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Cincinnati Region S.C.C.A.

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By Regional Executive, Bill Niemeyer, Jr.

Everyone's Invited

The economy has been a real challenge for most of us for the last year so we can use all the "FUN" we can get. While our Solo program has been providing tons of fun thanks to our dedicated Solo Committee it is time to think about the on track experience provided by Cincinnati Region's big race weekend this year. Performance Driving Experience (PDX) is a great way to get that hot streetcar or racecar of yours (or your good friend's) on track at Mid Ohio. The I.T. SPEC*tacular does not require you to be Microsoft® Certified. It is our restricted double regional with all the track time you could want.

We all need to do more to reach out to that member/past member/competitor you haven't talked to for awhile and invite them to our well-respected event. I'm serious - it is incredibly important we get those old racecars out of the garage even if you have to volunteer to help get it ready to go. Split the cost and share the car with each of you doing one day of the regional.

Keep in mind if your license has inexplicably lapsed, our own region member Bryan Floyd is the divisional licensing steward and can help you to re-qualify for your competition license, but it is important to get started as soon as possible. SCCA licensing policies are in place to help you get your credentials back without the hassle of the past.

The PDX is a perfect chance to get to test your high performance car with an experienced driver/instructor on the world renowned Mid Ohio Sport Car Course without the fear of a ticket and the unbearable increase in insurance costs that come with it. Unlike previous years, instructors this year will have only one novice so there will be more instruction and less searching for that instructor that was out with another novice in the previous session.

PDX's are not an all out competition event but a chance to safely drive your regular or high performance car near its limit. Passing is limited to a few straightaway sections and only with a point-by by the driver you are overtaking. The other advantages of a track day are everyone is going in the same direction and the safety barriers are much better in the rare event you would lose control. We have had nearly 300 cars on track in our previous events and we have had only a couple of incidents involving only the one car in each so the risk is minimal.

Once again, we really need your help to get folks out to our event. Invite that guy or girl at the, office, plant, car show, shopping mall, street race, with the sporty car and enjoy the "FUN". All that is needed to drive in the PDX is a driver's license, helmet, long sleeve shirt and pants and a desire to have fun. Oh yeah, no open top cars without an SCCA approved roll bar.

For details on these and our other events, "Everyone's Invited" 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 June 16th. Hope to see you there!

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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.

Between the Cones

Andrew Stanford, Solo Chair, Cincy Region

Hello again Autocross fans! Another month has flown by already and the Cincy Region is going strong. Lots of racing left this year as we enter the heat of the summer.

Points event #3 is over and in the books and what a great event it was. The event was held at Kil-Kare Raceway in Xenia by the Western Ohio Region as a joint event with Cincy. It was WOR's Points event #1 and our #3. I want to thank Frank Levinson and Christian Moist for putting on such a super event! I have to admit, it was nice to show up and run, and not have to get there before sunrise! It was a nice break. About 92 cars showed up to have fun on the banked turns and infield crossover. Andy Buck from CKY showed up to school us all by setting fast PAX and the fastest time of the day. The Cincy region was out in force and all in all, the event was just wonderful. The weather, the competition, the people all combined to make this a great time for all!

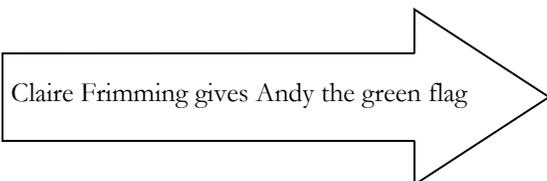
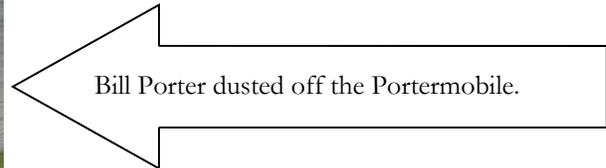
In other news, a contingent of local racers journeyed to Blytheville Arkansas over the last weekend in May to compete in the Blytheville National Tour Solo event. Competitors for the region included Tom and Joe O'Gorman, Greg Lloyd, Bryan Schafer, John Crouse and a few of our good friends from CKY. Read all about it on our Forum (links at Cincyscca.com) Official results are not posted at the time of publication of this newsletter, but rumor has it we have at least a couple of trophies coming back to the region!

