

Northwestern Ohio Region Sports Car Club of America

Clutch Chatter

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Northwestern Ohio Regional News:

- NWOR Needs You. Bryan Rawlins tells us that we have a couple of Chief positions that need to be filled for the 2010 Solo season. All these positions count as a work assignment, thus you won't have to go out and work course, etc. If you're interested in any of these positions, or know anybody whom might be, get in touch with Bryan.
 - Waiver Chief - I need a person to help Andrew Blasiman. Job responsibilities include manning or finding someone to man the gate at solo events to ensure that the waivers are getting signed by everybody. You also collect all the signed waivers at the end of the event and ensure that they all have signatures on them at the bottom.
 - Registration Chief - Show up to the event early enough to get registration setup, then work registration and find other workers to help with registration.
- The Social Director position is also open. Responsibilities include setting up the monthly meetings and setting up the year end banquet. You can also setup other social events (games, meets, etc) if you feel like it.
- A social trip is being planned to Pittsburgh to see the Vintage Grand Prix race on Saturday July 24.
- The NWOR Web Site has been updated. Take a look and see it at www.nworscca.com.
- A special thanks to Andrew Blasiman and John Bradberry for volunteering to be new Waiver and Worker Chiefs.

Great Lakes Divisional News:

NEWS FROM THE CO-DIVISIONAL SOLO STEWARDS FOR GREAT LAKES DIVISION!

It's that time of year again! Time to start thinking about the solo season for 2010! We already have plans in place to make autocrossing in the Great Lakes Division even more fun this year!

The season starts out with Solo Spring Training, scheduled for Saturday, March 20th in Indianapolis. It will take place at Andersen Logistics located on the east side of Indy. It was held here in 2005 and 2006. Several people have asked if we were going to have it again so the short answer is – YES. We will open the facility at 9 for people to register and get their bearings on which seminars they would like to attend, with the first seminar starting about 10. We will go until 4:30 or 5:00, depending on participation at the last seminar. A Solo Safety Steward training session will be offered – great chance for those that would like to become a first time safety steward and for those that need the “refresher” course that SCCA is requesting everyone take after they have had their SSS license for a few years. Some of the other seminars being planned are tech inspection, data acquisition, course design – all designed to help regions make their solo programs better. There is a flyer on the soloserries.org website so check that out and contact Marlene or Velma for more information and directions.

This is the 25th Anniversary for the series in this part of the country. We started out in 1986 with Yokohama as the main sponsor and at that time, the series covered the area called CenDiv. When the split took place a few years ago, the decision was made to continue with a series and now it covers just the regions in GLDiv. Still the same great series and the same great people participating – just a smaller geographic area. The series schedule is beginning to take shape. The decision has been made to have a four event series and end the series with the divisional at Grissom in August. Again, continue to check the soloserries.org website for updates.

Kim Bollinger has agreed to put the calendar together again for 2010 to post on the website. Thank you, Kim! Her e-mail is kbbollinger@sbcglobal.net If you have information about your regional events set, please contact Kim. The only other way that she can get the information is to go on to each region's websites and use that to update the divisional calendar. Please make every effort to keep your websites up-to-date. We can only give out correct information if we have correct information in the first place.

Now that Velma has told you about Solo Spring Training, I would like to give you some information on the Great Lakes Solo Divisional Championship event that will be held the weekend of August 6, 7 and 8, 2010 in Peru, Indiana at Grissom Aeroplex. There will be a Test & Tune on Friday, August 6, and the two-day combined-time competition will take place on Saturday August 7 and Sunday August 8. Competitors will have the opportunity to practice at the Test & Tune, drive two divisional level courses, compete for their class divisional championship and prepare for nationals. There will be a Friday evening Welcome Party (so, bring your appetite) and free lunch on Saturday. Registration fees will be the same as last year and we will be using MyAutoEvents.com for online registration. Let's make this event the best in Great Lakes Division history! We would like to ask each regions' Solo organizer to please not schedule an event on the date of the Solo Divisional Championship in order to get as many competitors to come to the event as possible.

We look forward to seeing you all at Solo Spring Training, then at your season opening Solo events, the Great Lakes Solo Series events, the Solo Divisional Championship, the Solo National Championships and then the Series ender – the annual banquet which is still in the planning stage, but will most likely be held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

See you when the snow quits flying!

