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Thanks to those of you that came out on a cold night last month for our annual elections. In general our main officers have stayed in tact with a couple of small changes such as Chipp Swindler moving from Secretary to Board Member at Large. Kurt Niemeyer will take Chipp's place as secretary. Bryan Schafer and Andy Stanford joined our board and as previously announced, David Santel is our new treasurer.

In the National Board of Directors election, Marcus Merideth was elected to the position of Area 4 Director. Steve Harris has informed me he will continue his work to make the SCCA Stewarding more user friendly. We are fortunate to have such an involved individual from nearby WOR and always involved in our events.

Two PDX/Race committee meetings have been held to discuss both our big road race events for '09. Some great ideas have been introduced and discussed and some new folks such as new member, Dave Wolf, have gotten involved. It is great fun planning for next year's big events at Bluegrass and Mid Ohio. Come out January 11th at noon to see what it is like at our next meeting to be held at Bluegrass Motorsports Park where you will be able to walk and drive (at low speed) the new track before the meeting. You'll be able to tell everyone you drove the new track at the big, big, big Awards Banquet six days later.

We are the envy of surrounding regions and in fact many in the GLD as we are getting a new venue for our events. Plans are in the works to bring a Solo pad to the track. We have had several members come to our region due to our strong road race program that I think some of us take it for granted. We truly are well respected by racers from all over the country for the quality of the events we have been hosting at Mid Ohio for many years.

Banquet- great time and don't forget those great name badges to wear at club events for those who register by Jan 3. The banquet is a great time, is subsidized by the club so it is your event and an opportunity to discuss plans for next years solo/race/rally seasons.

Want an all expenses paid trip to Las Vegas in February? See the full article elsewhere in this edition.

Remember, no monthly meeting in December - see you at the Awards Banquet.

Bill Jr.

**Next Newsletter
Deadline:
Tuesday, January 6**

Send articles to
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Make it Easy! Make it Fun!

**Minutes of the November 18, 2008 Meeting
of the Cincinnati Region
Sports Car Club of America**

Board members in attendance were Bill Niemeyer Jr., E.B. Lunken, Chipp Swindler, Kurt Niemeyer, Todd Cholmondeley, Jerry Cabe and Brian Walker. Also in attendance were David Santel and Andy Stanford.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Niemeyer Jr.

On the motion of E.B. Lunken, with Brian Walker seconding, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

In the treasurer's report, David Santel told the board that the region's financial records were complete through the end of the previous treasurer's time in office. He is trying to complete the data entry required to be current, and that he hopes to be caught up by December 1.

Todd Cholmondeley gave the race report. The race committee met November 10 to discuss the 2009 season. The committee is considering various race groups, as it is possible that the Formula Ford East/West Challenge will not participate at our event due to Formula Ford 40th Anniversary being held at Road America the week prior to our race. The committee has invited GTA (a stock car series recognized as a regional class in SEDiv, NEDiv, and MIDiv) to run at our race.

In the PDX report, Todd told the board that Dave Howard has volunteered to chair the PDX at Mid-Ohio. Brian Walker volunteered to chair the event at Blue Grass, which will consist of a PDX on Friday and Saturday, followed by a Time Trials on Sunday.

Andy Stanford gave the solo report. He informed the board that he has discussed with the Ohio Valley Region the possibility of conducting a divisional championship at Kings Island. He asked the board about the possibility of instituting a solo rookie of the year award. On the motion of Brian Walker with Kurt Niemeyer seconding, the board approved the creation of such an award, with Andy to establish the criteria.

On the motion of Chipp Swindler, with E.B. Lunken seconding, the board voted to have the 2009 annual banquet at River Downs on January 17, 2009. The cost will be \$50 per couple, \$30 per individual, with groups over two paying \$25 per person. Paul Williams will be the event chairman.

On the motion of E.B. Lunken, with Kurt Niemeyer seconding, the board to approve the expenditure of up to \$2,500 to support the attendance of the membership chairman and three others to attend the SCCA national convention.

The board decided to have the board meetings begin at 6:30 in the future with the general membership meeting continuing to be 8:00.

Jerry Cabe distributed to the board copies of the current region constitution and by-laws, a retyped version, amendments that he has suggested, and a copy with those amendments incorporated.

On the motion of Brian Walker, with Jerry Cabe seconding, the board approved the expenditure of up to \$400 to purchase a canopy and have the required stenciling done of a canopy to be used at region events.

