

## Northwest Ohio Region Sports Car Club of America

# Clutch Chatter

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### Northwest Ohio Regional News:

Our first Solo event is complete and results (see [www.nworscca.com](http://www.nworscca.com)) show that Matthew Braun (07 Lotus Elise in PAX Class SStock) had the fastest PAX time and Jeff Blumenthal (95 KBS MK7 in PAX Class FMod) had FTD. There are 101 times listed. Congratulations to all that competed. It was a beauty of a day and everything was finished ahead of the rain. General comments were positive and other than a small snag in grid and a computer switch, things went smooth. There were rumors of someone locking their keys in their car in the after event gathering at McD's. The excitement moves on and on.

Don't forget to sign up for the May 17, 2<sup>nd</sup> event at the Toledo Airport. There is a solo school the day before for people that have 3 or fewer years under their belts. They can save \$10 by signing up for both the school on Saturday and the event on Sunday. Instructors for the school are always needed and welcomed, so contact Bryan Rawlins ([bryan@rawlinsnet.net](mailto:bryan@rawlinsnet.net)) if you are interested in helping.

Several of our members had a successful trip to the Pro Solo event held at Lincoln, Nebraska. It is the new site for the National Solo Championship this fall. See the RE report for details on the site. See the results at ([www.scca.com/eventresults.aspx?event=13626&hub=3](http://www.scca.com/eventresults.aspx?event=13626&hub=3)). Congratulations to Hawk Super Challenge winner Abe Potter (FSP), ChaseCam Bonus Challenge winner John Hale (B2), and Ladies Challenge winner Meredith Brown (L1). Alan Sheidler (96 Honda/Renspeed in Formula 125), and Greg McCance (02 Subaru WRX in ESP) both made the Challenge by winning their classes. Duel member Matthew Braun (07 Lotus Elise in SS) took out Greg in the second round but lost out in the third round. Alan also made it to the second round of the Challenge before losing out. Others showing good finishes were Jay Storm (96 Subaru Impreza in FSP) just one out of the trophies, Robert Christmas (a borrowed 86 Honda Civic in EP), Les Schober and Michael Losert (in Mike's 02 ZO6 Corvette in SS). Great showing guys! Next Pro is June 6<sup>th</sup> in Blytheville, Arkansas.

Did you see that NWOR member John Souder (07 Mazda 3 in DS) won his class and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in overall PAX at the OVR solo at National Trail Raceway in Columbus, Ohio on May 3<sup>rd</sup>? Aaron Rich (STU) was top PAX and Tim Rhode (F125) was FTD. OVR's ([www.ovr-scca.org](http://www.ovr-scca.org)) next event is on May 31<sup>st</sup> at Ackerman Lot.

I also happened to notice that NWOR member Mike Mitchell (04 BMW 330i in ProClass DS) also finished 5<sup>th</sup> overall in PAX at the Detroit, Michigan, Belle Isle Solo event on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Guy St. John (71 MG B GT – ProClass FSP) was top PAX and Keith Roberts II (01 Tony Kart - F125) was FTD. There were 150 times listed on the PAX sheet. Their next solo event is scheduled on May 25<sup>th</sup>. The Detroit Region web site is [www.detroit-scca.org](http://www.detroit-scca.org).

### Great Lakes Divisional News:

**Special Note for the Great Lakes Solo Race Series!!!** Due to a scheduling conflict at Ohio State, the May 16/17 Great Lakes Solo Series Race is going to be forced to be postponed. The new dates of the event will be July 11/12. Please contact Andy Bell with questions or concerns regarding the event. An e-mail will go out to all of those who are currently registered via DLB racing. Registrations will carry until the July event unless a refund is requested.

**Open Test and Tune Twilight Session at Mid-Ohio May 29<sup>th</sup>** - "Open Test & Tune Twilight Session May 29th (approx. 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.) available for reduced rate of \$150 to race participants through The Mid-Ohio School. Regular price is \$195. Each group will get a minimum of three 20-minute on track sessions. Visit [www.midohioschool.com](http://www.midohioschool.com) or call 877-793-8667 to sign up. Use discount code OVRMay to get reduced price. A Competition Course and full-day Open Test & Tune will be available during the day as well through The Mid-Ohio School offering additional track time."

### Great Lakes Division Club Racing Schedule:

As of 04/09/2009

#### **DRIVER'S SCHOOLS REGIONALS NATIONALS OTHER EVENTS**

4/18 & 4/19 School MVR @ NL (D) NEDiv

4/25 & 4/26 School CenDiv @ BHF (D) CenDiv

5/2 & 5/3 Regionals INDY @ ORP (C) Nationals INDY @ ORP

5/16 & 5/17 Regionals NEO @ NL (D)(C) Other Event CIN @ BMP (PDX/TT)

5/23 & 5/24 Regionals WMR @ GRA (D)(C)

5/30 & 5/31 Regionals OVR @ MO (R) Nationals OVR @ MO

6/13 & 6/14 Other Event 12 Hour Summit Point

6/20 & 6/21 Other Event CHI @ RA; GrandAm @ MO

6/27 & 6/28 Other Event SVRA @ MO

7/4 & 7/5 Nationals NEO/DET @ NL (D)

7/11 & 7/12 Regionals SBR/WMR @ GIN (R) Nationals SBR/WMR @ GIN

7/18 & 7/19 Other Event AMA @ MO (Super Bikes)

7/25 & 7/26 Other Event AMA @ MO (Vintage)

8/1 & 8/2 Regional CIN @ MO (R) Other Event CIN @ MO (PDX)

