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RE-Port

By Regional Executive, David Santel

It's August, and the point where the Cincinnati Region begins slowing down a bit into the winter months. The IT Spectacular was a spectacular success as always, and many thanks to Todd Chomondeley, Brian Walker, and their crews for putting on such a great event again. We received many compliments on how well the event was ran, so great job to everyone involved with the planning and execution! I can say for myself that I had an amazing time at the PDX, and thoroughly enjoyed watching several novice students get much better as the day progressed.

There are a couple quick business notes I needed to cover. First, the Board of Directors are planning to make a few small changes to the region's bylaws. These changes will be listed in full in either the September or October CinChronizer. Also, the changes will be available on the website, as well as read at the general membership meeting in October. Finally, the changes will be voted on at the November membership meeting, along with the voting for the rest of the positions on the board. Also, please note that the September meeting will be pushed back one week to 9/28, same time, same place. The run-offs are being held the third week of September and we don't want to interfere with anyone planning to make that trip. So again, the September meeting will be held on September 28th.

Thanks everyone, have fun, stay safe!

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A Weekend filled with Passion

PDX Report

WOW, is the first thing I have to say! From my perspective it was the best one yet! Weather was perfect, track was sticky, and everyone had big grins on their faces! It was great to see so many new faces at our event as well as our seasoned veterans too. We had 42 Novices, 23 Intermediates, and 42 Advanced/ Instructors for a total of 107 competitors. The weather was high 70's with partly cloudy sky's. Every run group got at least 4-20 minute sessions and there were no serious incidents on track. Our instructor group also gave rides to many spectators, a first this year! We also welcomed back the Ferrari Club of America for the fourth year in a row. We also had some other wonderful machinery on track like a Nissan GTR, Viper ACR, Lotus Exige S, Corvette ZR-1 and many more.

This event could not have been possible without a tremendous effort from our Cincy Workers-Todd Cholmondeley, Jill Roeder, Jerry Cabe, Rodney Sizemore, Dave Howard, Bill Niemeyer Jr., R B Wright, and everyone in registration especially Christy Graham. Big thanks also go out to our instructors who gave their time to our large Novice group. We are already working on some new and wonderful things for next year. So spread the word and we will have an even bigger and better event for 2011!

See you next year,
Brian Walker, PDX Chairman

IT-Spec*tacular Report

As I sat down the morning after another great Cincinnati race weekend I tried to remember a defining moment that summed up the past four days of my life. The one thing that stuck in my mind was Barney Powers passion. For those of you who know Barney as a mild mannered, easy going guy you would have been taken aback by the man asking me "Why?". Why don't we invite sports racers, formula cars and all the other cars to partake in a weekend such as this? To be honest after three days in the sun and light sleep I had no answer for this passionate plea. Passion is what drives us to do things we love. I watched the spark that Bob Cowie had in his eyes fade with the loss of Judy to ALS earlier this year reignite at the thought of doing something greater with sponsorship and partnership with ALS in the coming years. I look forward to talking more about it with him in the coming months. I watched Claire Frimming shrug off getting a golf cart slammed into the front of her pretty blue Miata in the paddock and the thought of having to get it repaired because she was having too much fun to let it get her down. Brian Walker and his ability to talk anyone with a vehicle into doing a PDX, that passion brought out 107 drivers many of them new to the track to take some time off in their busy lives to come out and have fun. Passion is what makes the club. The willingness to go out and beat the drum to take time off to do what you love. And the reward? One heck of a good time!

Four straight dry days at Mid Ohio, who would have thought that was possible? And a first for the PDX in that we did not have to mechanically assist any vehicles off of the track. Things moved smoothly over to the race weekend with 135 cars taking to the track in six race groups. Big fields on the track and large crowds in the esses were fun. We did miss out on having an announcer this past weekend which would have made for more excitement. Saturday evening we had so many people we went through the 250 pre-ordered meals and unfortunately had to wait while more was made. The day was saved by Claire Frimmings home made birthday cakes for Dave Howards 44th Birthday and an appearance of Milka n' Dunots as his official vinyl Hooter Girl. She spent the evening carousing the paddock, sitting in the Belcan display car for photo ops and greeting drivers at the black flag station on pit lane tied to the canopy. The Saturday party went on well into the wee-hours of Sunday morning with many an auto-xer sleeping in till late morning recovering. I think everyone will say it was another epic Cincinnati PARTY. To those who went home early, make sure to circle your calendar for next year.

