



## REmarks

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**Hello? Is anyone out there?** Specifically CenDiv Club Racing drivers and volunteers? Have ya'll noticed that the season isn't over yet? There's still one more chance to get out and get to a racetrack, enjoy some competition and the company of friends. The Chicago Region Kettle Moraine Double Divisional race is coming up on October 10-11 at Road America. The falls colors should be in peak form, rivaling the yellows and reds of the Corner Workers flags (let's hope the only red to be seen is on the trees)!

**The Kettle race** is the last CenDiv race of the year and your last chance to get one more racing fix before the temperature turns bitter cold and the snow flies. You know in your heart that if you don't get out this one last time you'll be regretting it by Thanksgiving. That's about the time I start jonesing for some racing action, and it's a hell of a long time between Thanksgiving and April.

Not only that, but the Kettle is the first race of the 2016 season so far as Divisional points go. And Divisional points can get you to the Runoffs at Mid-Ohio in 2016. Do you really want to show up to your first race next April or May and find out you're already behind in points?

**The Solo season** ain't over yet either, and that's VERY good news for the Chicago Region Solo competitors and organizers, who have had a very challenging season finding event sites and putting events together at the last minute as we found sites. Even better yet, we'll be returning to our long-time and presumed long-lost event site at RT66 dragway in Joliet. Yeah, it's last-minute again, with the next event scheduled for Sunday, October 11. The final 2 events will be the traditional Twin Solo on Saturday and Sunday, October 24-25. I'll be there. Will you?

**October also brings the Chicago Region General Membership and Annual Meeting** on Wednesday, October 21, at K1 Speed indoor karting facility in Addison. 7:00PM start time. On the agenda is a recap of the 2015 Chicago Region activities, election of board members, and some entertainment. What entertainment? How about a screening of the new documentary film "Winning: The Racing Life of Paul Newman". The film features some great vintage racing footage and interviews. See reviews and the movie trailer here:

[http://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/winning\\_the\\_racing\\_life\\_of\\_paul\\_newman/](http://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/winning_the_racing_life_of_paul_newman/)

This month's featured board member is **Scott Sanda**. Here's how Scott describes his background:

In 1983 I graduated from Lyons Township High School in Illinois. While in High School I was a 3 sport Varsity Letterman, in Football, Wrestling and Gymnastics. I was also active in Club Judo, and track and field.

Went to Purdue University, where I started playing Rugby and was an Army ROTC Cadet. Flunked out of Electrical Engineering, primarily due to playing Rugby.... Went back to Purdue, graduated in 1987 with a History Degree and a Commission in the United States Army.

Served just over 3 years on Active Duty, with tours in Korea and various US locations.

Went on inactive Reserve duty and started working at Tro Mfg in 1992.

Currently I am President of Tro manufacturing company, a Contract metal stamping company serving the automotive, marine and electronics industry.

I have been married for 22 years (to the same woman), have 1 boy in High School, and one in College. I also coach a high school boys Rugby team.

Racing Specific knowledge and experience:

- Active racer in SCCA, PCA, and HSR for 22 years.
- Have actively raced ITS, ITB, GT3, GT2, F production, SRF and American Sedan.
- Within SCCA, have raced at the Regional, National and Majors level.
- Have participated in 7 SCCA national Championship runoffs.
- Have raced at: Daytona, Sebring (old and new configurations), Road Atlanta (old and new configurations), Mid Ohio, MIS, Willow Springs, Sears Point, Gratten, Gingerman, Nelsons ledges, Putnam park, Brainard (old configuration), Carolina Motorsports park, Barber Motorsports park, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Autobahn countryclub, Blackhawk Farms and Road America.
- Crewed for the 1996 Canaska/Southwind Dodge Vipers at Daytona, Sebring and LeMans. (Assisted in the build of 2 complete cars at the track in 30 hour thrash sessions. Additionally, 100% responsible for the crooked graphics on the number 26 car at Sebring.)
- Have maintained all aspects of every car I have ever owned, to include systems and component build and install.

SCCA Specific Knowledge and Experience:

- Served as President of SCCA Central Division, Inc for 3 years.
- Past RE of Chicago Region SCCA.
- Current Board member, Chicago Region SCCA
- Member of Chicago region competition committee.
- Have been member of the June Sprints planning committee for 10 years.
- SCCA Corner worker.
- SCCA fire and rescue worker.
- Assistant Registrar.
- Was Chicago Region Track Liaison to both Blackhawk Farms and Road America.

And you thought your life was busy!

Let's not put away the toys for the winter just yet. There's still time to have some fun!

See you at the races.

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