Marlene & Velma

The 2010 Great Lakes Series Schedule

Still Waiting for one Event

- **June 5-6 SBR @ Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN**
- **June 18-20 INR@ Majestic Star Casino, Gary, IN**
- **July 10-11 DET@Wurthmuth AFB, Oscoda, MI**
- **August 6-8, @ Grissom Aeroplex, Peru, IN – GLDiv Solo Divisional Championship**

- **Solo Spring Training**

Who – All Interested Solo Competitors In GLDiv/Who – All Interested Solo Competitors In GLDiv

What – Solo Spring Training.

Learn about T/S – Tech – Sound Control – Solo Safety Steward Training – Course Design – Registration/Waivers and more

When - Saturday, March 20, 2010 9 AM – 4:30 PM

Where – Andersen Logistics – 3333 Mesilla Court, Indianapolis

Why - Great chance to see your friends, make new friends, get ready for the 2010 Solo Season!

And the best news – It's FREE!!!!

Pre-registration is requested but not required. Contact Velma Boreen for more information and to pre-register. wiznby1973@yahoo.com or 317-706-8969

National News:

- The new solo rules for 2010 are available. They are downloadable from the SCCA.com web site (<http://www.scca.com/Solo/>). There are many changes in classification of cars this year, so you may want to check and see if your car has changed classes.

Upcoming events:

- To be determined. Keep an eye on the NWOR web site for updates (<http://www.nworscca.com>).
- A representative list of solo events in the area has been included with this edition of the Clutch Chatter. Dates and locations are subject to change by the organizations running the events.

Club Meeting Minutes Summary: *Respectfully submitted by Elaine Christmas, Recording Secretary*

- Tony Packo's Downtown 2/2/10, called to order 6:52 by RE, Bryan Rawlins.
RE: Introduction of guests and attendees.
Assistant RE: No Report
Treasurer: Current funds are adequate. Unpaid bills of \$500.00 for trophies.
Corresponding Secretary: January Clutch Chatter has been mailed or e-mailed. A letter will be mailed or e-mailed about Anniversary pins to 2007-2009 eligible members. If members request a pin it will be mailed to them.
Recording Secretary: No report.
Directors: Any member who may have questions or concerns may contact Mark Sommer at 83fsp@buckeye-express.com. Trophies have been wrapped up and are available from Robert Christmas for those that responded to the email.
Solo: We have verbal agreements on all but 2 dates for the 2010 solo season. We are considering a Street Survival school. It is for young adults 16-21 years of age and teaches car control under different conditions. It involves classroom and car instruction segments and will cost \$75.00 per entrant. This is still in the exploratory stages. There is a new class this year in street touring, STR (Street Touring Roadster) which features high powered 2 door vehicles. We have received a recall notice on the NWOR truck concerning the brakes. We will be looking into alternatives for event trophies. Reminder, the fees for 2010 are \$25 for members, \$40 for non-members and \$5 extra for walk ups. No exceptions. There will be a limited number of rule books printed this year from SCCA. We will purchase only one for the club. Mark S. will hold a Safety Steward school this summer but here will also be one March 20th at Spring Training in Indianapolis. All current safety stewards are encouraged to go to a school once every three years. Eventually this will become mandatory.
Social: Robert C and John Fessler will be attending the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix on July 24th. If anyone would like more information or would like to attend, contact Robert at r.christmas@verizon.net. Kudos to Charina Hansen for a well attended banquet and for the surprise pictures for each attendee.
Old Business: There are still a few open appointed positions: Registration chief, social chair, waiver chief and trophy chair. There will be mentors provided for all of these positions to teach the basics. If interested contact Bryan Rawlins at bryan@rawlins.net.
New Business: Larry Kurtz informed the club that our webhost software is no longer supported. He proposed a new host for about \$7.00 per month with free software. A motion was set forth from Mark S. to provide funding up to \$10.00 per month and was seconded by Bryan R with a unanimous board vote.
Adjourned: 7:45 pm by Bryan Rawlins.
- El Camino Real, 2500 West Sylvania Ave., Toledo, 3/2/10, Called to order 7:30 pm by RE, Bryan Rawlins.
RE: Incorporation has been continued for 2010.
Asst. RE: Bryan needs to sign a consent for Kevin to receive the membership lists. Looking at our own incentive program vs. the national program for new acquiring new members.
Treasurer: Current funds are adequate.
Corresponding Secretary: February Clutch Chatter will be mailed or emailed within the next week or two.
Recording Secretary: No report.
Directors: Check the website for information about a Put-in-Bay reunion event June 28-30th.
Solo: The Divisional and Regional schedules are posted on our website. Fostoria will be July 25th and the October date is still TBA. Spring Training will be in Indy on March 20th and Mark Sommer will be having a safety steward school. All of the contracts are done and sanctions are being worked on. We still need a waiver chief. After the van inventory we will assess the need for new pylons. Snell 95 helmets will be legal through 2010. Greg will be doing our Pro Solo course this year. We have 7 NWOR members going to the first National Tour in Georgia. Larry would like to look into speakers that can have a bag that is waterproof on 3 sides and mesh, water resistant on the other side for those rainy events.
Social: We still need a social chair.
Old Business: None.
New Business: Charina had some information about CD's or savings accounts for our surplus monies. Mark motioned to put \$5000.00 in an 8 month CD earning approximately .75% interest. Robert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
Adjourned: 8:04 pm by Bryan Rawlins.

