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It's election time and the region is in need of some volunteers to step up and help fill some positions! The good news? The region is in great shape on all fronts and incoming leadership should have a very easy time getting their feet wet with helping run the club. As with every year, all officer positions will be up for election, and three board member at large spots will be open. There are six total board members at large that serve two-year terms. Each year, three outgoing board members at large will be replaced or reelected while the other three start their second year. Here's our current line-up of nominations:

Regional Executive: NO NOMINATIONS OR VOLUNTEERS

Assistant RE: E.B. Lunken

Secretary: Bryan Schafer

Treasurer: Christy Graham

The three outgoing board members at large, Brian Walker, Shari McCoy, and Nathan Roberts are all running for election again, with no other members currently expressing interest.

The region very much needs an experienced member to fill the vacant Regional Executive position.

I'll be happy to offer my assistance and guidance to any incoming RE. If you have questions on the duties of RE, please feel free to call me or email me to discuss. The incoming RE will be in great hands as Shari and Nathan will continue as Solo Chairs, and Jerry Cabe has volunteered to be Race Chair. So if you are interested in running, or know someone who may be, please email us at info@cincyscca.com. Thanks!

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Newsletter
Deadline:
Tuesday,
Nov. 6th**

Send articles to
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Children's Hospital Visit

By Jerry Cabe

On Tuesday, October 2nd, I was privileged to be asked to represent SCCA Club Racing in giving back to those undergoing a difficult time. Nancy Schillace finally asked me to attend one of her arranged visits to a Children's Hospital. Nancy has been doing this for several years, arranging racing "character" visits to Rainbow Babies in Cleveland, Children's Hospital in Columbus, and Children's Hospital in Dayton. I say racing characters because she brings in professional drivers, team owners, flaggers, and even lowly amateur drivers like me, to visit with the children and families that are going through a difficult time in their lives. The goal is to provide just a little bit of diversion to whatever they are facing at the time.

JD Pfetzing (SRF driver), Cory Albright (IT7 driver) and I joined Nancy in "making the rounds" along with our escort through various wards at the Dayton Children's Hospital. Dressed out on our driver suits, we got some strange looks from some of the staff and doctors, but the kids all brightened up when we were escorted into a room. We would spend just a few moments with each child and family that could accept visitors. Not a single one cared that we were not famous drivers, or didn't personally know Danica Patrick or Tony Stewart. We didn't care that most of them only think of racing as Lightning McQueen or NASCAR. Shirts, hats and stuffed animals were given to the many smiling faces as we talked briefly about racing. JD had his helmet available for all the children to sign, so watch for #15 SRF's well autographed helmet at a future race (or maybe even at Bob Cowie's silent auction next year).

BTW, I have been discussing the possibility of expanding the hospital visit program to Cincinnati Children's Hospital with Nancy for a couple years. Having now participated in a visit, I am encouraged to make this happen.



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Cincy Region member, Northbrook IL resident, Richard Coburn started the DSR race in 12th position and finish 5 places up in 7th.

Mike Koltoff gained one position and finished 8 at the 2012 Runoffs



Steve Jenks was on the podium with a 3rd place finish in his Continental Motorsports prepared Formula Mazda



Tom Patton Finished 5th at the Runoffs in his awesome Tire Discounters Sunbeam Tiger

David Doran started and finished 5th in Sports 2000



Bill Niemeyer didn't make the start of the STU race. His motor had a catastrophic failure during his second qualifying session.

Bob Cowie working corners keep drivers pointed in the right direction and lending help.





Between the Cones

Solo Report

By: Shari McCoy and Nathan Roberts

The season has come to a close and after a long year of epic trials and tribulations, ups and downs, highs and lows we would like to say thank you. Thanks to everyone who put autocross before other things in their life.



Thanks to all who stayed late and showed up early. Thanks to everyone who was a shoulder to lean on when we were on the brink of desperation. Thanks to those who just cared. You cared about us as your competitors and your compatriots, your friends and your rivals. Even on the worst days on the worst tracks there is nowhere we would rather be than in a parking lot covered in cones and tire marks. You gave us something to be proud of and something to work hard for. You inspired us and we promise to make next season better than this one. Thank you, friends.

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2013 Club Race News

By Jerry Cabe

As the 2012 Club Race season rolls toward an end, the Cincy Region needs to give a big **“THANK YOU”** to Todd Cholmondeley, who has developed the IT/SPEC*tacular race over the last six years. While other regions in the Great Lakes Division have struggled to hold financially viable race events, the IT/SPEC*tacular has grown into a “must attend” event in Club Racing. Todd’s almost endless efforts were augmented by his family and the many other volunteers that are required to put on an event of this caliber. As most know, Todd has elected to pass on the Race Chair role, in favor of a more challenging position – working Registration. After careful consideration, I decided to take on the task of following in Todd’s footsteps. Boy, does he have big feet and long legs. I hope I can continue the positive growth of Cincy’s race program. Going forward into the 2013 race season, I propose to keep the same restricted race format that has been developed for the IT/SPEC*tacular. Minor modifications/tweaks will be considered that may allow us to continue to grow the event. I want the Cincy Region to grow the Time Trial program (PDX and Club Trial), while being more integrated with the Club Race events. I would also like to see the Cincy Region add a second annual Club Race event that caters to the full spectrum of classes within the GLD while being financially viable. The challenge to achieve these growths will be complicated with the 2013 roll out of the still evolving Club Race Majors Program. I’m still gathering info on the Majors Program, and trying to figure out how it might affect Club Racing and Cincy’s events going forward. I hope to provide a summary of the Majors Program in the near future. So if you are interested in assisting the formulization of Cincy’s Club Race events for 2013 or beyond, drop me an email (jcabe@belcan.com) or contact me at 513-671-3839. Monthly Race Committee meetings will start up in November and all are welcome.

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

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October

16 - Monthly Meeting at Mill Race

November

3 - Great Lakes Round Table

20 - Monthly Meeting at Mill Race

December

(No monthly meeting in December.)



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