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Many of our brave water and winter proof members have been getting out for some motorsports fun these last few weeks and activities are really beginning to build as weather warms. In about a month we will be having our inaugural event at Bluegrass Motorsports Park. Get those entries in so we can plan appropriately. Brian Walker and the PDX committee have worked extremely hard to make this event fun and successful.

We are pleased to welcome the expertise of Rodney Sizemore to our Board of Directors. Rodney brings great enthusiasm and wealth of management experience. Please welcome and thank Rodney for stepping up to this responsibility when you see him.

Solo has been strong considering the inclement weather. I stopped by the March 29th event at River Downs and despite the cold wind and rain a large contingent was competing. Big fun catching long slides on the damp pavement brought lots of positive comments on the layout. Don't forget the Evo School returns in April, a great event to participate or learn by watching. Please check www.CincySCCA.com for schedule details.

As for the PDX (did I say anything about the PDX yet?) Friday morning Instructor's only track familiarization session leads into a Friday afternoon PDX with full sessions for each group of novices through experts. Saturday is a full day of PDX. Sunday's "Club Trials" is basically a timed PDX, adding a little more intensity and that competitive angle, sort of a Solo on steroids without the penalties.

Todd Cholmondeley and his committee have been finalizing details on our July 30-Aug 2nd PDX/I.T. Spectacular Double Regional at Mid Ohio to make it an even bigger success than last year. We've invited more classes to make it more fun and assure a strong entry. Don't forget the popular PDX on Friday.

Thanks to the efforts of Jerry Cabe the region now has an electronic copy (.pdf) of our bylaws. Jerry took our often-copied printed version and painstakingly re-typed and proofed them. The board voted to approve this new version at the March meeting. Please feel free to request an electronic copy for your reading enjoyment.

Join us for free appetizers and soft drinks as well as a full cash bar at our 3rd Tuesday monthly meeting at the beautiful Mill Race Banquet Center. New earlier 8:00 starting time on Tuesday April 21st. Hope to see you there!

Bill Jr.

Next Newsletter Deadline:

Tuesday, May 5

Send articles to
Jill and Allen Tomey
at
jtomey@cinci.rr.com

Remember the regular monthly meeting will be at the beautiful Mill Race Banquet Center with an earlier 8:00 starting time. Board Meeting at 6:30 pm

Make it Easy! Make it Fun!

**Cincinnati Region SCCA
Board Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2009**

Attending; Scott Tengen chairman, Bill Niemeyer Jr., E.B. Lunken, David Santel, Kurt Niemeyer, Andy Stanford, Todd Cholmondeley, Bryan Schafer, Chipp Swindler and Brian Walker.

Motion to accept Minutes of February Meeting as presented, Brian Walker, 2nd David Santel, passed unanimously.

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as presented, E Lunken, 2nd A Stanford, passed unanimously.

Motion to Present Recipients of the region's revolving trophies with the Replacement Trophy at the Annual Awards Banquet, E Lunken, 2nd B Schafer, passed unanimously.

Motion to accept electronic version of current Bylaws, A Stanford, 2nd B Walker, passed.

Discussion of Proposed changes to the Bylaws was tabled for a later meeting.

Motion to appoint Rodney Sizemore as a Board Member At Large to fill the vacant seat, B Schafer, 2nd B Walker, passed with Chipp Swindler abstaining, None opposed.

Motion to approve Mid-Ohio Race Budget as presented, D Santel, 2nd Chipp Swindler, passed.

Motion to reimburse members that attended the worker "Spring Training" for Registration Fee and Reasonable Mileage, B Schafer, 2nd D Santel, passed. Todd C will gather the proper documentation.

Motion to Adjourn, C Swindler, 2nd E Lunken, passed, meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.

*Respectfully Submitted
Kurt Niemeyer
Secretary*

Greg and Ken from MODULAR DEPOT spoke at the March meeting. Modular Depot offers a wide range of race and car prep services from their Northern Kentucky facility including a chassis dyno. We welcome presentations of automotive related subjects at all our regular meetings. Contact any board member to arrange a presentation or volunteer to be the Program Chair if you are so inclined.

The Cincinnati Region hosted two Evolution Performance Driving schools on April 4th & 5th

Mother Nature blessed us with some great weather. Evolution provided a group of top-notch instructors, most of whom hold Solo National titles. Our untiring volunteers, led by Andy Stanford, provided the course setup, logistics, safety, and timing.

The Phase 1 School was on Saturday. Phase 1 puts an emphasis on the basics of Solo such as proper driving position, car placement, and looking ahead. Looking waaaay ahead. Drivers often find they can drop one or two seconds from their autocross times by making fairly simple changes in their driving.

