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## A Message From Our Executive Steward - Steve Harris

I am pleased to announce the appointment of **Jude Summers** as Divisional Scheduling Representative effective July 1, 2008. Per the GCR and the Operating Manual, Jude will be responsible for coordinating our 2009 racing schedule.

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At the same time, I want to thank Liz Esquire for her three years of service to the Division as outgoing Scheduling Representative. Liz did an extraordinary job, always very competent and in a timely manner. Liz will support Jude during this transition. Please join me in welcoming Jude to this important new position.

## Cincinnati Solo

Andy Stanford, Solo Chair

Congratulations to our local members Tom O'Gorman and Brain Schafer! Both members put on a fine showing at the Peru National Tour event held June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Tom O'Gorman pulled out a FIRST PLACE in STS2. Tom, we are PROUD of you! Brian also trophied with a fine showing in the hotly contested class of Super Stock, 4<sup>th</sup> place!!! Congratulations again guys! Hey, did anyone notice that BOTH those competitors took advantage of our Evolution Driving School this spring? Hmmmm... seems to me we should ALL sign up next year!

Sign your group up to compete in a Solo class all your own! Cincinnati Bell Technical Services is having an outing at our first September event. You will notice a class named CBTS at that event and it is for employees only. They have a nice showing already signed up and are looking to have a blast! If you have any groups that would like to do the same and compete against each other AND the clock, feel free to drop Andy an email!

In other news... well... Not much other news this time guys. We are in the dead of summer and our next event is not until September. The search for venues continues and if anyone has a solid lead, please feel free to contact us.

Till next time, keep Soloing - plenty of action is taking place at our sister regions and September will be here before you know it!

**Next Newsletter  
Deadline:  
Tuesday, August 5**

Send articles to  
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**Minutes of the June 17, 2008 Meeting  
of the Cincinnati Region  
Sports Car Club of America**

Board members in attendance were Bill Niemeyer Jr., Rick Barger, Chipp Swindler, Jerry Cabe, Kurt Niemeyer, and Brian Walker. Also in attendance were Paul Williams, Bryan Schaffer and David Santel.

The meeting was called to order by Bill Niemeyer Jr.

On the motion of Jerry Cabe, with Rick Barger seconding, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Rick Barger presented the treasurer's report. On the motion of Chipp Swindler, with Brian Walker seconding, the report was approved.

In old business, Bill Niemeyer Jr. told the board that the previously discussed May 16-17 dates at Bluegrass Motorsports Club are not available. Kurt Niemeyer will get the list of available dates and Bill will conduct an email vote of the board on what dates to request.

Brian Walker discussed with the board the upcoming car show events. He will need help with the British Car Show at Fairfield, July 13. The Air Cooled Porsche VW show is set for Sept. 28.

The board discussed ways to involve more members in region events and how to get the region more active in community events.

Paul Williams gave the solo report. More than sixty region members took part in the joint event with WOR on June 8. The solo committee is looking at the possibility of using one or more former DHL sites.

Jerry Cabe gave the race report. With the exception of the entry form being posted on dlbracing, which will soon be taken care of, all is going according to schedule. The entry and supps are on the region website. As of June 17, there were already eight entries, with four garage requests.

In the PDX report, Kurt Niemeyer told the board that there were 20 entries.

In new business, David Santel reported to the board on costs and conditions at the Motorsports Country Club.

On the motion of Kurt Niemeyer, with Jerry Cabe seconding, the meeting was adjourned.

**Bluegrass Motorsports Club & Road Course presents**



**PDX - Performance Driving Experience - PDX**

**FRIDAY AUGUST 8, 2008 8/8/8**

**MID-OHIO SPORTS CAR COURSE**



**LEXINGTON, OHIO**

**Eight is the Date** for the Cincy PDX at the fabulous Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. This is the ONLY PDX at Mid-Ohio for 2008, so don't miss it. We are quickly approaching "Eight Is Too Late" time with registration closing within weeks of this publication hitting your mailbox. If you have not registered this year get on the gas and start your high performance driving by entering today.

The Cincy PDX, presented by The Bluegrass Road Course and Motorsports Club, was the largest PDX in 2007 and registrar Scott Tengen is reporting new entries arriving daily. Many entrants are coming back from last year. There is a reason for this phenomenon – the fun factor!

Great coverage in the SportsCar magazine thanks to Nancy Schillace's article on the Great Lakes Division, supplemented by support from Mid-Ohio. Our friends in the Western Ohio Region SCCA, groups from Bluegrass Motorsports Club, the Ferrari Club, 10/10ths Motorsports, Dynamic Motorsports-Superformance have added significantly to the entry total. Thanks to everyone that is helping Cincy Region.

