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As winter hopefully comes to an end, exciting times abound for the Cincinnati Region. We can finally think about getting our cars out for some competitive events and boy do we have them. Ironically, I write this as I am flying into a winter storm in New England, however, I am confident warm weather is just around the corner. Thanks to the endless efforts of our dedicated members we have a dynamite schedule coming at you this season.

Andy Stanford and the Solo Committee have added a new venue in Turfway Park in Northern Kentucky, as well as returning to River Downs and another joint event with WOR at Kil-Kare. A very complete schedule of events without the mid-summer lull we had last year. The Evo school returns in April and the season kicks off with a new event called Testapalooza. Please check out [www.CincySCCA.com](http://www.CincySCCA.com) for all the details.

We are only a little more than 60 days away from our inaugural event at Bluegrass Motorsports Park on May 15-17. Brian Walker and his committee have some big plans in place to make this our best PDX ever. A 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 and then something new on Sunday. "Club Trials" is basically a timed PDX, adding a little more intensity and that competitive angle.

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

Kurt and I attended the National Convention in February in Las Vegas. Didn't gamble a dime but learned a lot about how other regions do their events, found out more about all the services national offers and made a few suggestions on how they can support us even more. Can't say enough about what a great opportunity convention is and the helpful information that can be gleaned from the contacts and seminars. National has a great team in place and is working hard to provide the information and support we need for region event development.

One of the things I heard over and over again at Convention was what great respect and reputation our PDX/I.T. Spectacular has achieved. Competitors and race chairs from all over the country were quick to tell me what a great event we have built and how well they are treated at our events.

We should be proud that SCCA Foundation Chairman, recently retired Great Lakes Division Director longtime member, Larry Dent, was honored with SCCA's highest honor this year, the Woolf Barnato Award, for outstanding contributions to the Club. Congratulations to Larry and his wife, Linda, who also deserves a huge credit for her contributions at many events as well. *(Continued on next page)*

**Next Newsletter  
Deadline:  
Tuesday, April 7**  
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.

## Make it Easy! Make it Fun!

**Cincinnati Region SCCA  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 20, 2009**

Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm.  
Bill Niemeyer Jr., Jerry Cabe, Todd Cholmondeley, Kurt Niemeyer, David Santel, Bryan Schafer, Andy Stanford, Chipp Swindler and Brian Walker in attendance.  
Motion to approve November minutes; B. Schafer, second J. Cabe, passed unanimously.  
Motion to approve Treasurer's report; C. Swindler, second Todd C, approved unanimously.  
Old Business; officers should please read the by-laws.  
Race committee report; Todd C, race will be at Mid-Ohio August 1-2, 2009, will have budget in February.  
PDX 2 Report; Mid-Ohio 7/31, chiefs have been picked.  
PDX1 Report; Bluegrass Motorsports Park 5/16-17, Brian Walker, budget in February.  
Motion to approve up to \$750 for promotional materials; A. Stanford, second B. Walker, passed unanimously.  
Motion to adjourn 8:23pm; A. Stanford, second J. Cabe, passed unanimously.

*Respectfully Submitted*  
*Kurt Niemeyer,*  
*Secretary*

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

Scott Tengen, Bill Niemeyer Jr., E.B. Lunken, Jerry Cabe, Todd Cholmondeley (Todd C), Kurt Niemeyer, David Santel, Bryan Schafer, Andy Stanford, Chipp Swindler, Brian Walker attending.  
Motion to approve minutes of January meeting; B. Walker, second Todd C., passed unanimously.  
Rotating Trophies, should they have a permanent home? Tabled until next month  
Membership; Bryan Schafer will be membership chair.  
Race Report; Todd C, Race Groups Set, Budget Meeting Feb. 23.  
PDX1 Report; Brian Walker, budget presented. Motion to approve PDX1 Budget; E. Lunken, second A. Stanford, passed with Cabe abstaining.  
PDX2 Report; No event chair, no budget.  
Solo Report Andy Stanford: year-long schedule presented, budget presented. Motion to approve budget with exception of March 14 event; B. Walker, second D. Santel, passed unanimously.  
Auto Expo Report: B. Walker, Hart Productions has been very gracious to the Region for many years. Motion to buy Chip Hart a \$100 gift certificate to Bass Pro Shops; B. Walker, second A. Stanford, passed unanimously.  
Motion to adjourn at 8:11pm A. Stanford, second B. Schafer, passed unanimously.