Sunday's Phase 2 School takes everything from Phase 1 and adds more of the mental aspect of Solo. Drivers are encouraged to arrive at the line with a plan for how they'll tackle the course. After each run the focus is on what went well, and what could be improved. Of course, every run also incorporates the Phase 1 fundamentals. In Phase two the day begins with one course walk. As the day progresses the course is changed, but drivers do not get additional course walks. This forces the drivers to form mental images of what the course will look like, and to form a plan for driving it.

Our region received many very nice compliments on our professionalism, courtesy, and friendliness. We had attendees from all over: Chicago, Louisville, Lexington, Indianapolis, New York, and New Jersey. That's a long ways to come for a weekend school, but everyone was glad they made the trip.

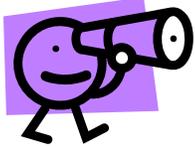
A huge thanks to Andy Stanford, Dennis Barnes, and the other volunteers, Mike "Junior" Johnson and his instructors, and all the students who contributed to a great weekend of learning to go faster!

Fun, Fair and Safe!

Planning for the 3rd Annual I.T.SPEC*acular is Underway!

Race dates: August 1 - 2, 2009

Next meeting is scheduled for April 27th at 7:00 pm. at: Ruby Tuesday's
7701 Voice Of America Center Dr.
West Chester, OH 45069



LOOKING FOR - Pace Car Driver and two Communicators

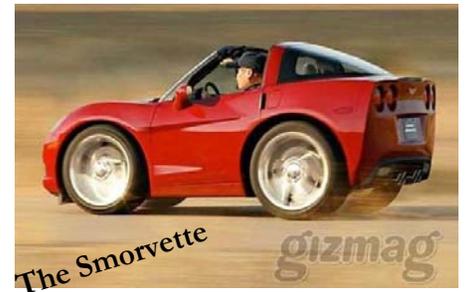
For more information, contact Race Chair, Todd Cholmondeley, Tefkatt@aol.com



Hey, Todd -

In what class would these smart cars race?

see gizmag.com for more 'smart car' images



RACE FAN?

Bret Frank is looking for some help with Competition Chair duties. If you are already attending events, solo, road race or rally, you too can achieve great notoriety by having a by line in "The

AFRAID OF COMMITMENT?

We are always looking for a few folks for some one-time assignments. This is a great way to contribute to the club without the yearlong commitment. If you think you may have an interest but aren't sure what the job entails any board member or committee member will be glad to explain it without obligation. Our dedicated team puts in a heroic effort to make things happen and can always use a little more help.

NEW AD RATES

Would you or a company you know, like to target our members and similarly inclined individuals in your advertising? The rate is \$50 per month pro-rated so all ads renew on Jan 1 (one time payment). This gets you not only approximately 1/6 page in "The CinChronizer" that goes out to our roughly 400 members but a space on our web site and our event entry forms. Please contact any board member to arrange your ad placement.

LIKE TO RALLY?

Come out to support the Loveland Stage Company Charity Rally, Saturday, May 2nd, and let the participants there know what Cincinnati SCCA offers in the way of sports car related activities and contribute to their rebuilding fund. Google Loveland Stage Company for details.

Between the Cones

Andrew Stanford, Solo Chair, Cincy Region

Well Autocross fans, the Cincy SCCA has 2 events and an Evolution School under its belt, with Points Event #2 coming up April 26th. The season is in full swing and it's time to come on out, if you haven't already!

April 26th marks the first event at Turfway Park in quite some time, and we will be needing volunteers to show up with leaf blowers to help us get the lot in shape. If anyone wants to help by bringing a blower, contact Andy at Stanfordmotorsports@fuse.net.

Points Event #1, on March 29th was a cold wet day, but 70 or so competitors showed up to brave the conditions and fun was had by all. One of our newest regional members, D. Scott Bourne was the guest course designer, in the absence of Danny Popp (who was beating up on all comers at VIR!) Everyone had good comments about the course, and we are looking forward to more from Mr. Bourne in the future. Weather and timing problems related to the weather limited our runs, and I want to thank everyone for hanging in there 'til the end. The wonderful people in our region are what makes it a delight to put these events on. We are looking forward to a much larger turnout for the April 26th event at Turfway.

The Novice Mentor Program is up and running, and was well received at Points Event #1. As with all new programs, we are working through a few minor issues, but every novice reported how nice it was to be paired with an experienced competitor. We plan on expanding this program and molding it into a first class operation, so if anyone would like to volunteer, please get with Doug Dudley, our Novice Chief, on the morning of the next event. If in doubt, just stop by the trailer and ask me, or anyone else in registration.