To our sponsors Belcan Corp., Performance Alignment, Continental Motorsports, Jeff Loewe Imaging, Race Keeper and Holliday Canopies. Thank you for your support! Thanks to Brian Walker, Christy Graham, Jerry Cabe, Dave Howard and Bill Niemeyer Jr. for organizing and executing the PDX portion of the weekend. Starla McCauley, Dorothy Harrington, Pattison Lunken, Peggy Dietz, Gloria sheets, Sue Rupp and Eric (yes you too Hunter, Jason the photo twins) for "gluing" the registrar position together when it looked like it was going to explode. Thanks to Bobbi and Tim Ross as they retire from their passion of being Chief's of tech and the hope they possibly pass their passion on to Gordon and Teresa Benson. Sherry, Nathan, Matt Duddey, Claire Frimming, Jill Roeder, Colleen Cabe and Amy Armitage for the assists and saves that were needed down the stretch. I even had time to sit down every once in a while! And to those who saw my son Matthew Cholmondeley volunteering on False Grid, thank you for your patience as he learned a new position. Your passion is his confidence. But most of all to my wife Jill Cholmondeley for her passion in sticking with me for the last 19 years. For it with her help that I am able to be race chair. For with her passion I have the ability to do anything.

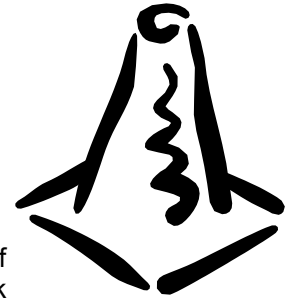
See you at the race track.
Todd Cholmondeley, Cincinnati Race Chairman



Between the Cones

Solo Report

By: David Santel



The National Championships are fast approaching, and several of our region's members are planning to make the trip. If you crack open your July issue of Sports Car, you'll note that our very own Tom O'Gorman is listed as a top pick to win the new STR class this year. We wish him and the rest of our national competitors the best of luck!

Back on home soil, we have one event left at Turfway Park this year on August 29th, it'll be our 6th points event. After this, we'll finish out the season at River Downs. The tire index class is again the class to watch as we close in on the end of the season, as current points standings make in anybody's game. Adam Popp, Phil Viars, Tavis Spencer, and Evan Frank are all within striking distance of the lead.

Finally, I created an Standard Operating Procedures manual for our next Solo Chair, who we still need. Several people have expressed interest already. If you're interested in helping out or being on the solo board next year, please let me know, I'll get you the SOP and put you in touch with everyone else that is wanting to help! Thanks!

Minutes of the June, 2010 Meeting of the Cincinnati Region SCCA BoD

Board members attending: Christy Graham, E.B. Lunken, Tom O'Gorman, Bill Niemeyer Jr., Rodney Sizemore, Bryan Schafer, Brian Walker, David Santel.

Bill Niemeyer called the meeting to order.

On the motion of Brian Walker, with David Santel seconding, the May, 2010 meeting minutes were approved. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Dan Chambers, treasurer, was not present at the meeting.

Old Business

Bryan Schafer will bring consolidated by-laws revisions to the next meeting. The board will review the proposed revisions in the early fall with the intent of presenting them to the general membership in October, and submitting to the general membership for voting in November.

Solo Report

David Santel is still working on a replacement Solo Chair. In the meantime, David is filling in as Solo Chair and documenting the important duties.

Race Report

Todd Cholmondeley was not present at the meeting but submitted a written Race report. Rodney Sizemore will send a Constant Contact e-mail blast for IT*Spectacular to approximately 5,000 contacts outside of the Region.

Car Shows

Brian Walker has created an information sheet to hand out at car-oriented events.

New Business

Tom O'Gorman brought up the issue of some regions supporting their traveling members by paying entry fees for National events. The board does not support this at the present time due to the potential financial impact.

On the motion of E.B. Lunken, with Rodney Sizemore seconding, the meeting was adjourned.



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Coming A-*TRACK*-tions

August

- 15 - Test N Tune @ Turfway
- 17 - Monthly Meeting 8 pm
- 29 - Points Event #6 @ Turfway

September

- 3 - OVR PDX @ Mid-Ohio
- 12 - Points Event #7 River Downs
- 21 - Monthly Meeting 8 pm MOVED to 28th
- 28 - Monthly Meeting 8 pm ***** special date

October

- 10 - Points Event #8 River Downs
- 15 - WOR @ Mid-Ohio
- 24 - Fun Event TBA



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