



Chicago Region, SCCA

Piston Patter Newsletter

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Dear George,

Welcome to the January 2022 Piston Patter Newsletter. The **Quick Links** on the left will allow you to easily connect to the Region website for detailed information on the various Region activities.

If you have any event or personal interest articles for the Newsletter, please contact Peg Ball at 815-679-6780.



Happy New Year

2022

2022
[Event Calendar](#)
February 19, 2022
Checkered Flag
Party
Klairmont Kollection

March 19-30, 2022
Spring Training
Best Western, Milw

April 8-9, 2022
CenDiv Drivers School
Double Divisional

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June 17-19, 2022

June Sprints

August 27-28, 2022

Kettle Moraine

September 10-11, 2022

Autobahn Classic

October 8-9, 2022

Fall Sprints

Michael Varacins - Activities

Ed Locke – Competition

Chris Gregor - Solo

Anthony Serrecchia - Track Days

Michael Varacins -Tours & Rallies

Linda Novak – Communications

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Tito Nappi

**November 4, 1929 -
December 12, 2021**



The racing community has lost a visionary. The Chicago Region and the Sports Car Club of America have lost a friend. Tito C. Nappi, passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2021 following a full life at the age of 92. Tito and his then wife Monica were the original founders and owner of Blackhawk Farms Raceway.

Blackhawk Farms was built in 1967 by Tito, a Corvette racer/driver and local contractor and Marcia Nappi who owned and operated the track until its sale in 1986 to Mike and Raymond Irwin. The track was maintained and operated for nearly 20 years by the Irwins until its sale in August, 2007 to Paul Musschoot, a local businessman and longtime SCCA racer. The Irwins and Musschoot have been the care takers of Tito's legacy and have continued to build and improve the facility for all of us to enjoy, just as Tito would have wanted.

Tito purchased a 216-acre (0.9 km²) farm on the border between Wisconsin and Illinois and built Blackhawk Farms. The track, designed by local racing legend, Jerry Dunbar is a 1.95-mile (3.14 km) private circuit racetrack established in the mid-1960s. Blackhawk Farms is a favorite of the SCCA, Midwestern Council, CCS, NESBA, VSCDA, and other local and national racing organizations.



Following Tito's driving career, he became a team owner with Team Nappi Racing. In 1969 Tito purchased a McKee Mk12C F5000 car. The Mk12C was built by Bob McKee for Tito Nappi of Team Nappi Racing of Rockford, Illinois. The car was driven successfully by Kurt Reinold from 1969 to 1971 to eight SCCA National wins, numerous Divisional races wins, and Central Division Championships in 1969, 1970 and 1971. He also won the 1971 June Sprints® at Road America. The car was restored to its original configuration in 2006 by current owner Paul Dudiak. In July 2006 at the Kohler International Challenge races at Road America, Bob McKee, Tito Nappi and Kurt Reinold were part of the McKee reunion and autographed the car.

RE Marks

Hi, I'm Roger Vilmur your new RE for 2022. I have been a board member for 3 years and was just nominated for a second term by the nomination committee. I have been with the Region for 8 years as a volunteer for road racing and pro racing events, either as a corner worker or flag chief. I also have volunteered and participated in track days and time trials and I'm the current Track Events Administrator for the Central Division. My hope is that my past experiences will help me be an effective RE for the Region.

Along with me being the new RE, we have new officers for Assistant RE and Secretary. Linda Novak is our new Secretary and Anthony Serrecchia is our new Assistant RE. Ed Locke is returning as our Treasurer this year.

I would like to thank retiring board members Erik Vandermey and Steve Laske for their efforts as RE and Secretary over the past few years. And I look forward to Erik's continued support of Track Events and Social Media and Steve's efforts with the Activities committee and Rallies and Tours.

I would also like to welcome our new two board members. Chris Gregor is returning to the board. I'm looking forward to learning from Greg's past RE experience. Chris is also heavily involved with Solo and supporting our sponsors. Peter LeSueur is our other new board member. Peter comes from road racing as a driver and crew member.

National Enduro

National SCCA has announced a new National Enduro Tour Starting at Sebring in March. This year it will be only at the national level, but future seasons enduro events may start at the regional level. The board would like to know the level of interest in the region for a regional enduro event. If interested, please contact one of the board members or George Laws at the regional office.