The PDX has a limited number of entrants that can be accommodated, with the fervent rate of entries arriving if you are considering this event it is time to "gas it and go". Get your entry in today by going to [www.CincySCCA.com](http://www.CincySCCA.com), go to the PDX page and click on the entry options.

Instructors are still needed for the novice groups. If you can help out there is a special entry fee if you are driving. Lunch is included whether you are driving or not. Bill Niemeyer Jr. is the chief instructor again this year and has an upgraded program that will make the process smoother and easier on everyone. This is a fun way to help the club, get some new perspective on the Mid-Ohio track and get into some really cool cars such as Ferraris, Lamborghinis, Maseratis, GT40s, Porsches and a wide variety of sports cars. Get off the couch and into the passenger seat as a PDX instructor!

Any questions can be directed to Kurt Niemeyer at the meetings or [cincypdx08@yahoo.com](mailto:cincypdx08@yahoo.com), or Scott Tengen, [scott@tengen.com](mailto:scott@tengen.com), 513-702-1969. See you at the Cincy Region Meeting and at the Eight!

If you can't make the EIGHT check out the [www.WORSCCA.org](http://www.WORSCCA.org) site for Western Ohio Region's PDX and WOR Games weekend at Nelson Ledges. Speaking of Nelson - Big news is on the horizon for this popular club racing facility. Check their website for news on this and the annual 24 Hours of Nelson Ledges.

**Make Eight your Date for Fun!**

**Updates on the Eights 08-08-08**

# I.T./SPEC\*acular Bulletin Board

**Race Dates: August 9 -10, 2008 Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course**

Race Chair, Todd Cholmondeley, Tefkatt@aol.com

**Do you want to get up close to the race cars and meet the drivers and crew?** The function of "Tech" is to make sure the race cars comply with the GCR and other Club regulations. You could assist in weighing the cars, doing a safety check on race gear, etc. before and after racing.

Having some technical knowledge of cars beforehand is not a requirement. We train. For more information about Tech and Safety contact: Todd at Tefkatt@aol.com.

**We are also looking** for volunteers to help Tony Horning with the paddock. This position is all about meeting and greeting drivers and their families. Making sure that the drivers know where the false grid, Tech and the tower are as well as pointing families to the best viewing spots to watch the races. Please contact Tony Horning at 513-281-2020 if interested in helping.



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT




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Hey Guys!

**Another car show**  is on the way and the Cincy SCCA will have a booth promoting our region. The 2008 British Car Show will be on July 13th at the WM. Harbin Park in Fairfield, Ohio. Gates open at 9:00 AM and awards are at 4:00 PM. There is a pre-show cruise on Saturday, July 12th, free to all. The website for the show is [www.bccgc.com](http://www.bccgc.com) or call Bob at 513-424-0328 or Byron at 513-543-1039 for more info. As always we will be handing out stuff at the show and have some prizes too, your help in supporting us at the booth will be greatly appreciated. 😊 Contact Brian Walker if you would like to help out that day.

## **Bluegrass Road Course**

### ***Bringing Racing to your Neighborhood***

The Bluegrass Road Course and Motorsports Club is moving ahead at a terrific pace. Many of you have asked about specific location of this new track and motorsports facility; it is located off US 127 between I-71 and The Ohio River. If you drive on I-71, the track runs adjacent to the expressway at mile marker 64. If you look to the north-west you can see the construction.

The excavating is taking place and the track is taking shape on the undulating terrain that will make this one of the most challenging courses in the country. To check out the location on the [www.DriveBluegrass.com](http://www.DriveBluegrass.com) website, click on "contact us" and then the "location" button. The option of accessing Google Maps comes up on the left side; here you can see a terrain map, get driving instructions and other information.

The track President, Brad Poppell, and Operations VP, Andy Vertrees, are working on the construction crews to keep the pace up and not lag behind schedule; checking on a satellite imagery site this author could clearly see both men at the site talking to the equipment operators. Zooming in I could see that Brad had several pages of technical data and some plans that appeared to be automotive based. Adding audio to the satellite feed picked up the conversation very clearly; they were giving the operators tips on how to upgrade the equipment to run like an Audi R10 LMP1. They offered to bring in Biodiesel Fuel if it would make the equipment run faster and get the job done quicker. There was some discussion of getting Frank Werner, Dindo Capelli and Tom Kristensen to show the fast way and how to put all that Caterpillar torque to good use in getting off the corners faster. With the local connections to the all-conquering Champion Audi LeMans Team this could be a viable plan to get the job done.

All seriousness aside, the activity at the track is at a fever pitch with the many details of bringing a project like this to fruition. Membership information is available on the [www.DriveBluegrass.com](http://www.DriveBluegrass.com) website. Cincy SCCA long time member Kurt Niemeyer has joined the Bluegrass Team (see article below) and will be glad to answer any questions about the track and how you can enjoy this fabulous new facility in the tri-state. Personal and Corporate memberships are available and club dates are coming in 2009.

