there (in addition to the wings, cheese, and table racing), you missed a series of well-presented and interesting round robin presentation that covered; our Solo, Club Racing, Officiating and Rally programs.

As promised, in March we're on to round two: All things Solo.

Aided by their committee, Shari and Nathan are organizing a no holds barred Solo presentation for the March Meeting that will include pretty much everything you ever needed to know about auto crossing. That'll include tips on car set up, the do's and don'ts of managing a course and information appropriate to both the newest solo rookie or seasoned competitor.

With any luck they'll unravel the mystery of all those Solo classes, PAX, the tire classes and send you off at the end with a much better understanding of the sport. It promises to be a really great presentation from an excited group who run what is becoming known as one of the best Solo programs anywhere in the club.

All you have to do is show up and enjoy!



Car Show Report

by Brian Walker

2014 has been a great year so far with promoting the SCCA. We Just got done wrapping up the very successful Cincinnati Auto Expo at the Duke Energy Center in mid February. Over the course of 4 days we collected 124 email contacts of potential new members. We have invited all of them to our upcoming events and some of them have already come to our last general membership meeting. It is great to see that the hard work done by many pays off with potential new members. Our booth this year was out in the South Hallway and we had 3 cars to show off our club. The RX-8 of Takuto Takagi, the BMW of Doug and Tina Glantz , and the Mustang of Evan Frank. We could not have such an attractive booth without these cars and their courteous owners. All of the cars looked great and attracted many onlookers. I would like to thank the great people that helped out with all the set up, working and teardown of the booth. THANK YOU: Gary Rickelhoff, Chuck and Liz Castle, Nathan Roberts, Shari McCoy, Takuto Takagi, Bob Cowie, Tony Horning, Jerry Cabe, Joe Khols, Bill Niemeyer, Sara James, Scott Bitzer, Tim and Bobbi Ross, and Doug and Tina Glantz. The club and I appreciate your many hours of service and could not have put on such a great event without all of you. I would like to also thank Chip Hart of Hart Productions for his continued support of the Cincy Region SCCA.



Race Chair Report

By Jerry Cabe



The Race Committee has been firming up a lot of the details surrounding our **August 8-10, 2014 events at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course**. Draft Supps have been reviewed and are planned to be sent off for approval and sanctioning for an anticipated opening of registration on May. **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 are the days 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. These will be the season ending races for both series, so we expect some great racing. The Cincinnati Region has at least three members that we expect will be competing in the FST Series. 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.

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. Remember, a day at the track is better than - almost anything!

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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NEXT GENERAL MEETING TUESDAY, MARCH 18th 7PM!!

Solo Report

By Nathan Roberts and Shari McCoy

March has finally arrived, and with each passing day we get closer and closer to what we have all been waiting for, the first event of the 2014 autocross season. Registration is currently open for both the test and tune on Saturday April 5 and our first points event, which is also a Great Lakes Region Divisional Event and a joint event with OVR on Sunday April 5. Both of these events will be held at Wilmington on the pad. Registration for these events is available on My Auto Events and both events are pre-register pre pay only. Registration is filling up fast so register today! The weekend after our first point's event we will be hosting the first of three national events this year, a Match tour, registration for this event is also open and is available on MotorSportsReg. We are currently working with both OVR and WOR to host joint events for the upcoming season, please keep an eye on the website for any updates.

We recently returned from the National Convention in Charlotte North Carolina. It was a phenomenal trip; we attended several sessions on solo and brought back some great ideas for the future. In addition to these ideas we were also able to meet with other solo chairs from regions all around the country and share best practices with one another. We are really looking forward to this year. However the best part of the convention was being present when Cincinnati Region's own Jerry Cabe won the distinguished Member of Excellence award for his contributions to the club that we all love. Congratulations to Jerry and thank you so much for all that you do.

We look forward to seeing everyone at an upcoming event!

Recap of "MIKE'S BREW BASH"

By Joe Kohls

March 1st was a sunny warm(ish) day as I approached **Madtree Brewing**. Trying to find a place to double park seemed to be the only way. As I navigated the last, *-not yet*, of the snow piles. I saw the entrance to the Taproom. I was greeted, handed sample tickets and my growler. The place was packed tight, everyone having a great time. There was food, raffle prizes, 50/50 drawing, t-shirts, music and BEER. *It is one of my favorite things*. We were all here celebrating the life of our friend, husband, racer, **Mike Kolthoff**.

The first person I ran into was **Matt Duddey**, he served me some fine **Madtree** samples and I settled for the "Axis Mundi" in my growler. As I moved farther into the room, across the table I saw **Doug Lojinger**, **Brian and Lisa Schafer**, **Dave Kutney**, **Rob** and **Doris Bax**, stopped and shared some time with **Bill Niemeyer jr** and **Jeff Lowe** and their better halves **Lynn** and **Mary**, and that's where I stayed. *And the band played on.*

Rick Barger came by just as they started the raffles. Rick told me a bunch of Formula F drivers past and present had been there earlier. **Dale Beeler**, **Joe Fischer**, **Brent Frank** and **Rex Dunning -WOR**. I also missed **Tim Silver** and **his daughter Jenny**, **B.J. Zacharias**, **John Dougherty** and **Jerry Cabe**. As the event continued the band "the Young Heirlooms" played as the great time, *-drinking beer*, continued.

The event was put together by a close group of **Mike** and **Lori Kolthoff's**. As I write this I've been told that **Mike's Brew Bash** raised over \$18,000 for "Rooms that Rock 4 Chemo" If you care to make a donation contact; Becky at 513-584-8540 or becky.sittason@uchealth.com.

I'm looking forward to next year!

2014 Cincinnati Region General Meeting Schedule & Tentative Topics

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
Cincinnati, OH 45240

2014 Cincinnati Region Events Calendar

April 5 - SOLO - Test'n'Tune Event (Wilmington PAD)
April 6 - SOLO - Points Event #1 / GLDiv Event (Wilmington PAD)
April 11-13 - SOLO - National Solo MATCH TOUR Event (Wilmington PAD)
May 17 - STARTING LINE EVENT (Wilmington LOT)
May 18 - SOLO - Points Event #2 (Wilmington LOT)
June 29 - SOLO - Points Event #3 (TURFWAY)
July 13 - SOLO - Points Event #4 (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 #5 (Wilmington LOT)
September 7 - SOLO - Points Event #6 (Wilmington LOT)
September 21 - SOLO - Points Event #7 (Wilmington LOT)
October 5 - SOLO - Points Event #8 (Wilmington LOT)
October 19 - SOLO - Make-Up Date / Fun Event (tentative)

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