

Northwestern Ohio Region Sports Car Club of America

Clutch Chatter

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Northwestern Ohio Regional News:

How about Greg McCance winning the Index class (ESP '02 WRX) with the best Index time of the day at Belle Isle on 5/25. John Fessler and Robert Christmas also competed in the Index class in Robert's EP '87 CRX. Elizabeth Leckey won the Ladies Index Class in the SS '07 Elise. Dax Bushmeyer finished 3rd in Stock Index Class in the BS '97 BMW M3. Jack Bushmeyer and Don Leckey were also running in the Stock Index Class.

Buddy Cummings took 2nd in BStock at OVR's 5/31 event at OSU Ackerman in his Miata.

Kevin Lewis, Chip Wigton, John and Ethan Bradbury, and Buddy Cummings all took on the NORA/ASCC event on Sunday 6/7. They all turned in some of the fastest times with Kevin's XP Evo having FTD for the day and close to the top in index.

Matt Braun won SS at the National Tour in Blytheville, AR. in the Leckey Lotus Elise. Don and Elizabeth Leckey also competed SS and SSL respectively. Robert Christmas finished 2nd in EP in his '85 CRX. Matt followed up the next weekend with a 2nd place in SS at the Pro-Solo in Blythville, AR and Robert finished 12th in Race Tire Index Class.

The results from the first Great Lakes Division event in Peru on June 6th and 7th show several NWOR members finishing in the trophies. From day 1: Dax Bushmeyer 1st in B-stock, Mike Mitchell 1st in D-stock, Jeff Mabrey 2nd in ST, Paul Magee 2nd in F-Mod. From day 2: Dax Bushmeyer 1st in B-stock, Mike Mitchell 1st in D-stock, Jeff Mabrey 1st in ST, Johnny Rose 3rd in ST, Paul Magee 1st in F-Mod. Bryan Rawlins and Stefanie Mabrey also competed in ST and gave good showings. Way to support the Region.

SCCA Solo National Tour was in Romulus, NY on 6/14. NWOR members Jay Storm finished 1st in FSP and Robert Christmas had a trophy finished 2nd in EP with Carina Hansen finishing 6th in EP. Elizabeth Leckey finished 2nd in SSL. Dual member Matt Braun finished 1st with Don Leckey finishing 12th in SS.

In the June 20th Ohio Valley Region event Dax Bushmeyer finished 1st in BS and John Souder and I finished 2nd in HS and FS respectively.

The National Tour was in Peru, IN on July 4th & 5th. Mike Losert trophied in SS with a 4th place just behind Matt Braun. Jeff Mabrey picked up a 2nd place trophy in ST. Just one place out of the trophies were Jack Burns in FS, Robert Christmas in EP, and Mike Mitchell in DS. Don and Elizabeth Leckey, Bryan Rawlins, Stefanie Mabrey, Johnny Rose, Bryan Hull, and Charina Hansen also put in good efforts and supported our region with respectable finishes. It was suggested that I also note that Charina was ahead of Robert after day 1.

July 5th several members went to the Northfield event held by NORA. Kevin Lewis finished 1st in Pro XP, John Bradbury was 1st in EM, Ethan Bradbury was 6th in a large SM class, Lee Franz was 1st in FS, John Souder was 1st in HS and David Schultz was 1st in CP, Jay Storm took the day with 1st in FSP and 1st in the Pro PAX.

From the Divisional event held at Oscoda, MI on July 18 and 19th. Trophies went to NWOR members Matt Braun 1st in SS, Mike Mitchell 1st in DS, William Hull 2nd in FS, Alex Jones 2nd in BSP, Les Schober 1st in SM2, Alan Sheidler 2nd in F125, Elizabeth Leckey 1st in SSL.

Congratulations to the trophy winners from the Divisional Championship held in Peru on August 8th and 9th. Regional winners were:

Matt Braun 1st in SS, Elizabeth Leckey 1st in SSL, Mike Mitchell 1st in DS, Jeff Mabrey 1st in ST, Jack Burns 2nd in FS, Hilary Anderson 1st in STL, Mark Sommer 2nd in FSP, Alex Jones 2nd in BSP, John Fessler 2nd in SM, Paul Magee 1st in FM, Alan Sheidler 1st in F125, Colin Sheidler 1st in FJrA. We had a big turnout from NWOR there showing our support.

I would like to thank and acknowledge Todd Pavlack for taking pictures at the Honeywell event on July 12th. Some of the pictures Todd took were used for non-member trophies. I also would like to thank Hilary Anderson for lining up to have Todd take the pictures. We found out that we did not have anything to give out for trophies two days before the event. Framed pictures of the participants car was the best idea we could come up with. Unfortunately, my printer did not cooperate and the picture trophies were not available for the winners at the event. Good news is that they are now available for the four trophy winners. Craig McLuckie 1st SS, Khalil Daher 2nd STX, Daniel Jakimczuk 1st BSP, John Hull 1st FP can get their trophies from me at the next event.