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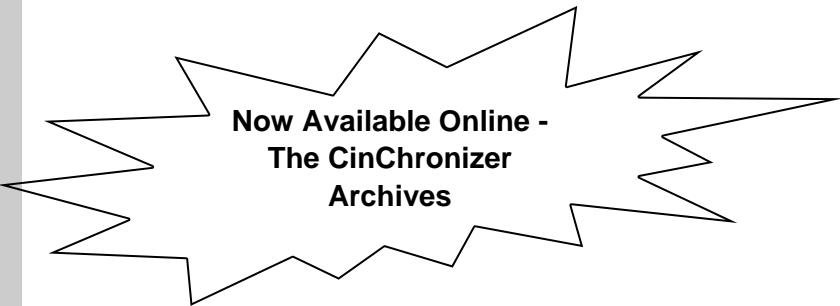
While I was at Convention, many Cincinnati Region members got to see the Cincinnati Auto Expo for no charge by volunteering at our booth. Once again the untiring Brian Walker and sidekick Jill led the charge by enlightening folks about the opportunities Cincinnati Region offers for competition. Word is a large number of booth visitors filled out membership applications on the spot.

How about this for a segue, congratulate Bryan Schafer as our new Membership Chairman? Thank Bryan for taking on this important duty the next time you see him by volunteering to help him out on the many aspects of this job.

We are still looking for a few folks for some open positions. If you think you may have an interest but aren't sure what the job entails, we will be glad to explain it without obligation. We have a dedicated group that puts in a heroic effort to make things happen and they can all use help no matter how little.

Remember the regular monthly meeting will be at the beautiful Mill Race Banquet Center with an earlier 8:00 starting time on Tuesday March 17th. Hope to see you there!

Bill Jr.



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### **Insurance Companies Dropping Race Track Coverage**

US News and World Report described how many insurers have redefined racing in such a way that eliminates insurance coverage for non-race events. They also warned that some events advertise that normal car insurance coverage was all that was needed when that wasn't always true. There was even an incident related of how one person was dropped by their insurance carrier six months after asking if he had coverage for a track event. For details see the full article at: <http://usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/cars-trucks/daily-news/081021-Insurance-Companies-Dropping-Race-Track-Coverage/>

## The SCCA at the Cincinnati Auto Expo - Duke Energy Center February 19 - 22, 2009

Well once again our booth at the Duke Energy Center was a big success! After some pre-show hiccups on Wednesday the show opened on Thursday with a surprising number of people attending. All four days were packed with spectators interested in our club. We handed out so many autocross fliers we had to restock twice. I want to thank all that helped work the show but especially Bill Porter who helped on Wednesday with cars, and also everyone who helped with tear down on Sunday. Also thanks go out to David Santel who donated the PS3 and TV as well as all the DVD's that we handed out. Special thanks go out to Danny Popp and Bill Neil who donated their time and Corvettes. Without cars the booth would have sucked! We also unveiled the clubs newest acquisition-our NEW CANOPY. We ran out of membership applications! And last but not least we had 85 people sign up to win the fleece sweatshirt we were giving away. I would not be a bit surprised if we had 150 people at our first autocross event. Thanks to all for a wonderful show. Come and help at all the shows.  
(pictures courtesy of Jeff Loewe www.jlofoto.com)



## Between the Cones

Andrew Stanford, Solo Chair, Cincy Region

Well guys.. hold on to your tire warmers, cause we are about to get underway! We start the season off right with a limited entry Test and Tune, Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. There MIGHT be spots left, so check the Solo page of the website and click on the schedule to find out.

Our first points event is Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at River Downs. Be sure not to miss it, it promises to be a big one! Our Schedule is nearly finished, and most of the dates are solid so get on over to the CincySCCA.com and click on the Solo Page link to check it out! The schedule is also available for download in .pdf format at this web address: <http://www.cincyscca.com/solo.pdf>

This year holds lots of points events, and a new venue! We will be trying out the parking lot at Turfway Park Race Track this year and we will need some volunteers at a date to be announced to bring some blowers and help us rid it of any extra sand that they might still have around from sanding the horse track. More details to follow!

The Evolution Driving School in April is pretty much sold out, but if you have taken a Phase 1 in the past, I do believe we will be able to accommodate a few more students for Phase 2. Contact me (via contact info on the website or this newsletter) for more information in getting a spot in Phase 2. it's the best money you ever invested for going faster around the cones!

