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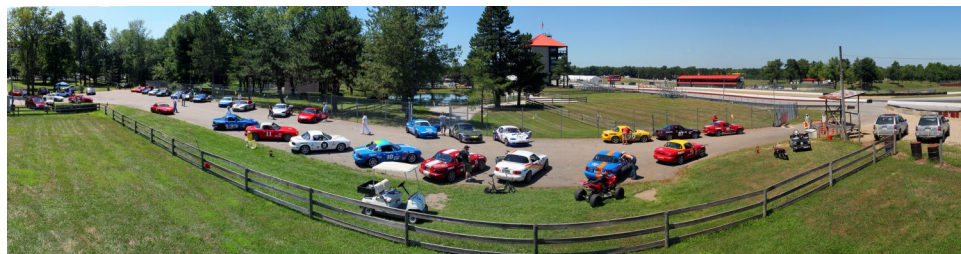
By Regional Executive, David Santel

With the IT/Spectacular out of the way, summer feels like it's starting to wind down. The autocross season is bursting at the seams with excitement though as the action continues in several hot battles. As always, Todd Cholmondeley did an amazing job organizing and running the IT/Spectacular, and his partner in crime, Brian Walker, did another fantastic job with the PDX. Everyone I spoke with gave great reviews of the event and had a ton of fun! If you didn't attend, you certainly missed out on a great time! If you did attend, we hope you had fun, and be sure to check out Jeff Loewe's photography website at www.jlofoto.net for some spectacular shots of all the action!

I'll take a second to remind everyone that due to the Run Offs, our September meeting will again be pushed back a week to September 27th, same time as always. Also, the two candidates for our Area Director, Marcus Meredith and Steve Harris, have been invited to speak at that meeting. Both will be sharing their platform and ideas on how they can improve the SCCA in that position. Our region has invited the neighboring regions to attend as well, so it should be a great meeting. Hope to see everyone there!

Thanks, and continue having a safe and happy summer!

Stay safe, and as always, make it easy, make it fun!



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Race Report

Wow! What a weekend it was. Brian Walker and the team of Jerry Cabe, Bill Niemeyer, Jr. and Dan Coughnour (Western Ohio Region) out did themselves again this year with one hundred and twenty entries in the Friday PDX! A special thanks goes to all the instructors who came from across the country to help teach the students and to Bob Miller and the Ohio Chapter of the Ferrari Club for their continued support of our event.

As for the race weekend, we had one hundred and thirty entries participate in this year's event, with 4 different race class trophies being decided by tie breaker after 108 miles of racing in two days. Now that's some tough competition!!! I would like to personally thank Ken, Mary and Michael Berchack from Ohio Valley Region for stepping up and assisting with Driver Information and Trophy presentations. Their presence truly made an impact on the operations of the event. Best wishes to our Cincinnati region member Phil Osborn who usually covers driver info as he recovers from a broken hip and could not make the trip this year!! And while I'm on the subject - THANK YOU to all those other folks that made the weekend tick. Cincinnati Region members Jerry Cabe, Colleen Cabe, Brian Walker, Shari McCoy, Nathan Roberts, Tavis and Brandy Spencer, Claire Frimming, John Peterson, Jill, Jason and Matt Cholmondeley, Sam Goins (and the extended Goins family J), Mick and Letty Walker, Tavis and Brandy Spencer, Brian Rush & Karen (hope you got your power steering fixed), Carolyn Salisbury, Eric Aielli, Gordon and Theresa Benson, Mike and Lee Hamilton, Ron Long, Tom and Laura Phillips, Joe, Elisa and Emma Hennies, Ben Tyler, Bill, Amy (The pace car communicator) and Gianna Armitage, Chipp and Pat Swindler, Pattison, Hunter and Uncle E.B. Lunken, Stuart Mullen and to all the special people in our sister regions who come out to help each year. If I missed anyone please forgive me.

Now on to the future... This is the end of a five year plan that was developed after the 2006 racing

season by the Cincinnati race committee. It has been my pleasure (with the support of my family, Jill, Matt and Jason) to serve as your race chairman for the past five years. It is now time to develop a new five year plan as well as bring the race weekend into a better alignment with today's economic environment. For this I believe that a new person with the drive to meld our race, PDX, Solo and Club trial programs into a different type of weekend at Mid Ohio is needed. I will fulfill my obligation to co-chair the OVR/Cincy double national in 2012, work with any future planning at Wilmington air park and will step back to a support role for the Cincinnati I.T.SPEC*taclular. I will be doing the behind the scenes work to support a new race chair and be stepping into a more active roll in registration at the track. Post race weekend wrap up and development committee meeting will be held at 7 pm, August 23rd at Uno's in West Chester.

