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Cincinnati Region S.C.C.A.

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Hello! February may be the shortest month of the year, but your **Cincinnati Region SCCA** is not held back by calendar limitations! Another busy February is in the books. We had some great region promotional opportunities with our annual involvement in the **Cincinnati Auto Expo** at the Duke Energy Convention Center where our Membership Chair **Brian Walker** coordinated another fantastic display of vehicles and information! The following weekend we also participated with a booth display at the inaugural **Great Lakes Racing Expo** at Full Throttle Indoor Karting. Thanks to **Jim Clark** for assisting to set-up the booth and **Christy Graham** for manning the booth with me that Saturday afternoon and tear down. This was a great event that attracted several hundred people interested in automotive motorsports! It was a great inaugural event that hopefully will continue in the future!

Last month was also the **2015 SCCA National Convention** in Charlotte, NC. This event was also tied to the 2015 MSX (North American MotorSports Expo). **Jerry Cabe, Bill Stevens, Jim Clark** and I attended as representatives of the Cincinnati Region SCCA. Many pages of notes on thoughts and ideas accumulated from the sessions were taken and in the coming months we'll be sharing some of that great information as we digest what we would like to implement in our region!

Our February General Membership Meeting had a great turnout from members and potential new members that heard about us at the Cincinnati Auto Expo! We hope to see everyone again at our next **General Meeting on Tuesday MARCH 17th @ 8pm at the Mill Race Banquet Center!!** Our event season is getting ready to kick-off with our first event of the season, a **Road Rally on APRIL 11th!!** Be sure to check our website and CinChronizer for updates and information on this event.

On a somber note, one of our beloved members, **Roy "Chipp" Swindler**, has passed and taken his final checkers. Chipp was a longtime active member of Cincinnati Region SCCA, one of the many positions he held was our Race Chair and also served on the region Board of Directors. Chipp was a recipient of 2 of the regions prestigious awards, **The Gordon B. Miller Trophy** and **The Bert Hatfield Memorial Award**. But Chipp was not selfish with his skills to just our region, many members from around the country knew Chipp from his presence at Regional & National Road Race events. He was Nationally Licensed in many different worker specialties, but most notably recognized as the calm and cheerful orchestrator of the events in Grid and Pit Lane. He will be sorely missed, Godspeed Chipp.

Look forward to seeing everyone on **March 17th!** Take care and be safe on the roads, Tony Brown, R.E.

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>>> RALLY NEWS! <<<

Put **April 11th** and **October 24th** on you calendar. Those are the dates set to have some rally fun. Details for the first rally will be coming shortly. Check the website for updates. There will also be some general instructions, definitions and rules posted soon, sort of a mini tutorial to give you some basics and get you ready to run. The requirements to participate are pretty basic. You need a **road-worthy** vehicle of any variety (no special handling or horsepower necessary), a **licensed driver** and a **literate navigator** to read directions and questions (so the driver can keep his/her eyes on the road), a **sense of humor**, and your entry fee. A clipboard and a pencil for writing the answers to the questions and checking off completed instructions will make your life easier, And in case we EVER have weather that will allow any top down driving, a hat and/or sun block. We will end the rally at a location that will have food and liquid refreshment available, where we can bench rally (is that a real expression?) and declare a winner. Non SCCA members are welcome so invite family and friends to participate, but they will need to become a weekend member and pay a slightly higher entry fee. I am still looking for committee members to assist with setting up rally routes, manning checkpoints and sharing ideas. Please let me know if you are interested in contributing and then watch for an email with meeting details.

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CINCINNATI REGION SCCA '15 ANNUAL AWARDS

Jim Johnston - **Tom Patton & Richard Colburn**

Ray Thompson - **Dave Kutney**

Bill Niemeyer - **Chase Heikkila**

Gordon Miller - **Takuto Takagi**

Joel Williams - **Paul Williams**

Robert King - **Evan Frank**

Bert Hatfield - **Barney Powers**

Ice Bucket - **Tony Brown**

Car Show Report

Once again the **Cincinnati Region SCCA** was able to have a large display booth at the **Duke Energy Center**. We had 6 members cars that were graciously donated during one of the worst snow storms in recent memory. We had a great show with much interest in the club. We passed out the 2015 schedule of events, membership applications, and **Sports Car Magazines**. Many of the new contacts from the show attended our most recent membership meeting.