Also on the menu for this year in Solo; NEW CONES! Yeah! Thanks to your Cincy SCCA board of directors, we have the funds for 250 new cones this year, we have needed them for quite some time, so they will be a welcome addition to our trailer.

In addition to new cones, we will also be carrying Cincy SCCA T-Shirts! I will be holding a competition for T-Shirt Design on the Autocross forum (see the website for Forum Link) and the winner of the design competition will be receiving TWO Free T-shirts, their choice of Designs. We will also be taking orders for some VERY nice embroidered Cincy SCCA Hoodies. More details on this later. Everyone please come out to the general meeting on March 17<sup>th</sup>, you can get your GREEN BEER afterwards! Your club needs you!

# 2009 Annual Tech for Club Racers

The Cincinnati Region has scheduled two dates for SCCA Annual Tech in our area for Club Racers. Tim and Bobbi Ross will be conducting these inspections. Please note that there are different contacts to schedule for each date. Also, be sure to remember your Log Book as well as your car.

## March 28, 2009 (Saturday)

- SR Racing and Race Car Supply
- 100 Mercer Ct, Lexington, KY
- Contact Jim Schings (jim@sracing.com or sracing@mindspring.com)
- Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon
- Jim is offering in-store discounts on safety items this day. 10% off helmets, harnesses, fire systems, suits, gloves, shoes, etc.
  
- Chassis dyno runs at only \$55 (set of 3 runs)

\*\*\*\*\* TRAINING SESSION FOR TECH VOLUNTEERS AT 1:00 PM. \*\*\*\*\*  
CONTACT BOBBI ROSS AT BOBBI.ROSS@FUSE.NET

## April 19, 2009 (Sunday)

- Modular Depot
- 2350 Alexandria Pike, Newport, KY 41071
- Contact Jerry Cabe (jcabe@belcan.com) to schedule a time
- Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
- Greg Brown of the Modular Depot will have a special price for use of their chassis dyno that day

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## Getting to Know the Board Meet Andrew Stanford

Hello! I am Andrew Stanford, most friends call me Andy, or Drew, it doesn't really matter, I answer to anything! I am your Solo Chair, and that means I run the autocross program here in the Cincy Region, but only with LOTS of help from my committee and member volunteers. I am also a member-at-large on your board of directors.

I started Autocross racing just a couple of short years ago, and have fallen for it big time. I wanted to get more involved, and help the program run more smoothly, so somehow I got volunteered for my current position (thanks to Paul Williams) I have seen a lot of changes come about in a short period of time and I feel we are moving forward at a wonderfully rapid pace. I look forward to helping the club keep it's autocross program alive and well for the future.

I am an entrepreneur at heart and make my living by buying and selling just about anything. I run an Ebay business buying and selling surplus technology. I also have a small flooring business and have installed carpet in Cincy for more years than I care to remember. In the future, I plan to have my dream, Stanford Motorsports up and running so I can do what I love, and that is ANYTHING that has to do with motorized sport. ANYTHING. To learn more about the Stanford's hobbies, just visit [Stanfordmotorsports.com](http://Stanfordmotorsports.com)

I am a single father of one, Nick. Most of you Solo aficionados know my boy, as he works right along side of me at every event, he sets up and tears down with the best of them. Nick just turned 14 and is chomping at the bit to start Solo, I don't know if he will be able to hold out till he is 16!

I am proud to have the trust of the Cincy Region as they let me try to guide the Solo program to bigger and better things, and I believe we can do it, but only with participation from YOU! The Cincy Region SCCA member. I think the best is yet to come. Help us make that a reality!

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

Race dates: August 1 - 2, 2009

Race Committee Meeting Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

Attendance: Todd Cholmondeley, Jerry Cabe, Bobbi Ross, Jeff Loewe, E.B. Lunken.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. Bobbi Ross presented some concerns about Tech at the PDX's. She presented a sample receipt to be issued to all drivers at registration showing that they have indeed registered and what days they are to drive. It was suggested that a paper punch with a unique design be used to mark the days off. This receipt would be used at both Bluegrass and Mid Ohio. The committee discussed the possibility of using the GLDiv. Whistler and other test equipment for race weekend tech inspections at Mid Ohio since there is not a national event running the same weekend. Jerry Cabe brought forth a question on whether the new Spec Miata compliance program had produced the promised test equipment that each SCCA division was supposed to receive. Bobbi indicated that the equipment was being shipped and should be available for Mid Ohio.