NWOR 2010 Schedules:

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

- 2/2 Tony Packo's Downtown, (7 South Superior St. Toledo, OH.)
- 3/2 El Camino Real, (2500 West Sylvania Ave. Toledo, OH)
- 4/6 Irish Pub in Franklin Park Mall (
- 5/4 TBD
- 6/1 TBD
- 7/6 TBD
- 8/3 TBD
- 9/7 TBD
- 10/5TBD
- 11/2TBD
- 12/7TBD

Solo Events: Locations to be determined. Keep an eye on the NWOR web site for updates (<http://www.nworscca.com>).

- 4/25 Event #1 Chrysler Toledo Machining Limit 200
- 5/16 Event #2 Toledo Express Airport Limit 250
- 6/13 Event #3 Toledo Express Airport Limit 250
- 6/27 Event #4 Chrysler Toledo Machining Limit 200
- 7/16-18 ProSolo Toledo Airport
- 7/25 Event #5 Honeywell Plant, Fostoria
- 8/1 NORA/SCCA Challenge Northfield Park
- 8/7-8 Great Lakes Divisional Grissom Aeroplex Peru, Indiana
- 8/15 Event #6 The Tiffin Mall Limit 150
- 8/29 Event #7 Toledo Express Airport Limit 250
- 9/26 Event #8 Chrysler Toledo Machining Limit 200
- 10/10 Event #9 Honeywell Plant, Fostoria?

NWOR-SCCA Solo Event Schedule

Registration & Tech 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

Walk-up Registration Closes - 9:00 AM

First Gear (Novice) Course Walk - 9:31 AM

Mandatory Driver's Meeting - 9:50 AM

First Heat Cars start to stage in Grid - 10:10 AM

First Car Off - 10:30 AM

Pre-registration will be available through www.myautoevents.com approximately 30 days prior to the scheduled event. Payment can be made on-line or on-site. There are no extra fees for paying on-line. There is no penalty for paying on-site.

Unless otherwise noted, the price for each event will be \$25.00 for a SCCA Member and \$40.00 for a non-member who pre-registers at MyAutoEvents.com.

There will be an additional \$5.00 fee for walk-ups on the day of the event.

The \$40.00 (\$45.00 for walk-ups) non-member fee *will include* the mandatory SCCA Temporary Weekend Membership.

There will be a form available at registration to fill out for this temporary membership. In order to expedite the registration process, please fill out the form prior to registering.

Non-members who pre-register at MyAutoEvents.com will not have to fill out the temporary membership form.

The SCCA Temporary Weekend Membership is good for one event weekend only. Non-members will have to fill out a membership form for each event attended.

However, there is a bright side to all of this:

If you submit one (1) temporary membership to the SCCA along with \$65.00 or two (2) temporary memberships along with \$50.00, (within 60 days), you become a SCCA member. (If you pre-register at MyAutoEvents.com, the SCCA will already have a record of your temporary memberships.) No more fuss!