On the motion of E.B. Lunken, with Jerry Cabe seconding, the meeting was adjourned.

At the membership meeting the following officers were elected for 2009: RE- Bill Niemeyer Jr.; Assistant RE-E.B. Lunken; Treasurer-Dave Santel; Secretary-Kurt Niemeyer; member-at-large-Bryan Schafer, Andy Stanford, and Chipp Swindler.



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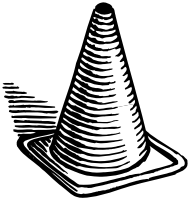
We are in need of a membership chairperson and we feel it is important they understand what SCCA is all about and all national can offer to help us to grow our membership. For that reason **we are paying that person's way to the SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas.** Why should we want to grow our membership? Simply put there are savings for all of us in the way of lower entry fees and more negotiating clout. Every event has fixed costs; the more participants we have the lower the cost per individual . The new membership chair should be comfortable with Excel files as we get files from national with names of new and renewing members. It is probably a good idea that they love to meet new people and let them know how much fun they can have with the SCCA and their sporty car. Please contact Bill Niemeyer or Jerry Cabe if you are interested. (Contact info on front page)



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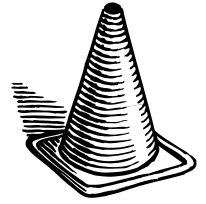
Positions Available

-  *Membership Chairperson*
-  *PDX & Race Volunteers*
-  *PDX & Race Committee Members*



Between the Cones

Andy Stanford, Solo Chair



Ah, the off season... Banquet Planning, Trophy Selection, Venue Hunting, Bench Racing, everything but Autocross! Sounds peaceful, right? Wrong. All the work, and no play! Oh well, we shall get through this, right? RIGHT!

First off, don't forget the Banquet. My loyal Solo competitors and families have LOTS to attend the Banquet for: friends, dinner, awards, and door prizes! Don't forget to register! See the Banquet announcement for more information or go to the website at CincySCCA.com for more info. It's going to be a great time!

We are still looking for door prizes so if you or your business would like to donate a quality door prize in exchange for the advertising and goodwill it will return, contact Andy Stanford or Paul Williams through the website contact page!

The year end award winners are listed on the website also - in case you can't wait for the Banquet to find out who won!

Once again, we are on the hunt for suitable autocross venues so if you have a LARGE parking lot in mind, let us know!

The MARFE Go Kart series is getting ready to take place, one race a month, see the website for more details. 8 teams are battling it out for WINTER DOMINATION! Come out to Competition racing to cheer on your favorite!

Ok, That's about all - I am thinking about hibernating next year... I am ready to RACE!

Fun, Fair and Safe!

Remember to register for the Awards Banquet

by January 3rd

for a complimentary engraved Cincinnati Region name badge!

*SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas
February 19-21 - A great time and a chance to
meet other members and learn how they do events
in other areas.*

Have you visited our website lately - come check us out at

www.cincyscca.com



Making Tracks

Kurt Niemeyer Bluegrass Motorsports Park

One of the most exciting parts of the weekend at any track event is the first time “cars on course” is called over the network. We now have cars on course at Bluegrass Motorsports Park. The 2.5 mile west course has the base layers of pavement in place and cars are permitted to circulate the track at highway speeds. For those of you that will ask if race speeds will be higher I will point out now that the speed restriction is a function of the liability insurance during construction rather than pavement composition or engineering. When we start racing we will be going faster, well most of us will be going faster-there will always be backmarkers.

The participants in the Lexus Rivercenter Rally to the track were the first group to drive around the wholly paved track. The Ohio Valley Asphalt crews were working that Saturday to get the job completed. It was a beautiful although cold day for the rally. The route is a blast with many of the things that make such a drive fun; the route even included an “ice hazard” provided by a leaking water delivery truck in a driveway! Of course, the truck was parked on a curve on a hillside making the yard-wide swath of ice even more fun for the participants. Several Cincy Region members came out for the event, the cars were spectacular with Roush and Saleen Mustangs, Audi R8, Nissan GTR, a Lexus IS 250 with a load of “goody go-fast” parts and several IS-Fs entered. The Lexus IS-F is a four door hot rod that is a blast to drive on the track and will get you to the grocery and back with speed and style! Thanks to Ken Kocher and Lexus Rivercenter for hosting this fun day. Ken is an SCCA member with racing experience in Showroom Stock C and Escort World Challenge cars.