Todd Cholmondeley produced a tentative budget for the Committee to review. Todd based the budget on a break even of 163 entries. It was suggested that the entry fee stay the same for 2009 with a slight increase in garage rental fees. A finalized budget will be produced for BoD approval at the March 17<sup>th</sup> Cincinnati board meeting.

The Committee meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. at: Ruby Tuesday's  
7701 Voice Of America Center Dr.  
West Chester, OH 45069

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

## Cincy Region Positions Available

-  *Competition Chair*
-  *Rally Chair*
-  *PDX & Race Volunteers*
-  *PDX & Race Committee Members*

**John O'Steen, long time Cincinnati Region member, now living in Florida, celebrated 40 years of membership in SCCA last month. John raced Porsches very successfully in his career including 356 Speedsters all the way to IMSA GTP 962's.**

**Congratulations, John!!**

## DON'T MISS THE MARCH MEETING !!!!!

Greg Brown from Modular Depot  
will be a special guest speaker at the March meeting.  
Greg has competed in Koni Challenge,  
Grand Am Cup  
and other series with his Modular Depot Mustang.

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# Viva Las Vegas

## Notes from the SCCA Convention

First note is that the South Point is a nice new property that was extremely convenient for this type of meeting. The access to the seminar rooms and large halls was easy, the whole event was fun. This year's convention was devoid of a lot of the acrimony that marked previous annual meetings; several SCCA veterans commented on this fact wondering where all the arguments, disagreeable characters and dissension had gone. Apparently the arduous features have left the building, along with Elvis – what a relief, since most of us do this for fun.

Jeff Dahnert, the new President had a very upbeat presentation, complete with a wide open overview of the financial situation with the club. One of the most entertaining part of Jeff's presentation were the pictures of the black helicopters and the assurance that they are NOT dispatched from Topeka, Kansas! Please make a note of this! Mr. Dahnert was the CFO for the organization and has brought transparency to the financial situation, is a very likeable individual and was well received by the convention attendees and has a great rapport with the staff.

New CFO Jeff Ehret gave a financial review that was very complete. New to this position with only about a month to prepare he did a good job explaining that the operations side of the organization was profitable, however the investments lost 24% of their value and created an overall loss for 2008. SCCA Pro and Enterprises both made money in 2008 and added to the bottom line, they both have growth planned for 2009.

SCCA Pro is bringing back the Trans Am with Musclemilk (owned by EB Lunken's GOOD friend and long time Trans Am competitor Greg Pickett) as the primary sponsor. More information about the rebirth of this fabulous series is in SportsCar and SCCA.com. A marketing and promotions agreement, with an entity run by competitors, for the Speed World Challenge will boost the exposure for that series. New rules for the Touring Class have been implemented that should make that class more achievable for many teams. The MX-5 Cup with Mazda will be back for another three years with SCCA administration. The Pro series with the most impact in 2008 is the VW TDI Cup – this series has grabbed attention with its use of biodiesel fueled cars and as a training ground for young drivers. Read about the VW TDI Cup program on the SCCA website and in SportsCar. Very exciting stuff here.

The Solo seminars centered on the new home of the Solo Nationals in Lincoln, Nebraska. This new venue has acres and acres and acres of concrete allowing for some very interesting ideas about courses and the number of courses. The Solo Nationals are the world's biggest automotive competition and the new venue will be able to host them in fine style. On the regional level, Cincinnati native Eric Prill and the marketing team have put together some methods to drive traffic to Solo sites giving the regions the opportunity to convert these people into competitors. Signage is an important aspect of this campaign and would be very applicable to our venues and program. Velma and Raleigh Boreen received the Solo Cup award for being all around good folks and committed to the Sport, they have visited our events on a regular basis and are an asset to the club. Velma is one of the Chairs of the new Great Lakes Divisional Solo Series, which will be making its debut this year. Out of all the Solo meetings the big buzz was the new location of the National Championship Event.

