

Northwest Ohio Region Sports Car Club of America

Clutch Chatter

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Northwest Ohio Regional News:

Several members turned out to help do a quick inventory of the Club's Van. Items found that needed to be replaced were the typical, registration forms and wrist bands. A big thanks go out to all that were there.

The Divisional Spring Training Seminar was held in Toledo. Separate meetings were held for Race Stewards, Solo, Registrars, Tech, T&S, F&C. Neil Wilson and I attended the Solo sessions. Within Solo there were four sessions. First the 2009 Great Lakes Solo Series was presented by GLDiv Solo Stewards Velma Boreen and Marlene Obenour. Then Robert Christmas covered the latest and greatest in timing and scoring. Mark Sommer held a Safety Steward Training Session after an excellent lunch. The Seminar concluded with a roundtable discussion and best practices. It was an excellent way to get up to speed on what is happening with the solo program and where it may be headed in the future.

Congratulations to all the Club Members that attended the National Tour Event in Georgia. Elizabeth Leckey finished third, just one out of the trophies in Super Stock Ladies. Other members I found in the results were: Don Leckey in SS, Bryan and William Hull in ST, Robert Christmas and Charina Hansen in EP. Dual member Matthew Braun won SS.

A Safety Steward Training Session was held for members. Mark Sommer reports that an additional 7 Safety Stewards are in training for our region.

Great Lakes Divisional News:

The 2009 Solo season is just about here!

With temperatures in the 70's for a couple of days and hopefully the end of any significant snowfall, we are close to starting our solo season for 2009. There are a number of new things that are going to happen in Great Lakes Division and this is our opportunity to explain some of the changes and generate enthusiasm for the season.

For those of you who don't know, Marlene Obenour and I, Velma Boreen, are going to share the duties of the Great Lakes Divisional Solo Steward. We both have been involved with the series that has been part of CenDiv and, most recently, GLDiv, for a number of years, both as competitors and committee members. In addition to the Great Lakes Solo Series and the Divisional Championship event, both of us are going to do our best to get to every region in the division that hosts autocrosses. This will give us the opportunity to meet the regional organizers and offer some help if it is requested. So look for us at a local event near you! With 19 regions, it will probably take most of the season to get to everyone but that is the plan this year. There are some good support materials that were introduced at the National Convention this year. Check the SCCA website to get information on those materials or you can contact either Marlene or me.

The decision was made in 2008 that Great Lakes Division would participate in the Divisional program that was sponsored by the National office, with Tire Rack® as the major sponsor. There will be five events throughout the division, starting mid-May with OVR and finishing mid-August at Grissom with the Divisional Championship Event. The rules for the series are available on the soloserries.org website. Please use that website to check for updates to anything in the division relating to Solo.

The biggest change that we will have is that, after 23 years, the bulletin will no longer be a printed publication. It will be available only online on the soloserries.org website. E-mail notification will be sent to everyone that we have e-mail addresses for to let them know when the latest bulletin is posted.

At the end of the season, a banquet will take place at the Dean V. Kruse Foundation & Museum in Auburn, IN on Saturday, October 17, 2009 to give out year-end awards for those who compete in the series. Keep in mind that the four series events are NOT qualifiers for the National Championship event in Lincoln. The Divisional Championship event and the National Tour are the only two events held in GLDiv that will qualify you for Nationals.

Velma Boreen

Great Lakes Division Divisional Solo Steward

Great Lakes Division Solo Divisional Championship Information

The Divisional: The Great Lakes Division Solo Divisional Championship will be held at Grissom Aeroplex in Peru, IN on August 7, 8 and 9, 2009. There will be a limited entry Test & Tune from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm on Friday, August 7, 2009. Registration and tech hours will be from 5-8 pm and 7-8 am on Saturday morning, there will be a welcome party, and the course will be open for walking until 8:00 pm. There will be two days of competition on Saturday and Sunday with a picnic dinner on Saturday evening at the site. The site will close at 8:30 pm each evening and open at 6:00 am each morning, **and there will be no camping on site.** Hotel, motel and camping information will be located on the soloserries.org website and you can register for the event at www.axwaresystems.com; axwareORM.

Please remember that the Divisional will be run similarly to the Solo Nationals in that you will be required to have certain stickers on your vehicle, you will be required to have a current SCCA Solo Rulebook and you will be required to go through Impound. You can purchase the stickers and rulebooks at registration.

We look forward to seeing you in August at Grissom!

Safety Information: At the SCCA National Convention it was discussed that anyone wanting to be a passenger at an event who is not an SCCA member will now be required to sign up for a Weekend Membership. The passenger will not have to purchase a Weekend Membership. They will merely need to fill out the form and sign it. It will be the responsibility of the grid workers and event officials to mandate this new requirement.

A competitor competing with a Weekend Membership can be a Waiver Worker for an event as long as he has purchased the Weekend Membership.

Velma and I will be try to bring you updated information monthly as it becomes available.

Marlene Obenour

Great Lakes Division Divisional Solo Steward

Club Meeting Minutes Summary 4/7/09 held at Basil Boy's Tecumseh,MI.

- RE: Spring Training was held on Saturday, March 7th with over 80 Great Lakes Division Members attending. With safety training conducted at the Spring Training and training conducted at the on March 21, 7 new safety stewards were trained.
- Assistant RE: 215 members.
- Treasurer: Adequate balance. There are 2 outstanding bills for the laptops and scanners.
- Corresponding Sec: There are approximately 50 members without e-mail addresses. They will be receiving the Clutch Chatter by mail.
- Recording Secretary: Present, nothing new to report.
- Director at Large: Things are moving ahead as planned.
- Public Affairs: No news.
- Social: Next meeting will be at Charlie's Restaurant on Monroe Street in Toledo. Banquet location is being firmed up for November.
- Points and Trophies: No report.
- Historian: No new news, only old news.
- Solo: Event sanctions have been completed for all but one of the events. A call for event chairs and course designers is being issued along with worker chief and waver chief. Van clean up was completed and materials are to be ordered. Solo school registration will need to be setup. Events are to start earlier.
- Old business: No old business.
- New Business: No new business.

NWOR 2009 Schedules:

Member Meetings are held first Tuesday each Month

- 5/5 -Charlie's on Monroe Street. (Toledo, OH)
- 6/2 -TBD
- 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)
- 5/17 Local Series Event #2 -Toledo Express (Toledo, OH)
- 5/31 Local Series Event #3 -Chrysler Toledo machining (Perrysburg, OH)
- 6/28 Local Series Event #4 & GLD Solo Series -Toledo Express (Toledo, OH)
- 7/12 Local Series Event #5 -Honeywell Plant (Fostoria, OH)
- 7/25&26 National Pro Solo Series - Toledo Express (Toledo, OH)

- 8/16 Local Series Event #6 -Alex Products (Ridgeville Corners, OH)
- 8/30 Local Series Event #7 - Toledo Express (Toledo, 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)