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March Madness is definitely here! In the last CinChronizer I spoke about how the groundhog weather prognosticators had lead us to believe that spring would come early this year, and as I look out my window to see the fresh 6 inches of snow accumulation, I have to wholeheartedly disagree with their decision! But let's hope sometime very soon the snow tires can be tucked away for next winter! Last month did end the winter car show season for our Cincinnati Region SCCA booth with its presence at the Cincinnati Auto Expo down at the Duke Energy Center. Many thanks and kudos to Brian Walker and all of the volunteers that came down to talk about the SCCA to the attendees of the expo and also to the owners of the vehicles that were on display through the weekend.

The first weekend in March brought the annual SCCA National Convention to the schedule. The attendees we had from the Cincinnati Region will have more to say about their experiences next month, if they weren't able to make our print deadline for this month. The hard work last year of the region at the 2012 IT Spectacular did garner a prestigious recognition at the convention for hosting the SCCA 2012 TIME TRIAL EVENT OF THE YEAR!! That is fantastic recognition of the organizing, planning and execution by Jerry Cabe, Todd Cholmondeley and all of the other volunteers who need to be mentioned (but I forgot) for creating an event that was not just FUN, but also now AWARD WINNING! A great precedent and inspiration for our 2013 event!

The Solo schedule is also coming together with dates for the first events coming up quickly in April! As you probably have heard by now, the National Solo Match Tour event that was on the tentative schedule for April 6-7th had to be cancelled because we have not had a final decision from the FAA on approval for use of the "Pad" location at the Wilmington Air Park. However, our Solo Chairs Shari & Nathan have an awesome 2013 schedule planned for our great locations with events in the "Lot" location at the Wilmington Air Park and at Turfway Park! There is optimism on future approval from the FAA on the "Pad" location and we will keep you updated as the opportunity evolves. *(Continued on page 4)*

"If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough" - M. Andretti

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Hey Guys - What a Car Show!

The 2013 Enquirer Media & Cars.com Cincinnati AUTO EXPO was a great success for the Cincinnati region. Hart Productions and Chip Hart have allowed us to set up a booth on the main floor in between the BMW and Lincoln car booths. It is always a special treat to be on the main floor; we get much more exposure. We had a small space but were able to fit 2 cars and a small FSAE car into it. We made some new friends and potential new SCCA members.

I would like to say Thank You to our car owners- Tacti Takagi for the use of your RX-8, Greg Platt for your BRZ and Matt Davis and the Formula SAE team from the University of Cincinnati. Also I want to say a HUGE Thank You and apology at the same time to Rick Deerwester for your understanding of the situation that I was presented with.

The show would not have been a success without all the help from our wonderful volunteers: Todd Cholmondeley, Aaron Gastrich, Tony Horning, Bob Gruenwald, Bob Miller, Bill Niemeyer, Sara & Kevin James, Gary Rickelhoff, Tavis & Brandy Spencer, Tacti Takagi, Nathan McCoy Roberts, and Sheri (featured in Sports Car Magazine) McCoy. Thank you all for your help with set-up and tear-down of the show. We always need the club volunteers to put these shows on so please help in the future.

See you next year,
Brian Walker





2012 GLD Time Trial Program Awards

2012 EVENT OF THE YEAR

Each year, the GLD Time Trial Program looks at the Time Trial events that have been held during the season and evaluates them with the goal of selecting the GLD Event of the Year. Selection criteria look at event size and/or growth, participant enjoyment (drivers and volunteers), and community involvement.

The GLD Event of the Year is automatically submitted as the division's nomination for the SCCA Time Trial Event of the Year that is awarded at the National Convention.

For 2012, the **Cincinnati Region's PDX / Club Trial** held in conjunction with the IT/ SPEC*acular has been selected as the Great Lakes Division Event of the Year. This event starts off with a Friday Performance Driving Experience (PDX) at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. This annual PDX consistently draws the largest non-charity event participation in the country, averaging more than 100 participants over the last five years. The 2012 PDX event had 92 participants who spanned the various skill levels from Novice to Advanced. Typically, the Novices comprise the largest group, giving testimony to the region's efforts put forth to continually bring in new participants to the Time Trial experience. Holding the event in conjunction with a large race weekend provides an abundance of talented instructors to help guide the new and experienced participants as they learn and develop their road course driving skills.

New to the event in 2012, the Cincinnati Region added the next level of the Time Trial program by including a Club Trial in with the races on Saturday. Most of the fifteen Club Trial participants came from the experienced core of PDX participants. On Saturday morning, the participants were put through an orientation session to familiarize them to the logistics of running in a group that is going out on track in the same manner as all the other race groups during the day. They were also issued transponders to mount to their vehicles so their times could be recorded. Throughout the day, the Club Trial participants were treated just like every other race group; except that they had passing restrictions which were carefully monitored by the Stewards and Corner Marshalls.

Lessons learned over the years by the Cincinnati Time Trial Team continue to be transmitted to other regions within the Great Lakes Division and all across the country in an effort to help other regions grow their Time Trial programs

2012 PARTICIPANT OF THE YEAR

Each year, the GLD Time Trial Program looks at the participation in the Time Trial events that have been held during the season with the goal of selecting the GLD Participant of the Year. Selection criteria look at driver improvement, contributions as a volunteer, sportsmanship, and attitude.

The GLD Participant of the Year is automatically submitted as the division's nomination for the SCCA Rich Shafer Participant of the Year Award, which is presented at the National Convention.