8/8 & 8/9 Nationals WMR/SBR @ GRA Other Event ALMS/IRL @ MO

8/22 & 8/23 Regionals NEO @ NL (R)

9/5 & 9/6 Regionals OVR @ MO (D)(C) Other Event OVR @ MO (PDX)

9/12 & 9/13 Regionals WOR @ BMP (D)(C) Other Event WOR @ BMP (PDX)

9/22 to 9/27 Nationals Runoffs @ RA

10/10 & 10/11 Regionals OVR @ MO (D)(C)

C = Regional Champ Series Event; D = Double; R = Restricted; T = Tentative

ORP - O'Reilly Raceway Park / MO - Mid Ohio / NL - Nelson Ledges / BMP - Bluegrass Motorsports Park / GM - Gingerman Raceway / GRA - Grattan Raceway

## Great Lakes Division Rally Schedule:

Event Rally Name Location Region website Organizing  
Date Chairman Phone e-mail Region  
10-Jan-09 **Son of Sno\*Drift** Waterford, MI www.detroit-scca.org Detroit  
Scott Harvey Jr. 248-488-4316 scott@teamharco.com  
7-Feb-09 **Ohio Winter Rally** Mentor, OH www.neohio-scca.org NeOhio  
Ken Swarm 216-233-2789 kswarm\_2000@yahoo.com  
21-Feb-09 **Dawnbuster I** Clare, MI www.detroit-scca.org Detroit  
Tom Bell 231-943-0810 trbrally@charter.net  
22-Feb-09 **Dawnbuster II** Clare, MI www.detroit-scca.org Detroit  
Tom Bell 231-943-0810 trbrally@charter.net  
28-Mar-09 **Twilight Tour** Ann Arbor, MI www.detroit-scca.org Detroit  
Ken Wiedbusch 248-435-6207 twilighttour@wowway.com  
25-Apr-09 **Moonlight Monte** Chelsea, MI www.detroit-scca.org Detroit  
Dave Harkcom 248-652-8747 rallyedad@aol.com  
11-Sep-09 **Friday Press On Regardless** Houghton Lake, MI www.detroit-scca.org  
Detroit  
Bruce Fisher 517-282-9516. bafisher@aol.com  
12-Sep-09 **Saturday Press On Regardless** Houghton Lake, MI www.detroit-scca.org  
Detroit  
Bruce Fisher 517-282-9516. bafisher@aol.com  
26-Sep-09 **GNU Rally** Pinckney, MI www.detroit-scca.org Detroit  
Jim Shaffer 248-910-5569 shaffer32@comcast.net  
10-Oct-09 **Johnny Appleseed** Bolivar, OH www.neohio-scca.org NeOhio  
Greg Lester 330-836-9003 LestGreg@aol.com

### NOTES:

1. **Dawnbuster will be treated as two, one day events for Division Scoring.**
2. **Press On Regardless will be treated as two, one day events for Division scoring.**
3. **Please send corrections and additions to Mike Bennett (mbennet6@ford.com or 248-380-8078).**

## Club Meeting Minutes Summary 5/5/09 held at Charlie's Restaurant in Toledo, OH.

- RE: Reported out on new site in Lincoln. Grip may not be as good as the old Forbes Field, but there may be twice as much area for racing and the surface is much better (no pot holes) and pretty flat. He also noted that the motels listed near the airport are located on the opposite side of the airport from where the events are run.
- Assistant RE: 227 members.
- Treasurer: The proceeds from the event have not been added to the account yet and are waiting for PayPal transfer of funds. Taxes for 08 are due to be completed by the 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Corresponding Sec: The last two Clutch Chatters were mailed out to approximately 50 members without e-mail. Approximately 130 members were e-mailed each of the issues. Postage stamps will go up in price on May 11<sup>th</sup> and anyone wanting to save some money may want to buy some forever stamps now.
- Recording Secretary: Present, nothing new to report.
- Directors at Large: Not present.
- Public Affairs: No news.
- Social: Next meeting will be at Old Town Buffet on Main Street in Bowling Green, Ohio. Yearend banquet location will be Bayside Boardwalk in Oregon, Ohio on November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Points and Trophies: No report. Bryan is going to contact Andy.
- Historian: No new news, only old news.

- Solo: Need instructors for the School on May 16. We have many of the Chief slots filled. We still have rule books for sale.
- Old business: No old business.
- New Business: A decision was made to buy 200 forever stamps for Clutch Chatter ahead of the increase. A D.J. will be obtained for the yearend banquet. The July 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> Toledo Pro-Solo car limit was increased to 250. Anyone wanting to be added to the waiting list for this event needs to call the SCCA National Office (1-800-770-2055) for more information.

### **NWOR 2009 Schedules:**

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

- 6/2 -Old Town Buffet on Main Street. (Bowling Green, OH)
- 7/7 -TBD
- 8/4 -TBD
- 9/1 -TBD
- 10/6 -TBD
- 11/3 -TBD
- 12/1 -TBD

### **Solo Events**

- 4/26 Local Series Event #1 / Season Opener -Chrysler Toledo Machining (Perrysburg, OH)
- 5/16 Solo Driver's School -Toledo Express (Swanton, OH)
- 5/17 Local Series Event #2 -Toledo Express (Swanton, OH)
- 5/31 Local Series Event #3 -Chrysler Toledo machining (Perrysburg, OH)
- 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)

Also note that the solo events will start a half hour earlier this year so set your clocks accordingly.

Hope to see you there.

Lee Franz