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>>>> **Nominations** <<<<

For Board and other elected positions

This is the end and where we look forward the NEW season.

*Have you ever wondered how all these events happen? The Solos, PDX, our I.T.Spectacular and the up coming spring rally. It comes from the guy or gal standing next to you, that's who. That tech inspector looking at your car at impound, the kid shagging the cone you just hit or the guy in whites waving the meatball at you, that you have only seen at the banquet. They all have one thing in common, They love to sports cars racing. This is the time to help YOUR club look to the future. Do you or someone you know(hang out with) make a difference for OUR club? Come **October 21st** and see what it's all about, put your hat in the ring and donate a little bit of time to make our club better. If you're already on a committee, Solo, Race, F & C, Rally. I thank you and the rest of us thank you. Like the Marines We're looking for a few good men and ladies.*

Shari McCoy and **Nathan Roberts** have a final update on the solo program, **Jerry Cabe** with coverage of the I T SPEC-taculr and some shots from the PDX

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ! It's YOUR club help make it happen.

dodgin' cones and wearin' whites, joe.....>

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I would like to thank the following supporter of our club.

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Donated the yellow vests worn in pit lane for the I.T. Spectacular

2014 PDX

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THANKS JEFF



October 2014 Solo Report

By: *Nathan Roberts and Shari McCoy*

October has arrived and with the changing of the leaves and the end of the autocross season. We had two amazing points events at **Wilmington Airpark** in September and the competition in our index classes was at a peak with these last few events of the season. There are only two more events for the 2014 schedule. The first, **October 5th**, is our ninth and final points event of the 2014 season. It will be held at the Wilmington Airpark, this will determine many of our season long championships. The final event of the year will be a limited entry fun event on Sunday **October 19** also at the Wilmington Airpark.

The 2014 season has been an amazing one. We would like to thank everyone who came out to our events, and all of those who worked very hard to help make this season a success. We hope to see you at one of our final events this year.



National Champion runs Wilmington before Nationals

2014 Cincinnati Region General Meeting Schedule & Events Calendar

October 21 – Club History & **Officer Nominations**

October 25th –Indy Region Rally the Haunted Hills of Morganville

November 18 - 2015 ELECTIONS

December - NO GENERAL MEETING

2015

January 2015 - AWARDS BANQUET (TBA)

CAR SHOWS and **SPRING RALLY**





Race Chair Report

By Jerry Cabe

Well, the 2014 edition of the **IT/SPEC*tacular** has just completed, and was pulled off successfully, thanks to the efforts of too many to thank here. But a huge **THANK YOU** to all involved. We had 175 participants in the seven race groups on Saturday, and 167 on Sunday. This is a good increase over the recent years, indicating the economy impact may have run its course, or maybe the participants like our event. This year our three day event included all the SCCA classes, along with the **US Formula 1000 East Championship Series** and the **Hoosier Racing Tire Formula FST Championship Series**. The F1000 series was significantly lighter than expected, presumably due to the fact that it was the last two races of their series, and the entries mainly comprised those who were still in contention for the championship and the contingency awards. The FST group was well represented and their races were good to watch. Also included were the region's **Performance Driving Experience (PDX)** and a **Club Trial** (Levels 1 and 2 of the Time Trial Program). Entries for these Time Trial events were lighter than prior years but I saw a lot of smiles coming off the track.

The weekend started off with the **PDX** on Friday. Many familiar faces and cars were seen along with a good mix of first-timers (Novices). Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, and Instructor groups rotated throughout the day with minimal issues. Each group receiving five on-track sessions during the day.

Saturday didn't run as smoothly for the Club Races; starting off without a functioning track PA system to call groups to the Grid, followed by a significant oiling of the track in Group 2. Issues and cleanups continued throughout the day, resulting in running into overtime and having to shorten the last two groups of the day.

The first day of racing was capped off with the Saturday evening party. A Gourmet Burger dinner with cold beverages was welcome by all. Door prizes and cash were presented to many of the volunteer workers at the party. I won't go into any detailed stories of Saturday evening, but will say – don't believe everything you see and read on Facebook.

Sunday, also saw issues throughout the day, again requiring running into overtime, even with shortened afternoon races. Throughout the weekend, the weather cooperated for mid-August, being dry most of the time without oppressive heat/humidity. Sacrificing the chickens worked again.

Again, Thanks to everyone that helped pull this spectacular event together. Almost all the comments I received were very positive. Be proud to be part of the **SCCA Cincinnati Region**.

Onto the planning for our **2015** events. Yes, that does indicate plural events. On **June 12-14, 2015** the **Cincy Region** will host the inaugural **SCCA Club Race** at the newly opened **National Corvette Museum Motorsport Park** near Bowling Green, Kentucky. And, at a date yet to be determined, we will hold the **2015** edition of the **IT/SPEC*tacular at Mid-Ohio**. The Kentucky track is anticipated to require a lot of detail effort, being a new track without all the bugs worked out, and the Mid-Ohio event will likely be less than two months later. So please plan to help support these events and your region.