I also apologize to anyone that I may have missed in running through the many results that I reviewed for this news letter. Keep running and finishing in the trophies and hopefully we will give you the notice you deserve in the next issue.

Upcoming events:

- August 22nd and 23rd
Western Michigan Region at MSU Lot 89
- August 23rd
Fort Wayne region event #6 at Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN
MVSCC event #4 at Kil-Kare Speedway, Dayton, OH
Columbus IN Region event #7 at Walesboro Airport, Columbus, IN
Southern Indiana Region event #5 at MidAm Center, Lawrenceville, IN
- August 30th
NWOR event #7 at Toledo Express Airport Toledo, OH
OVR event #10 Stanberry Cup at Ackerman Road Lot Columbus, OH
Central Kentucky event #7 at the Training Pad
Southern Indiana Region event #6 at MidAm Center, Lawrenceville, IN
- September 5th
NORA ASCC Advanced Driving School at the Northfield Park
Pro Solo Finale Lincoln Air Park, Nebraska
- September 6th and 7th
Columbus Indiana region events #8 and 9 at Walesboro Airport, IN
- September 6th
Kentucky region fun event at UPS KY
NORA ASCC event #9 at Northfield Park
- September 8th thru 11th
SCCA Solo National championship in Lincoln Air Park, Nebraska
- September 13th
Cincinnati Region event #7 at River Downs Raceway, Cincinnati, OH
- September 20th
NORA SCCA event #10 at Northfield Park
Detroit Region at Belle Isle, MI
MVSCC event #5 at Kil-Kare Raceway Dayton, OH
Central Kentucky region event #8 at Applebee's
Indiana region event #6 at 16th Street, Indianapolis, IN
Southern Indiana region event #7 at MidAM Center, Lawrenceville, IN
- September 26th and 27th
Southern West Virginia region at Elkins Airport

- September 27th
 NWOR event #8 at Tiffin Mall, Tiffin, OH
 Cincinnati region fun run at River Downs
 WOR event #5 at Kil-Kare Raceway Dayton, OH
 South Bend region event #8 at Tire Rack
 Kentucky region fun event at UPS, Louisville, KY
 Columbus Indiana region event #10 at Walesboro Airport, Columbus, IN

Great Lakes Divisional News:

Hi Everyone -

The Summer issue of the Great Lakes Solo Series Bulletin is now on the website at www.soloseries.org. In this issue you will find:

- The Divisional Solo Stewards' Corner
- An updated GLDiv Solo Schedule
- Results from the SBR Series Event
- Article from the SBR Series Event
- Year to Date Points after one event
- Event Flyers for the OVR, the SVR/DET Series Events and the Divisional
- Information and an entry form for the Year End Banquet

Be sure to register soon for these remaining Series events, and we hope to see you soon!

Marlene Obenour
 Great Lakes Solo Series Bulletin Editor
 and
 GLDiv Co-Divisional Solo Steward

National News:

Solo Nationals Newsletter - May Edition

- A reminder that registration is open and the cost: \$135/person, \$180 with waiver for anyone not attending a 2009 Tour or Divisional event. After August 14, the entry fee goes up to \$270, so don't delay registering.
- The Monday night welcome party will be from 5:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. and will be hosted by the Smith Collection Museum of American Speed and the Lincoln Convention and Visitors Bureau. All attendees are invited to partake of the food and festivities which include a tour of the museum. For a sneak peak visit www.museumofamericanspeed.com.
- Overnight Parking/Camping is allowed at the Lincoln Airpark. The cost is \$40 and registration is located on the National Championship webpage.
- The host hotel is the Embassy Suites located less than 10 minutes from the event site. We do have a special rate of \$109/night and a link for registration is on the National Championship website. We recommend making hotel reservations early, as the Nebraska State Fair and a University of Nebraska football game will be occurring at the same time as the National Championship and ProSolo Finale.
- The new site location brings a new look to the banquets. Wednesday and Friday night will be reception-style, allowing competitors to mix and mingle prior to entering the hall for the awards ceremonies. Food will be plentiful. All competitors will receive one (1) drink ticket that may be redeemed for beer or wine – after that it is a cash bar. Additional dinner tickets may be purchased on site or by calling the Solo department at 800-770-2055. The cost is \$20/Adult and \$10/child (10 and younger). This is a reduction from last years pricing of \$25/\$15.