The Cincy region is happy to announce a Street Tire Index class in 2009. If you are interested in competing against others on street tires, but indexing your times against the current RTP PAX index, just register as usual, but let the guys in registration know that you want to run the Street Tire Index, and we will be glad to put you in the Tire Class. There is already some fierce competition stacking up in the class and it will be interesting to watch the development of this class during the season.

Don't forget, we have a joint event with WOR in May, at KilKare Raceway, so keep checking out the schedule at www.cincyscca.com. Also make sure to join the bench racing and after event



Cone Killer

Or

Cutting it Close?

Ask Photographer Jeff Loewe what happened next!

See more at www.jlophoto.com

P D X

We had our PDX/Club Trial meeting on Thursday April 9th. Everyone involved gave reports on their specialties and we have a lot of ideas planned for this great new track. Shirt design looks great, THANKS- Chris Cann & David Santel. D Scott Bourne has scored great give-aways from Hankook Tire. Mark Rivera- CKR and his crew of volunteers are doing a great job building tire barriers and unloading tires at the track as you read this. They need help all days to do this, if you would like to help and get Bluegrass Bucks (good for track time), you can contact Mark at www.7mriviera@gmail.com . We have had some people from Cincy Region help already but we could always use more! The track is progressing on schedule to have our event as "one of the first". Registration is open now, so join us for all the fun at this wonderful new venue! Visit us on www.cincyscca.com and check out the PDX page. If you have any questions contact me, briax7@yahoo.com . See you at the track!

The Great Lakes Division 2009 Solo season is just about here!

With temperatures in the 70's for a couple of days and hopefully the end of any significant snowfall, we are close to starting our solo season for 2009. There are a number of new things that are going to happen in Great Lakes Division and this is our opportunity to explain some of the changes and generate enthusiasm for the season.

For those of you who don't know, Marlene Obenour and I, Velma Boreen, are going to share the duties of the Great Lakes Divisional Solo Steward. We both have been involved with the series that has been part of CenDiv and, most recently, GLDiv, for a number of years, both as competitors and committee members. In addition to the Great Lakes Solo Series and the Divisional Championship event, both of us are going to do our best to get to every region in the division that hosts autocrosses. This will give us the opportunity to meet the regional organizers and offer some help if it is requested. So look for us at a local event near you! With 19 regions, it will probably take most of the season to get to everyone but that is the plan this year. There are some good support materials that were introduced at the National Convention this year. Check the SCCA website to get information on those materials or you can contact either Marlene or me.

The decision was made in 2008 that Great Lakes Division would participate in the Divisional program that was sponsored by the National office, with Tire Rack® as the major sponsor. There will be five events throughout the division, starting mid-May with OVR and finishing mid-August at Grissom with the Divisional Championship Event. The rules for the series are available on the soloseries.org website. Please use that website to check for updates to anything in the division relating to Solo.

The biggest change that we will have is that, after 23 years, the bulletin will no longer be a printed publication. It will be available only online on the soloseries.org website. E-mail notification will be sent to everyone that we have e-mail addresses for to let them know when the latest bulletin is posted.

At the end of the season, a banquet will take place at the Dean V. Kruse Foundation & Museum in Auburn, IN on Saturday, October 17, 2009 to give out year-end awards for those who compete in the series. Keep in mind that the four series events are NOT qualifiers for the National Championship event in Lincoln. The Divisional Championship event and the National Tour are the only two events held in GLDiv that will qualify you for Nationals.

Velma Boreen

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 21st
at Mill Race Banquet Center on W. Sharon Road
in Winton Woods at 8:00 pm - Note the earlier time!

Coming A-TRACK-tions

April 21 Monthly Meeting 8:00 pm
April 26 Solo Points Event #2 Turfway
April 27 .T.SPEC*tacular Race Meeting 7:00 pm Ruby Tuesdays
May 14 - 17 CincyPDX Weekend Bluegrass
May 19 Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm
May 31 Joint Solo Points event #3 with WOR Kilkare
June 14 Solo Points Event #4 Turfway
June 16 Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm
July 19 Solo Points Event #5 Tentative date Turfway
July 21 Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm
July 30-Aug 2 Cincinnati I.T.SPEC*tacular / PDX Mid Ohio
Aug 9 Solo Points Event #6 Turfway
Aug 18 Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm
Sept 13 Solo Points Event #7 River Downs
Sept 15 Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm
Sept 27 Solo TBD event River Downs
Oct 11 Joint Solo Points Event #8 with WOR
Oct 20 Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm
Oct 25 Solo Points Event #9 & 2nd Annual Tri-Regional River Downs