For 2012, **Larry Hall** of the Ohio Valley Region has been selected as the Great Lakes Division Time Trial Participant of the Year. Larry was selected for this honor as a result of his continued support of the Time Trial Program in the division. All the Time Trial Stewards know they can count on Larry's support during an event in whatever capacity they need. This applies to all the regions running TT events. As RE for the Ohio Valley Region, Larry is instrumental in building a cohesive team to support the TT program as it develops and grows.

GLD Event of the Year Recipients

- 2010 – Cincinnati/Ohio Valley/ Western Ohio Regions
PDX Program
- 2011 – Detroit Region PDX
- 2012 – Cincinnati Region PDX / Club Trial

GLD Participant of the Year Recipients

- 2010 – Dave Howard (Cincinnati Region)
- 2011 – Bob Smith (Ohio Valley Region) also recipient of
the Rich Shafer Award
- 2012 – Larry Hall (Ohio Valley Region)



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And a reminder! Our next regular membership meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19th AT **7:00PM!!** We will be starting earlier in the evening so we can have a great presentation on everything about Solo competitions!

On a final note for this month as we talk about speed, one of our members hit a speed bump this month and is now racing towards a speedy recovery. Please join me in wishing our friend, Jerry Cabe, the speediest of recoveries!

And, once again, as this 2013 season is about to get into motion, if you see an activity you haven't been involved in before but would like to try it out, come on down! This is YOUR club;, enjoy it!

See you soon where the rubber meets the road,
Tony Brown

Between the Cones

Solo Report

By: Shari McCoy and Nathan Roberts



After a long wait its time to race again! Our schedule is almost fully completed and the first few dates are ready to go. With what felt like a long winter brings a much awaited spring and lots of change. After talking to just a few of our local autocrossers I discovered quite a few people will be making some big changes.


A few notable people to keep an eye on this year should be our very own Tom O' Gorman and Dave Montgomery who will be piloting the new F prepared Porsche 914. The newly acquired car should make for strong competition against our own "king of F prepared" Brian Walker who hopes to have a more solid season after fighting near constant mechanical problems from his RX7 that is already one of our quickest cars. Chris Jackson looks to be trying to keep his grip on our tire index with a few new parts and taking the big risk with the new BFGoodrich Rival tire, a tire that looks like it may dominate the already competitive street tire classes. Our very own Col. David "Danger" Santel will continue on with his mini cooper locally but for those of you going out on the road you might get to see him in a RTR Scion FRS that should be a prime competitor in the tire rack national tour. Tavis Spencer, after a close race against Robert Drake in SMF last year, will be driving his recently acquired D stock E46 330i that, with his lovely wife Brandy, should be a strong contender in either our pro index or tire index. The A man himself, Adam Popp, asks "who will challenge me for D stock" as his closest competitor and long time friend, Shari McCoy, is leaving her long standing class for pro index to drive, amongst other cars, an STS Miata that may look a little familiar to some. Pat Witte will return in his M3, that was described by Tom O' Gorman as "one of the best cars I've ever driven", looking to hunt down yet another class win and maybe a few more FTD's. Last, but not least, our local STX class should be a very competitive class as it is every year but with a few new additions. Things might heat up more than ever before. I'd put this class down as my local open class to watch this year. If you read all this and thought "Hey, why didn't they talk about me?" then shoot us an email telling us about your plans this year and chances are your name and story might show up in the next article. Also, a friendly reminder that there have been a few changes to the schedule recently namely, the match tour has been cancelled and the first points event along with its accompanying test and tune will be moved to Aprils 6-7. As always, keep your eyes on the website for schedule updates and we hope to see you at the track!

Membership Report

Ready or not its time to race. And what better way to get in the groove than to attend our March 19th membership meeting at the Mill Race Banquet Hall at Winton Woods Golf Center. The meeting will start at 7 pm with Guest speakers Shari McCoy, Nathan Roberts and Dennis Barnes doing a presentation for Autocross. If you are new to autocross or just curious on how it has evolved over the last few years this is the meeting for you. As always food and soda are free, and there will be a cash bar for those needing an adult beverage. Remember our April meeting will also be at Mill Race and our May meeting will be at Full Throttle Indoor Karting. Welcome to our newest members who joined us in February. Sheryl Stevens, Lizane & Charles Castle, Tyler Newhall, Robert Armstrong, James Forbis Jr., Brian Creelman, Kevin Higgins Sr., David Ache, Craig Mann and David Brightwell. For those of you who say there isn't enough young people in the club we also welcome Aria Nicole Barnedo (born 2/7/13) and Danica Villarroja (born 5/3/2011). A special thanks to their parents for making them club members.

I hope to see you at a membership meeting!

Todd Cholmondeley, Membership Chairman



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at Mill Race Banquet Center in Winton Woods

Coming A-*TRACK*-tions

March

19 - Monthly Meeting at Mill Race at 7 pm

April

6 - Test & Tune a.k.a. Testapolooza
Wilmington Lot

7 - Region PE #1 Wilmington Lot

16 - Monthly Meeting at Mill Race at 7 pm

May

18 - Region PE #2 Wilmington Pad

19 - Region PE #3 Wilmington Pad

21 - Monthly Meeting at **Full Throttle Indoor
Karting at 7 pm**

June

16 - Tri-Region Challenge Connersville Indiana

18 - Monthly Meeting at Mill Race at 7 pm

30 - Points Event #7 Turfway Park



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