

Northwestern Ohio Region Sports Car Club of America

Clutch Chatter

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Northwestern Ohio Regional News:

The second and third Solo Events have been completed. The second event was a whopper with 168 competitors. A few glitches forced the last two heats to be reduced to 3 runs from the first two heats getting four. We have a time that we have to be off the site and we hope that everyone understands. With the ever increasing difficulty of finding event sites we do not want to take any chances of losing a site, especially one as nice as the airport. A special meeting was called to look into addressing the glitches to help things go smoother in future events. Good news is that the 3rd event went much smoother. The 88 competitors were treated to 5 runs each and the event was finished by 4:00. Congratulations to Jeremiah McClintock (F125 - 96 Renspeed), who had FTD and best index time at the May 17th event and to Greg McCance (ESP - 02 Subaru WRX), who had FTD and best index time at the May 31st event.

To encourage pre-registration for normal NWOR events it was decided to include a fee for walk-up registration of \$5 and to close walk-up registration ½ hour earlier than pre-registration.

The new fee structure is as follows:

Pre-registered Members - \$20
Pre-registered Non-members - \$35
Walk-up Members - \$25
Walk-up Non-members - \$40

Many members have told me that they enjoy testing their abilities against the neighboring competition and seeing new venues, so we have included some of the closer events in the area. It was suggested that members may want to discuss their plans to attend any of these events in the NWOR forums so that others that may be interested can also tag along. Good luck to all!

Upcoming events:

- June 6th
Nora/ASCC Ed Port Charity Event at Northfield Park Akron, OH (<http://www.noraracing.net/>)
- June 6th and 7th
Great Lakes Division at Grissom Aeroplex Peru, IN (South Bend Region)
Pro Solo at Blytheville, AR
- June 7th
Nora/ASCC event #4 at Northfield Park, Akron, OH (<http://www.noraracing.net/>)
- June 13th
Southern WV Region at Parkersburg Airport
- June 13th and 14th
National Tour at Romulus, NY
- June 14th

Cincinnati, OH event #4 at Turfway Park
WOR Dayton event #2 at Kil-Kare Speedway
Kentucky Region Louisville, KY event #5 Cardinal Stadium
Indy Region event #3 at Grissom AFB Peru, IN

- June 20th

OVR event #5 at Ackerman in Columbus, OH
NORA/ASCC event #5 at Northfield Park Akron, OH (<http://www.noraracing.net/>)

- June 20th and 21st

Pro Solo at FedEx Field in Washington, D.C.

- June 21st

Fort Wayne and South Bend Regions Challenge event at Memorial Coliseum Fort Wayne, IN
Detroit Region at Belle Isle Detroit, MI
Columbus IN Region event #5 Walesboro, IN
Central Kentucky Region event #3 at Eastern Kentucky University

- June 27th and 28th

Western Michigan Region at MSU Lot 89

- June 28th

Kentucky Region event #6 at Cardinal Stadium, Louisville, KY
Southern Indiana region event #2 at Lawrenceville, IN
MVSCC (Dayton) event #2 at Kil-Kare Speedway, OH (<http://www.miamivalleyscc.org/>)
Great Lakes Divisional at Toledo Express Airport (NWOR) Toledo, OH

- July 4th

NORA ASCC July 4th event

- July 4th and 5th

National Tour at Grissom Aeroplex Peru, IN

- July 5th

NORA /ASCC event #6 Northfield Park Akron, OH

- July 11th and 12th

Great Lakes Division at Ackerman Columbus, OH
National Tour at Hampton Mills, Packwood, WA

- July 12th

NWOR event #5 Honeywell Fostoria, OH
OVR event #6 at Ackerman Columbus, OH
WOR event #3 at Kil-Kare Speedway Dayton, OH
Central Kentucky Region event #4 at Eastern Kentucky University, KY
Indy Region Aussie Pursuit at 16th Street Indianapolis, IN
Kentucky Region event #7 at Cardinal Stadium Louisville, KY

Great Lakes Divisional News:

Competitors running in any of the Divisional Solo events will be required to have Great Lakes Division Sponsor Stickers displayed on both sides of their car. Stickers will be available at the event for a price of \$3 a pair.

Correction from last issue;

Be advised that this rally:

26-Sep-09 GNU Rally Pinckney, MI www.detroit-scca.org Detroit
Jim Shaffer 248-910-5569 shaffer32@comcast.net

Has been replaced with a different rally:

Cast In Stone, by long-time rallymaster Rob Moran, same date, same starting point. Cast In Stone will be a National Tour rally as opposed to a regional tour rally. See the documentation here:

<http://www.scca.org/documents/Rally%20Forms/roadrallysch.pdf>

Special thanks to Dave Head (NWOR Member - King George, Va.) for finding this error.