Respectfully Submitted, Todd Cholmondeley



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Between the Cones

Solo Report

By: Shari McCoy and Nathan Roberts



August has arrived and the autocross season is more than half way complete. We held our sixth points event of the season on July 17 at Turfway Park. We had over 70 drivers participate in the event. The course was designed by Tom O'Gorman and Scott Giles, and it was an amazing set up. It was a very different course than usual for the venue and everyone had a great time.

We will be back at Turfway Park for our test and tune on August 7 and we will be there again for our seventh points event on August 21. There has been a change to the original schedule. On Sunday September 4 we will be having a Joint event with the Western Ohio Region at Kil-Kare raceway in Xenia Ohio. This will be our second co-event of the season with WOR, and our first time traveling north to visit their home venue. If you have never been to an event at Kil-Kare you should make the short trip up to Xenia.

There is also another schedule update, the last three events of the season September 25, October 9 and October 23 will be held at the Cincinnati Mall. We held our first event of the season at the mall, and it was great. This is our first year using this venue and we are very excited to return.

We look forward to seeing you at an autocross event very soon!

Hey All,

Well the PDX & IT Spectacular is in the books for 2011 and once again it was a great event. I think we are getting good at this! Set-up was good. I don't think we forgot anything except my wallet (thanks Brian Rush for getting that)! The PDX kind of got off to a slow start but we quickly got up to speed.

The weather was great for the morning but we did have a monsoon come by about 1:30 or 2. The rain lasted about an hour and we had a delay but then we were cleared to go back on track for two more sessions after it passed. Even with the rain I believe everyone had a wonderful time with big smiles all day long.

The Ferrari Club had a large turn out with more than a dozen cars on track throughout the day. They all enjoyed themselves and it is always a pleasure having them at the track with us (Thanks Bob and Michael). FCA also took advantage of our New Track Tour session at lunch. We had several laps behind a pace car and then the pace car driver took people out for hot laps.

Our instructor ride along were a big hit as well. It gave non-PDX participants a chance to ride with an instructor at speed. A portion of the money from the Track Tour and the Ride-Alongs was donated to ALS (Bob Cowie's charity).

It was once again a great event because of the help of several key people- Todd & Jill Chomondeley, Jerry & Colleen Cabe, Christy Graham, Pattison Lunken, Bill Niemeyer, Dennis Barnes, Dave Burchfield, Dan Coughnour, Jeff Loewe, everyone at registration, all instructors, Mid Ohio Sports Car Course and most of all the SCCA workers.

Every year we learn new ways to make the event bigger and better and I believe next year will be the best one yet. Got some big plans - stay tuned!

See you at the track,
Brian Walker



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Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 16th
at Mill Race Banquet Center in Winton Woods at 8:00 pm.

Coming A-*TRACK*-tions

August

- 16 - Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm
- 21 - Points Event #7 Turfway Park

September

- 4 - CoEvent with WOR region Points Event #8
Kil-Kare Raceway
- 25 - Points Event #9 Cincinnati Mall
- 20 - NO Monthly Meeting - see next week
- 27 - Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm

October

- 9 - Points Event #10 Cincinnati Mall
- 18 - Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm
- 23 - Points Event #11

November

- 15 - Monthly Meeting at 8:00 pm

Club Racing & Time Trials in the Great Lakes Division

Scheduled events in the Great Lakes Division for 2011. This is a tentative schedule and you should check the website (www.greatlakes-scca.org) to verify exact dates, restrictions, and find additional info.

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| Aug 20-21 | NEOhio 12 Hour Enduro/Double Regional @ Nelson Ledges |
| Sep 2 | OVR PDX @ Mid-Ohio |
| Sep 3-4 | OVR Double Regional @ Mid-Ohio |
| Sep 17-18 | GrandAm @ Mid-Ohio/OVR Restricted Regional @ Mid-Ohio |
| Sep 19-25 | SCCA Runoffs @ Road America |
| Sep 30-Oct 1 | ALMS Petit LeMans @ Road Atlanta |
| Oct 8-9 | OVR Double Regional @ Mid-Ohio |
| Oct 29-30 | NEOhio Quad Regional @ Nelson Ledges |
| Nov 4-6 | ARRC @ Road Atlanta |