SCCA virtual Convention

The second-ever virtual SCCA National Convention, themed SCCA CONNECT 2022, is slated to take place online January 21–29. Because it is virtual and free, I think this is a great opportunity for event leaders, volunteers, and participants to learn the ins and outs of club events and activities. Register at:

https://whova.com/portal/registration/sccaa_202201/

Checker Flag Party

Save the date of February 19th. That is the scheduled date for our annual Checker Flag Dinner. The dinner is a celebration of the achievements of our club's participants and volunteers. Please join us. Details can be found elsewhere in this month's Piston Patter.

Online Annual Waivers

New for 2022 is on-line annual waivers. I would recommend anyone who wants an annual waiver to use this new service. It eliminates snail mail and seeking an official's signature. Find it at my.scca.com under the "Online Store" menu

Open Communications

Lastly, I want to let you know that the board wants to hear from you. If you have comments, questions, or concerns please feel free to contact any of the board members or George Laws at the Regional Office. Contact information can be found at: <https://scca-chicago.com/contact-us/>.

Autobahn Named “Facility of the Year”

Autobahn was honored at this year’s Performance Racing Industry (PRI) trade show. The Race Track Business Conference (RTBC), as part of PRI, took place on Wednesday Dec 8, 2021. This conference brings together racetracks and related entities from around the country. This year Autobahn was named Facility of the Year by RTBC. Autobahn stated “we are proud to receive this recognition and thank all those who have contributed to Autobahns growth and success throughout the years”.

Chicago Region, SCCA Board of Directors congratulates Autobahn on this recognition and wishes them continued success in the future.

Roger Vilmur
Chicago Region SCCA, Regional Executive.

On the Green Stuff

Looking outside the snow is glistening white, vapor from chimneys swirl in the sun and kids on sleds shiver in the cold. But tonight, we talk racing. 2022 Competition Committee has the first meeting of the new year. We will discuss Region Specialty Administrators, Budgets, Committee assignments and deadlines for event planning. The planning that will lead to the success or failure of each event. As the year progresses, we refine each task ultimately resulting in the execution of the event. At each event we get comments that start out with “why didn’t you do this?” Often the answer is either: It was never thought of – or – We don’t have enough people to do that. Solving those issue starts now with two simple steps – 1) send a suggestion and 2) volunteer to help. The Region office can facilitate getting your suggestion or offer to help directed to the appropriate person.

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2022 Checkered Flag Party

February 19, 2022

Klaimont Kollections

3117 N Knox
Chicago, IL 60641

Since this year’s Checkered Flag Party could not be held at our usual Ferrari Lake Forest location, our 2022 event will be at the Klaimont Kollections facility, The Klaimont Kollection is a private collection of over 350 beautiful vehicles together with a large banquet room for our dinner. This is a good neighborhood location approximately 9 miles northwest of downtown Chicago with a private limited access parking lot.

Klaimont Kollections has award-winning and eclectic vehicles from 1900 to present day. You can fully immerse yourself in what is truly a unique experience. Not only will you have the ability to transport yourself back in automotive history, but the two-story facility holds vintage posters, Chicago relics, neon signs, and other collectibles from floor to ceiling.



Please plan to kick off the 2022 season by joining the Chicago Region, SCCA at its annual worker/member thank you party. This beautiful Klairmont Collections facility will be a great place to enjoy a 2-1/2 hour social with sports car friends and see an amazing collection of vehicles

- 4:30 - 6:00pm Check-in
- 4:30 - 7:00pm Tour & Social (complementary beer, wine, pop, and appetizers)
- 5:00 - 7:30pm Live jazz trio
- 7:00 - 8:30pm Buffet Dinner
- 8:30 - 9:00pm Special Chicago Region Awards Presentation

Additionally, each attendee will receive a color print of Jim Swintel's special artwork used for the Region's 2021 June Sprints shirts. For collectors, this is the 5th in a series of seven special "Seven Decades of Motorsports" prints leading up to the Region's 75th anniversary. Also, all attendees will receive a complementary set of Region's 75th anniversary license plate frames.