Club Racing is weathering the storm of the financial downturn of the country with a few nicks and bruises; nationally the entire program has gone the way of our Regional Race here in Cincinnati with lower and lower participation by both drivers and volunteers. Terry Ozment and the Club Racing Department are working to bring new life into race weekends by making it easier to add PDX and Club Trials to race days. Dan Coughenour from WOR, and a supporter of Cincy PDX events the past two years, has been designated as The GL Division's Time Trial Executive Steward, that operates within the Club Racing Department. A good bit of discussion on how to bolster race weekends centered on effective Time Trial programs as a way to make racing easy and fun and bring new competitors to the sport. The CRB has decided to combine all the classes into two groups and the BoD approved that, so from now Club Racing will only have two classes, Closed Wheel and Open Wheel. Seriously, I am just kidding to see who was really reading this stuff, the classes will remain largely consistent. The BP and DP classes are changing around, more information is available in SportsCar and on the website. The Runoffs are moving to Road America, one of the birthplaces of Club Racing, and the excitement was evident in Las Vegas. Much discussion centered on Head and Neck Restraints and if they should be mandated in Club Racing; let Marcus Meredith, your area 4 Director know your thoughts on this important topic by contacting him at [mmerideth@scca.com](mailto:mmerideth@scca.com) or 734-722-5158 – this is your club.

The SCCA Hall of Fame inducted five new people including Jim Kimberly, Paul Newman, John Timanus, Bill Chambres, and Bill Johnson. Close to home, a good friend of Cincy Region and former Area 4 Director, Larry Dent was awarded the Woolf Barnato award. This is the highest award given by our organization and it could not have been awarded to a more deserving individual. Congratulations to Larry and thank you for all your contributions to the SCCA.

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# **IT'S OFFICIAL! WE HAVE A SOLO SERIES IN THE GREAT LAKES DIVISION!**

After a couple of months of meetings and phone calls, we are please to announce that the Great Lakes Division has a Solo series!

The Series schedule is as follows:

May 16-17	Ohio Valley Region at OSU
June 6-7	South Bend Region at Grissom
June 28	Northwestern Ohio Region at Toledo Express
July 18-19	Detroit Region/Saginaw Valley Region at Oscoda
August 8-9	Great Lakes Divisional Championship at Grissom

The sponsors for the Series will be SoloPerformance.com, AXWare, Mid-Atlantic Motorsports and The Tire Rack.

The soloserries.org website will be sporting some changes to it as well in the near future. Make sure that you check out that site.

The committee for the series is comprised of the following competitors:

Velma Boreen – Divisional Solo Steward  
Marlene Obenour – Division Solo Steward and Bulletin Editor  
Don and Steve Elzinga – Website Administrators  
Kim Bollinger – Schedule  
Travis Robuck – Pointskeeper  
Andy Bell – Regional Liaison  
Grayden Obenour – Rules Enforcer

One of the biggest changes that is taking place for 2009 is that points will be given for each day of competition. This will allow a competitor to come to just one day of a two day event and potentially get more than just 20 points, which is the amount that they would have received previously. For event trophy purposes, the two day events will still be combined time events.

The Series has the backing of the SCCA National office so the hope is that all of the Regions in Great Lakes Division will encourage their members to attend at least one of the events and have so much fun that they will come to more of them. The step after that is getting people to attend The Great Lakes Division Solo Championship or a National Tour and then making the trip to Lincoln, Nebraska for the Solo National Championship event in September!

The Regions that are hosting events in 2009 have proven track records and the competitors know that they will be participating in a quality event when they attend one of the Series events.

Any questions – check the soloserries.org website. The contact information for those on the committee will be there. Feel free to contact anyone on the committee. They are there to help.

# **Fun, Fair and Safe!**

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Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 17th  
 at Mill Race Banquet Center on W. Sharon Road  
 in Winton Woods at 8:00 pm - Note the earlier time!

## Coming A-TRACK-tions

### March

- 14 - Danny Popp Testapalooza and Tire Destruction Event, River Downs
- 17 - Monthly Meeting 8:00 pm
- 23 - I.T.SPEC\*tacular Race Meeting
- 29 - Solo Points Event #1, River Downs

### April

- 4 & 5 - Evolution Performance Driving School
- 21 - Monthly Meeting 8:00 pm
- 26 - Solo Points Event #2 Turfway

### May

- 15 - 17 PDX Weekend at Bluegrass
- 19 - Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm



### 2009 GLDiv racing Schedule

May 2-3	ORP	Indy National w/ restricted regional
May 9-10	Nelson Ledges	NeOhio Double regional
<b>May 16-17</b>	<b>BlueGrass</b>	<b>Cincy PDX</b>
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
<b>July 31-Aug 2</b>	<b>Mid Ohio</b>	<b>Cincinnati I.T.SPEC*tacular restricted regional/ PDX</b>
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