Here are the 19 Regions that make up the Great Lakes Division:

<http://www.greatlakes-scca.org/>

1. Central Kentucky Region #74 - <http://www.ckrscca.org/>
2. Cincinnati Ohio Region #70 - <http://www.cincyscca.com/>
3. Columbus Sports Car Club Indiana Region #64 - <http://www.cscscca.org/>
4. Detroit Michigan Region #10 - <http://www.detroit-scca.org/>
5. Fort Wayne Indiana Region #85 - <http://www.fwscca.com/>
6. Indiana Northwest Region #75 - <http://www.inr-scca.org/>
7. Indianapolis Indiana Region #13 - <http://www.indyscca.org/>
8. Kentucky Region #17 - <http://kyscca.com/>
9. Northeast Ohio Region #24 - <http://www.neohio-scca.org/>
10. Northern Ohio Valley Region #89 - <http://www.wizco.net/NOVR/>
11. Northwestern Ohio Region #28 - <http://www.nworscca.com/>
12. Ohio Valley Region #29 - <http://www.ovr-scca.org/>
13. River Cities Kentucky Region #51 - <http://geocities.com/rivercitiesregion/>
14. Saginaw Valley Michigan Region #100 - <http://www.svr-scca.com/>
15. South Bend Indiana Region #35 - <http://www.sbrscca.org/>
16. Southern Indiana Region #36 - <http://www.sirscca.org/>
17. Southern West Virginia Region #47 - <http://swvrscca.org/index.php>
18. Western Michigan Region #6 - <http://www.wmr-scca.org/>
19. Western Ohio Region #86 - <http://www.worscca.org/>

Club Meeting Minutes Summary 6/2/09 held at Old Town Buffet in Bowling Green, OH.

- RE: The Toledo Greatlakes Division Event on Jun 28th will require competitors to have the Greatlakes Division's Sponsors Stickers on both sides of the car. The stickers will cost \$1.50 each and be available at the event. Generic series trophies will be handed out. Sam Strano (Multi National Champion from Central Pennsylvania Region) may be designing the course for the Pro Solo Event at the Toledo Airport on July 25th and 26th. We still have some rule books available, even though National has run out of them. National normally requires each competitor to have a rule book to complete in a National Event. Since they are out of rule books they require entrants to sign that they have down loaded a copy off the internet if they do not have a hard copy of the book. Arkansas National Tour was hot. The site was large but not as conducive to have the National Finals as the Lincoln site will.
- Assistant RE: 238 members.
- Treasurer: Balance is still adequate. Last weekend's event has not been included in the figure reported. Taxes have been completed and paid, Yeah!
- Corresponding Sec: A Clutch Chatter may be published by the end of the week.
- Recording Secretary: Present, nothing new to report.

- Directors at Large: No report.
- Public Affairs: Four members participated in supporting the Channel 30 pledge drive last Friday. Tomorrow there is another pledge drive for Channel 30 from 7:00 to 11:30 PM. Dinner is provided by the Spaghetti Warehouse. Gail ask for new ideas for community service. Additional ideas on ways to support charity were briefly discussed such as working concessions at a Mudhens game or at M.I.S.
- Social: The next meeting will be held at the Applebee's in Dundee.
- Points: Points are up to date on the web site.
- Historian: No new news, only old news.
- Solo: The third event went very well. A check list of areas that could be improved was reviewed such as potential electrical power problems and proper file placement on the computers. It was noted that we ran out of wrist bands and will need trophies. Router improvement requirements were discussed and a cleanup of the files on the computers will be done to remove legacy and obsolete files to help new Registration and Timing and Scoring people set up the computer system at the events. A motion to support the purchase of a file server not to exceed \$275 was made by Bryan Rawlins and seconded by Lee Franz. Motion was passed by all attending board members.
- Old business: No old business.
- New Business: John Souder has extended the deadline for getting media participation at the Fostoria Event. He requested the club to make a donation to the charity of the winning media's choice. We currently have three television media people showing interest in competing. We may have a site for the September 27th Event. Robert will be checking things out tomorrow. More information will hopefully be released later on this. Hints were that an unusual event format may be used at one of our local events, maybe a challenge or double cross. Also it was noted that the Northern Ohio Racing Association and Akron Sports Car Club (<http://www.noraracing.net/>) have issued a multi region SCCA/Car Club Challenge for August 2nd to be held at Northfield Park, Ohio. Johnny Rose will look into Phil Schmidt's idea of getting material to change the finish cones to have a checkered flag appearance to help them to stand out as the point of finish. Hilary will look into getting receptacles for garbage for the Divisional and/or Pro. Mike Kirsch volunteered to help drivers with DNFs. There was a suggestion for having a Fall training program for people interested in learning specialties such as Grid, T&S, Registration, Tech, etc. We are looking at several different ideas for trophies and hope to have something completed by the Fostoria event. Ideal cost would be in the \$5 to \$7 range. Suggestions made were Oriental Trading Company or Libbey Glass.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.

NWOR 2009 Schedules:

Member Meetings are held first Tuesday each Month at 6:30 PM unless noted:

- 7/7 -Applebee's 119 Whitetail Drive, Dundee, MI (next to Cabela's) - (734)529-5656
- 8/4 -TBD
- 9/1 -TBD
- 10/6 -TBD
- 11/3 -TBD
- 12/1 -TBD

Solo Events (Site open @ 7:00, Registration and Tech open @8:00 to 9:30, walkups must be in line by 9:00, Novice walk @ 9:30, Drivers meeting @ 10:00, First car off @ 10:30, Pre-register at www.myautoevents.com)

- 6/28 Local Series Event #4 & GLD Solo Series-Toledo Express (Swanton, OH)
- 7/12 Local Series Event #5 -Honeywell Plant (Fostoria, OH)
- 7/25&26 National Pro Solo Series - Toledo Express (Swanton, OH)
- 8/16 Local Series Event #6 -Alex Products (Ridgeville Corners, OH)
- 8/30 Local Series Event #7 - Toledo Express (Swanton, OH)

- 9/27 Local Series Event #8 -To Be Determined
- 10/11 Local Series Event #9 -Honeywell Plant (Fostoria, OH)
- 10/25 Local Series Event #10 / Season Ender-Chrysler Toledo Machining (Perrysburg, OH)