I would like to thank all that helped work the show: **Bill Niemeyer, Gary Rickelhoff, Evan Frank, Tom Tomlinson, Mark Poyner, Tacti Takagi, Bob Cowie, Liz & Chuck Castle, Aaron Gastrich, Scott Bitzer, Tony Horning, and Chase Heikela**.

I would also like to thank **Evan Frank, Mark Poyner, Jerry Cabe, Kevin Kresa, Tacti Takagi, and Steve Colletti** for the car donations. The show would not be as successful without your generosity.

Thank you, **Brian Walker** Car Show Chairman



Solo Report

March has finally arrived which means we are one month closer to the start of the season. Hopefully by the time April is here the weather will begin to be more cooperative. The 2015 schedule is posted on the website, mark these dates on your calendars. Before you know it registration for the first events will be open and everyone will be getting their cars out of the garages and prepared for our first event. This is going to be a great season and we can't wait to get it started! **Thank you** to everyone for their help and support throughout the years we couldn't do this without all of you! We look forward to seeing everyone at our first event on **April 19!**

Nathan Roberts and Shari McCoy



Race Report

The **Race Committee** has been meeting monthly and is making progress toward the planning/preparations for two events in 2015.

The first, is going to be the first Club Race at the newly opened **National Corvette Museum Motorsport Park** near Bowling Green, KY.

Friday, June 12th, will be a **SCCA** sanctioned **Practice Day**, followed by a double-regional on Saturday and Sunday.

The **“Escape The Sinkhole”** event will be open to all **GCR** and **Great Lakes Division** classes. We have met with the track management and have been able to work out a lot of the logistics for putting on this event. Driver interest has been strong and we are confident that it will be the premiere event within the division this year. But to make that happen, we need a lot of help from our volunteer corp. Our **second event** of the season will be the traditional **IT/SPEC*tacular Plus** event at **Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course** on **August 8-9**. This will also be a double-regional open to all GCR and GLD classes. Both events will count toward the **Great Lakes Division Championship Series** as well as toward the divisional path for qualifying for the **National Championship Runoffs** at **Daytona International Speedway**.



Registration for VIR Majors Open

Registration for the first race of the newly-formed Northeastern Conference is scheduled to open **Friday, May 6**. While this will be the opening race for the Northeastern Conference, this event will also be the final weekend the Southeastern Conference. Strong results at the historic **VIRginia International Raceway** will be a pivotal for many drivers with their eye on a Conference title. For others this will be the beginning of their summer-long campaign. Like all Majors events, get your registration in two weeks before the event to get your name dropped in the hat for a chance to win your entry fee back. Details on the **VIR Majors** can be found at SCCA.com/VIRMajors .

2015 CINCY REGION SCHEDULE

March 17th Board and membership meeting
r 4/11- Rally crjgraham@yahoo.com
s 4/18- Staring Line School- W E
s 4/19- Points Event #1-W E
s 5/23- Test and Tune- W P
s 5/24- Points Event #2- W P
s 5/29-5/31- Pro- Solo-W P
R 6/12-14- Double/Champ series @ NCMMP
s 6/14- Points Event #3 W E
s 7/12- Points Event #4- T P
s 7/26- Points Event #5- T P
s 7/31-8/2- Pro-Solo- W P
T 8/7 PDX @ Mid Ohio
R 8/8-9 I.T. spectacular- Mid Ohio
s 8/14-8/16-Championship Tour- W P
s 8/30- Points Event #6- W E
s 9/20- Points Event #7- W E
s 10/4- Points Event #8- W E
s 10/18- Make up date/fun event-W E
r 10/24 - Rally

* We will doing a joint event with OVR, date tba.
> **March-November Meetings 3rd Tues each Month 8 pm Mill Race Center 1515 Sharon rd. <**

NCMMP National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park
W E Wilmington Employee lot
W P Wilmington Pad
T P Turfway Park Florence KY (tentative at printing)
S Solo R Race r Rally T Track
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