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Winter finally arrived, and with a vengeance. So here we are at the beginning of February with a raging blizzard. Looking outside, the beginning of our season might seem to be a long way off. Nothing could be further from the truth. February actually has a lot going on.

Next Saturday, Feb. 7 is the annual Chicago Region Checkered Flag dinner and awards banquet at **Lake Forest Sports Cars**, when we get together to enjoy the company of friends and fellow motorsports enthusiasts, eat a good meal, have a few drinks and recognize the standout accomplishments of some of our members. I hope you're registered and planning to attend.

The following weekend, February 14-15 is the **Race and Performance Expo** at Pheasant Run in St. Charles. Chicago Region will have a booth with a couple race cars on display and we'll be talking to show attendees about the activities and advantages of SCCA membership. If you'd like to help out by spending a couple hours in the booth talking to people we'd welcome your involvement. Contact **Claire Ball** at **(847) 469-8589** for details.

The weekend after that is the **SCCA National Convention** in Charlotte, NC. Several Chicago Region members, including myself will be making the trip. The convention is a chance to meet the Topeka staff, network with other regions and learn more about managing events and region business.

The final weekend of the month (which is actually the first day of March) is the **Solo awards banquet**, when our Solo competitors present their awards for the season.

If that isn't enough, there are committees that meet every month, February included. These groups work all year around planning and improving our Solo, PDX and Club Racing programs. If not for the year-round dedication of these folks we wouldn't have the quality or quantity of events you've come to expect of Chicago Region. If you are at all interested in getting involved in one of the committees, Solo, PDX, or Club Racing (Competition Committee), contact **George Laws** at our club office - **847-729-2211** or **cluboffice@scca-chicago.com**.

So the season is not that far off after all. There are plenty of opportunities to get together with like-minded racers well before we ever turn a wheel in the spring. Hope to see you soon.

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