- Downtown parking at the Embassy Suites may be a challenge for anyone attending the Awards Ceremonies with their rigs in tow. But don't worry! The City of Lincoln has arranged for off-site parking and shuttle transportation to and from the hotel. Parking will be provided free of charge at the University of Lincoln baseball complex – security will be provided to watch your vehicles – beginning at 4 p.m. on Wed and Fri. Return shuttles will run until 10:30pm. After that you will need to walk or call a taxi. The host hotel is located within walking distance of The Haymarket District – a hot bed of food, drink and entertainment. Expect to be asked at Paddock Check-In if you will be using the shuttle service – we need a head count to give to the city.

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

- RE: Great Lakes Event will require stickers costing \$1.50 each. Division will supply trophies.
- Assistant RE: 238 members.
- Treasurer: Balance is still adequate.
- Corresponding Sec: Clutch Chatter was published with 45 sent by snail mail and 133 sent by e-mail.
- Recording Secretary: Present, nothing new to report.
- Directors at Large: No report.
- Public Affairs: Channel 30 pledge drive will be held 7 to 11 pm Wednesday the 3rd. Other ideas brought up were to work concessions at Mud Hens or MIS with proceeds going to charity.
- Social: The next meeting will be held at Applebee's in Dundee.
- Points: Points are up to date on the web site.
- Historian: No new news, only old news.
- Solo: Event went well. A list of issues were discussed with potential solutions made to improve problems. Trophies and wrist bands are needed.
- Old business: No old business.
- New Business: Approve \$200 amount for Relay for Life Charity. May have a new site Suggestion of training for key jobs to be held in Fall. Suggestion of having a single course Pro event to give experience to more local people. Suggestion of putting checkered tape on finish cones (J. Rice will follow up).
- Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Club Meeting Minutes Summary 7/7/09 held at Applebee's in Dundee, MI.

- RE: Toledo Pro is soon and emails will be coming soon, we have college kids to cover the gate on Friday, Saturday and Sunday down times.
- Assistant RE: 242 members.
- Treasurer: Balance is still adequate and increasing. Airport is only outstanding bill.
- Corresponding Sec: There may be some problems with people using buckeye-express getting their clutch chatter.
- Recording Secretary: Present, nothing new to report.
- Directors at Large: Elections are going well.
- Public Affairs: Not present.
- Social: The next meeting will be held at Ground Round on Alexis in Toledo, OH on August 4th.
- Points/Trophies: Unclaimed trophies are in the NWOR truck.
- Historian: No new news, only old news.
- Solo: Novice card from SBR that we can use, Bryan to make corrections and take them to Kinko's. Fostoria event this weekend will have media challenge. Rule books, about 6 remain for sale. Need weekend membership forms. Follow up on Great Lakes event: all good comments. Registration needs to buy a second barcode printer and need pay and register sheets for each registrar. Robert to bring membership list. Announce computer problems communicating with timing and scoring computer.
- Old business: Need to order trophies, look into orange cones from SPS. Still working on something for the open September weekend in the Fremont/Tiffin area.

- New Business: Bar codes should be on the side of the helmet on as flat of a spot as possible not on the back.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

Club Meeting Minutes Summary 8/4/09 held at Ground Round Toledo, OH.

- RE: Pro went well and we made some revenue. Food was good and we had plenty. We may not have done everything correctly, but when ask to change or fix it we did it immediately. We had 2 minor medical incidents.
- Assistant RE: 200+ members.
- Treasurer: Balance is still adequate and increasing. We have some outstanding bills, but not many. Robert and Charina will be trying to sort out some invoices from the National office.
- Corresponding Sec: Not present.
- Recording Secretary: Present, nothing new to report.
- Directors at Large: soliciting for board members. We need RE, Asst RE, Recording Secretary and one Director at Large. Hit some stumbling blocks for re-writing the by-laws. Hopefully get the officers together and then send them out to the whole membership.
- Public Affairs: Not present.
- Social: The next meeting will be held at Old Town Buffet in Bowling Green, OH on September 1st. The banquet will be held at the Bayside Boardwalk in Oregon, OH.
- Points/Trophies: no news.
- Historian: No new news, only old news.
- Solo: We are out of wrist bands and weekend memberships. The next event is Alex Products on August 16th. Big C will come out if he is open. We will need people for registration. We have a new site for September 27th at the Tiffin Mall on 870 West Market St. Tiffin, OH 44883. We thank Casey Putsch for helping us to get this site. We will be paying a dollar a car to the Ritz Theater charity. Carts will not be allowed due to light poles at the site. We would like to thank all the members who showed up on Sunday to work the challenge. We will be trying to do a dinner at Nationals, hopefully on Tuesday night.
- Old business: No old business.
- New Business: No new business.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

NWOR 2009 Schedules:

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

- 9/1 -Old Town Buffet in Bowling Green, OH
- 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

- 8/30 Local Series Event #7 - Toledo Express (Swanton, OH)

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

Sorry about the delay in getting this sent. It got tied up in review much due to hectic schedules of all involved. Next issue will be out soon. Corresponding Secretary, Lee Franz