Also, we have a limited supply of **2014 IT/SPEC*tacular** T-shirts for sale. We have small, large, X-large shirts available for \$5 each. You can send me an email at jcabe@belcan.com or I will have them at the September membership meeting at the **Mill Race Banquet Center** on September 16th, and if they remain available, at the October meeting.

Board Meeting

-August 19, 2014

Minutes of the August, 2014 Meeting of the **Cincinnati Region SCCA** BoD
The meeting was called to order by Bill Niemeyer at 7:30 with Tony Brown, Chris Donovan, Shari McCoy, Brian Walker, Christy Graham, and Bill Stevens in attendance. Nathan Roberts, Joe Kohls, and Rick Deerwester were unable to attend. Brian Walker moved to approve the July, 2014 meeting minutes. Chris Donovan seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report Christy Graham presented the treasurer's report. Bryan Schafer moved to approve the treasurer's report. Bill Stevens seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business

- 1) Jerry Cabe will send a thank you letter to **Grainger** for the safety vests that they donated to the Club. Enclosed will be a photograph compliments of Jeff Loewe.
- 2) Brian Walker is making progress on the "SCCA advantages" sign.

Race/PDX Report Jerry Cabe reported that the Race, PDX, and Club Trial events at Mid Ohio went well. Entries for the PDX were somewhat below expectations. We had 16 participants for the Club Trial and 170+ for the Race events on Saturday and Sunday. The FST Series had good attendance while F1000 was below expectations. The lunch and dinner were well received but expensive. Leftover event t-shirts will be sold at a discount at upcoming Club events.

Solo Report Shari McCoy reported that we had a record setting attendance of 267 at the Wilmington Pro Solo. Attendance of 368 was nearly a record at the Wilmington Champ Tour. 1)The trailer insurance issue remains unresolved.

Membership Facebook activity on the Region page continues to be strong.

Car Shows We have an agreement to participate in the **February 18, 2015 Auto Expo**.

Rally Christy Graham reported that we are planning a road rally event in the Fall. Tim & Bobbi Ross are helping with route planning.

New Business An officer nominating committee was formed consisting of Bill Niemeyer, Todd Cholmondeley and Bryan Schafer. We will have regular Board and Membership meetings in September, October and November, all at the Mill Race.



Cincinnati Region Rally Update by Christy Graham

Since there is no news of a Cincinnati Region rally yet much in my head, but nothing that can be copied and distributed as yet I thought I would tell you of my most recent rally experience.

Indianapolis Region hosted a rally on Sunday, September 26, which started (and ended) in Columbus, Indiana. I knew it would be a beautiful drive at this time of year and there was no football game I wasn't willing to miss. So I borrowed the husband of an old friend and we spent a total of 10 hours driving around in a pristine 2009 Corvette with the top off, eating (NOT in the car), and socializing with the Indy Region rally folks, a super group of people. It could be run as a standard TSD rally or a GTA. We chose the latter because we wanted to just enjoy the drive and not think too hard. The weather was perfect, the leaves were starting to turn, and it was a wonderful day.

We did pretty well with some notable exceptions and I learned a lot, both for participating in a rally and for setting one up. Make sure your driver understands that a rally is not a race, especially when you need to be looking for answers on a GTA rally. *"It's not cool to leave skid marks"*.

- Verify whether you are following the "straight ahead" or "follow principal road" direction of travel, and include that information in the general instructions
- Don't take a nice car to a rally that does NOT specify "gravel roads do not exist" in the general instructions, which should be posted online, as these were. Owners of pristine Corvettes do NOT find gravel amusing. In the future I will also ask if we will be driving across any creek beds.

And a note for rally checkpoint personnel

- When driving past a competitor who is sitting in a parking lot looking very confused, and wondering a mile down the road if you should have stopped to see if everything was ok the answer is **yes**. So yes, we did get lost. We found out later that we missed a turn 50 feet after a checkpoint, before yours truly had a chance to look up after getting back in and buckling up, as Speed Racer took off. Somehow we ended up back on the right road and crossed the right creek bed, but since we were working on the wrong instruction number, we still got lost. Which leads to another good bit of advice:

- A GPS is good to have on board

Almost all the time it had no idea where we were. The little icon didn't even show us on a road. But when you can look down the instructions and find a named landmark, in this case a church, it can get you there. Then you can try to figure out which direction to go from there. THEN it can take you back there again when you discover you chose incorrectly the first time. Which is what we discovered when we found the answer to a question (yay) we should have found BEFORE we got to the church. AND you can tell it to avoid those pesky unpaved roads to do it.

So the rest of the rally went off without a hitch. Or anymore answers for that matter since we were nearing the deadline for finishing. But we got there with 4 minutes to spare and received a rousing round of applause upon entrance to Noble Roman's for persevering and finishing. We got to review what we did wrong and find out the answers to the questions we missed. I still think we should have gotten credit for the first question: Did you see a giraffe? I don't care that there WAS a giraffe and we missed it. We didn't SEE a giraffe, and THAT was the question.

The most important lesson learned:

Take your sense of humor with you. It's critical to a good time. Also consider running Indy Region's next rally on October 25, **The Haunted Olive Hills of Morganville**, a map rally with first car out at 6pm. See their website for details.

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