This event is open to SCCA members and their guests. Pre-registration is required. The ticket price is \$50 per person. Registration fee will not be charged to credit cards until just prior to the event in case COVID forces us to cancel the event. Per City of Chicago regulations at this time, proof of COVID vaccinations will be required to attend the event.

To register, click [HERE](#)

For information and location map about Klairmont Collections go to:
klairmontcollections.com

Chicago Region SCCA Spring Tour **May 7, 2022**

Get Out and Tour Series (**G.O.A.T.S.**)

With the mild weather we have been experiencing, the goats are getting restless, and ready to hit the road. John Sutton our Rally/Tour master has already mapped out the tentative route for the Spring Tour. So mark your calendar (**Saturday May 7, 2022**) and make plans to join us for another enjoyable day on the best backroads drive available. Watch Piston Patter for more details over the next couple of months and for when registration opens in MotorSportsReg.



The G.O.A.T.S. will be waiting for you!

GENEVA CONCOURS *d'Elegance*

August 28, 2022

On August 28, 2022 the Chicago Region SCCA will again participate in the Geneva Concours d'Elegance in Geneva Illinois. The Chicago Region's "Concours for Sports Cars" will again be a featured group in the 2022 Geneva Concours d'Elegance. The Geneva Concours has taken place for seventeen years and regularly draws well over 200 classics, exotics and racecars. The Concours organization is a Not-for-profit 501 (c) (3) promoting the *"art of the automobile"* to benefit the LIVINGWELL Cancer Resource Center, in Geneva, Illinois. The Chicago Region's participation in this event will also support this benefactor.



If you are looking for something that is fun and enjoyable to do, please come and join us. Entry for spectators to the concours is free. If you have a sports car or competition car and would like to enter in our event contact Steve Laske at stevelaske@sbcglobal.net or 630-258-3820. So mark your calendar, August 28, 2022 a day and an event you won't want to miss. Watch Piston Patter for more details coming soon.



2023 75th Anniversary of Chicago Region SCCA

2023 will be the 75th year that Chicago Region has been putting on sports car events for its members. To celebrate this milestone, the Region is working on several special projects to commemorate the occasion.

Planned events, at this time, include a special 2023 Checkered Flag Party to kick off the anniversary year. Commemorative 75th anniversary license plate frames that will start being distributed at the 2022 Checkered Flag party. A 75th anniversary book covering the history of the Region from 1948 through 2023. For this book, we are looking for region member input, including articles/history, photos, etc. for the book. **Please send information or ideas to Claire Ball, 306 Weston Ct., McHenry, IL 60051: cell 847-660-3460: pdmassociates@comcast.net.**

HELP MAKE THE REGION'S 75th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

January Trivia Quiz

Question: Paul Newman, award winning actor, film director, and entrepreneur. We all knew him best as race driver, team owner, and fellow club member. When was the first time Paul Newman drove a race car at Road America?



Answer: Will be in the February 2022 Piston Patter.

December Trivia Quiz

Question: At what corners at Road America where these photos taken?



Photo A



Photo B

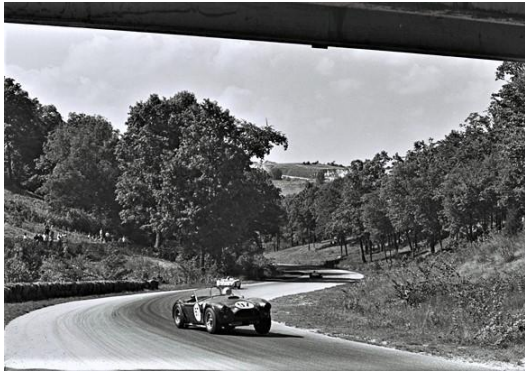


Photo C



Photo D

Answer: A) Turn 5; B) Turn 7; C) Turn 13; D) Turn 12

[2021 Chicago Region New Members](#)

Chicago Region is pleased to welcome the following new members. If any of you have questions, please contact the Region board members responsible for your area of interest or the Region office (listed at the beginning of this issue of Piston Patter). We hope you enjoy your membership and have fun participating in the various club activities.

Andrew Allen
J Daniel Barbato
Karen Diener
Glen Egeland
Benjamin Ficht
Dylan Kiser

Robert Omelson
Ivan Onofriiciuc
Steve Pribyl
Gordon Scully
Patrick Stein
David Varwig