Bill Niemeyer Sr. has added Bluegrass Motorsports Park to his resume of tracks he has driven very early in their existence (Mid-Ohio, IRP, Meadowdale, Willmot Hills, Road Atlanta, Nelson, Louisville Fair Grounds and others). Bill's impression is that this track will be a challenge to drivers both novice and experienced. Almost every corner has an element of elevation change and presents the option of several different lines. The first SCCA event at Bluegrass is the Cincy Region PDX/Club Trial in May, Brian Walker is the event chair and you can help.

Memberships at Bluegrass are still available; each comes with a set number of days reserved for Club Members only, guest passes and weekday usage and more. If you would like to schedule a visit please contact me at Kurt@Drivebluegrass.com or 513.304.1177. See you at the track.

Come to the PDX Race Meeting on Jan. 11th
and you could be driving on this!



Lexus Rivercenter Rally

IT HAPPENED...

10 Years Ago in the "CinChronizer"

"Cincy Region Tops all in SCCA Runoffs® Sound Control" was the headline. Volunteers included Chris Cann, Dennis Dugan, Dennis Gibson, E.B. Lunken, Tom Petree, Barney and Nancy Powers and Kathy Sleamaker.

Seven drivers made the trip to Topeka for the Solo II Nationals. Kumar Viswalingam finished 14th of 40 in B Stock, Jennifer Schneider was 5th of 11 in B Stock, Jim Zeisler 14th of 33 in D Stock. Jack Burns 8th, Mike Ruff 25th and Dave Bettis 40th of 47 in G Stock. Ray Thomas 15th of 30 in C Mod.

Nine drivers competed in the SCCA Runoffs® at Mid Ohio. B.J. Zacharias was 1st in Formula Atlantic and winner of the Mark Donohue Award. Tom Patton 2nd in GT2, Bill Braucksick DNF'd after being hit in his Doran JE1 and Dave Stefke finished 7th in Sports 2000. Mike Kolthoff was 5th in FF, also in that race Terry Hohnacker finished 18th. Chip Baumgartner's Camaro was punted on the last lap ending up 22nd. Bill Niemeyer, Jr. had a broken Panhard bar on the 6th lap in FP and Tom Tomlinson finished 15th in F500.

The May PDX

Brian Walker, Chairman

We will be having a PDX meeting on Sunday, January 11th, 2009 to discuss the upcoming event and to appoint the PDX committee. The meeting will be at the Bluegrass Motorsports Park (DRIVEBLUEGRASS.COM) at 12:00 noon. We are invited to walk the track and to drive the track at a slow speed. We will have the PDX meeting following the drive. I will keep everyone informed of any new developments until then. Hope all can attend.

Be a part of history - Cincy's first PDX at Bluegrass!

We're growing!

Membership Report By: Jerry Cabe

378 Members as of 12-01-2008

This could be you! Las Vegas in February for FREE and your name in the CinChronizer every month - it doesn't get any better than that!

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, JANUARY 20th
 at Mill Race Banquet Center on W. Sharon Road
 in Winton Woods at 8:00 pm - Note the earlier time!

Coming A-TRACK-tions

***** No Monthly Meeting in December *****

January

- 3 - free name badge deadline for Banquet reservations
- 11 - PDX Committee Meeting at Bluegrass 12:00 noon
- 12 - final deadline for Banquet Reservations
- 17 - Awards Banquet, River Downs
- 20 - Monthly Meeting 8:00 pm - new time!!!

2009 GLDiv racing Schedule

May 2-3	ORP	Indy National w/ restricted regional
May 9-10	Nelson Ledges	NeOhio Double regional
May 16-17	BlueGrass	Cincy PDX
May 23-24	Grattan	WMR Double regional
June 6-7	Mid Ohio	OVR National (tentative may move to May 30-31)
July 4-6	Nelson Ledges	NeOhio/Detroit Double National
July 11-12	Gingerman	SB/WMR National w/ restricted regional
July 31-Aug 2	Mid Ohio	Cincinnati I.T.SPEC*taclular restricted regional/ PDX
Aug 8-9	Grattan	SB/WMR National
Sept 4-6	Mid Ohio	OVR Double regional/ PDX
Sept 11-13	BlueGrass	WOR Double regional/ PDX
Oct 10-11	Mid Ohio	OVR Double regional