In addition to the venues we are now running, your Solo Committee is diligently looking for more and better lots to hold our events. Several promising locations are now being scouted. More about these later!

Don't forget our next Solo, Points Event #4, on June 14th at Turfway Park in Florence. Cross your fingers for good weather, get your car ready, we'll do the rest! Registration is open at My Auto Events (myautoevents.com)

Volunteers for set-up and tear-down ALWAYS needed. Please show up at Turfway at 7:00 am to help us put on another first class event.

Until next time, Andy Stanford your Solo Chair.



Solo Nationals Newsletter - May Edition

- A reminder that registration is open and the cost: \$135/person, \$180 with waiver for anyone not attending a 2009 Tour or Divisional event. After August 14, the entry fee goes up to \$270, so don't delay registering.
- The Monday night welcome party will be from 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. and will be hosted by the Smith Collection Museum of American Speed and the Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau. All attendees are invited to partake of the food and festivities which include a tour of the museum. For a sneak peak visit www.museumofamericanspeed.com.
- Overnight Parking/Camping is allowed at the Lincoln Airpark. The cost is \$40 and registration is located on the National Championship webpage.
- The host hotel is the Embassy Suites located less than 10 minutes from the event site. We do have a special rate of \$109/night and a link for registration is on the National Championship website. We recommend making hotel reservations early, as the Nebraska State Fair and a University of Nebraska football game will be occurring at the same time as the National Championship and ProSolo Finale.
- The new site location brings a new look to the banquets. Wednesday and Friday night will be reception-style, allowing competitors to mix and mingle prior to entering the hall for the awards ceremonies. Food will be plentiful. All competitors will receive one (1) drink ticket that may be redeemed for beer or wine – after that it is a cash bar. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased on site or by calling the Solo department at 800-770-2055. The cost is \$20/Adult and \$10/child (10 and younger). This is a reduction from last years pricing of \$25/\$15.
- Downtown parking at the Embassy Suites may be a challenge for anyone attending the Awards Ceremonies with their rigs in tow. But don't worry! The City of Lincoln has arranged for off-site parking and shuttle transportation to and from the hotel. Parking will be provided free of charge at the University of Lincoln baseball complex – security will be provided to watch your vehicles – beginning at 4 p.m. on Wed and Fri. Return shuttles will run until 10:30pm. After that you will need to walk or call a taxi. The host hotel is located within walking distance of The Haymarket District – a hot bed of food, drink and entertainment. Expect to be asked at Paddock Check-In if you will be using the shuttle service – we need a head count to give to the city.

GLD Club Racing Report

By Jerry Cabe

Since the Regional/National event at ORP, we have had two double regional events within the Great Lakes Division, both being Regional Championship Series events. On the May 16-17 weekend, Neohio Region held their race at Nelson Ledges in Warren, Ohio. Competing from the Cincy Region were Michael Strahm with his NAPA sponsored Camero in SSB, and myself in SM. Michael took first place in class on Saturday, but did not compete on Sunday. Chase Heikkila crewed for me and made sure I supported the local economy. Races went OK for me, finishing 3rd and 4th in the RCS points. John Peterson was there as one of the stewards.

Western Michigan Region hosted the next double regional event at Grattan Raceway on May 23-24. Michael Strahm and I went there for our first visit to this facility. Also attending from Cincy Region were Stuart Mullan (SRF) and Doug Seim (FST). I know Stu has recently moved from the Michigan area, so he knew the track and helped me with some videos. Even with that, I went up for the Friday test day to get familiar with the track. The morning sessions went OK for me, and I was learning this very technical track very slowly. Unfortunately, as the afternoon sessions started, my differential decided to go bang going into Turn 1. Not having the parts needed, I settled for observing the rest of the weekend from Turn 3 on Saturday, and Turn 2 on Sunday by flagging. Michael Strahm ran well and finished 1st on both Saturday and Sunday. Stuart Mullan drove his SRF to a 2nd on Saturday and 1st on Sunday. Doug Seim also had a 2nd and 1st in a very competitive FST field.

Within the GLD, the next event is May 30-31 with OVR's Restricted Regional/National at Mid Ohio. I'm not running, but will be there working and will give a report on the Cincy Region racers next month.

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 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

- 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

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