The Road Racing Course is set to open in the spring of 2009. Brad Poppell and Kurt have offered the Cincinnati Region a premiere date in May for Club activities and WOR SCCA has scheduled the annual WOR Games Regional Races on their traditional late season dates. You can contact Kurt at [Kurt@Drivebluegrass.com](mailto:Kurt@Drivebluegrass.com) to discuss the track and its features and availability.

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### **Kurt Niemeyer appointed to VP of Sales & Marketing**

**Sparta, KY (June 17, 2008)** – Bluegrass Motorsports Club & Road Course is pleased to announce the appointment of Kurt Niemeyer as Vice President of Sales and Marketing. Kurt comes to us with a wealth of sales, marketing, and sports car racing experience, and will be a winning complement to the Bluegrass team. Mr. Niemeyer has over twenty years in sales, and the event promotions and media businesses, and is a graduate of Miami University. In addition he also has a winning racing history that spans more than four decades in club, professional and vintage road racing series.

A prime example of the family aspect of Sports Car Racing has been passed through the Niemeyer generations where, Kurt's father, Bill was a championship winning SCCA driver from the 1950s through the 1970s and his brother Bill Niemeyer Jr. achieved a national championship Runoffs win at Mid-Ohio. Kurt has seven series championships and over 60 victories as a driver in SCCA, INEX, NASA and USAC competitions. He also has vast experience as a race official serving in a multitude of positions for the SCCA and INEX organizations.

When you couple a successful sales and marketing background with this sports car racing experience, you create a skill set that Bluegrass is proud to have on their team. You may contact Kurt at 513.304.1177 or [Kurt@DriveBluegrass.com](mailto:Kurt@DriveBluegrass.com).

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## PRESS RELEASE

June 20, 2008

**Dayton, Ohio** – Steve Harris, Executive Steward for Great Lakes Division SCCA, formally announced that he will seek election for Area 4 Director (Great Lakes Division) in November, 2008.

Harris, a 23 year member of SCCA, has been Executive Steward for Great Lakes Division for the past 4 years and a Steward for the past 18 years. He has been Regional Executive and Assistant Regional Executive of the Western Ohio Region.

Steve has held a National Competition License racing in S2000 and FC; was an SCCA Pro Team owner, and a participant in SCCA Solo competitions. He has crewed cars at the Runoffs™ and at SCCA Pro events, and worked the Runoffs™ as a Safety Steward and SOM. He is one of a handful of SCCA certified Track Inspectors.

Professionally, he is President and CEO of Rixan Associates, Inc., the Master Distributor, Service Center and Integrator for Mitsubishi Robots in North America. Steve also has been a Board of Trustees member of the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery (the children's museum in Dayton) and has chaired their largest fundraiser for 10 years.

"We are a club of equal members that share resources to enjoy automotive sports" says Harris. "I know how to successfully run corporations and private institutions, and through my experience as Executive Steward, I have an intricate knowledge of how the SCCA operates. I understand what we are doing right and I recognize those areas where we need to improve. I will be able to immediately contribute to making the club better".

Harris has also picked up an endorsement from current Area 4 Director, Larry Dent. "I believe that Steve Harris is eminently qualified to succeed me as Area 4 Director and I give him my full and unconditional endorsement".

Steve will be announcing his election committee and platform in the coming weeks.

Dear Friends,

Like you, I share a passion for our club. I have been a member of SCCA for 23 years and have participated in many ways. The SCCA is about camaraderie. Like you, I have met many friends and had many a good time at the track and at other SCCA sanctioned events.

And like you, I know that our club faces many important decisions that will determine if we prosper, or just "gray" away.

Right now, I feel I can best help our club by becoming a Director. I bring strong leadership with fresh ideas – I listen well and I understand our committees and rules making systems. I can help make a better SCCA.

I thank you, in advance, for your support.

Yours for the Sport,

*Steve*

Stephen Harris  
Executive Steward  
Great Lakes Division, SCCA

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 15th  
at Mill Race Banquet Center on W. Sharon Road  
west of Winton Rd. in Winton Woods

## Coming A-TRACK-tions

***SPORTSMANSHIP  
DEMANDS SAFE  
DRIVING!***

### July

- 13 - 2008 British Car Show, Fairfield
- 15 - Monthly Meeting at Mill Race Banquet Center

### August

- 8 - PDX at Mid-Ohio
  - Competitors Practice Session sponsored by Mid-Ohio 5 - 8 pm
- 9/10 - I.T./SPEC\*acular at Mid-Ohio
- 9/10 - "Corner School"
- 10 - Honda Teen Defensive Driving Program

### September

- 7 - Solo Points Event #5, River Downs
- 21 - Solo Points Event #6, River Downs

