



Chicago Region, SCCA

Piston Patter Newsletter

June 2022

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Dear George,

Welcome to the June 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.

[2022](#) [Event Calendar](#)

June 8, 2023
Solo Event #4
Route 66 Raceway

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[2022 Chicago Region](#) [Board of Directors](#)

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[RE Marks](#)

The club's activities are now in full swing. Plans are set and events are happening. Solo, Track Events/Time Trials, Touring all have started their seasons in May. Check out our Facebook page or website for the latest information. Time to go have "Fun with Cars".

June Sprints

It's June and that means the June Sprints are here. "It's not just another race", has been the byline for the Sprints for years. With over 475 cars pre-registered and some of the best club racers from around the country, this weekend is anticipated to live up to its byline. I encourage every member of the club to be there as driver, worker, or a spectator.

Rallycross and Road Rally

RallyCross and Road Rally are two types of motorsport competition are not represented in the Chicago Region. If anyone is interested in forming a committee to put on these types of events, please contact the board. But if you are just interested in participating in these types of events, check out the Milwaukee Regions website, <https://scca-milwaukee.org/>.

Street Survival

Chicago Region Street Survival event is coming off a 2 year absence due to COVID-19. This year we plan to have a Street Survival event at Route 66 Dragway, our Solo Home, on July 16th. We will be looking for volunteers to help put on the event. We will need registration, hosts, driver coaches, and course workers. So please save the date. Also, information on how to sign up your son or daughter are coming soon. Look for details coming to our Website.

Website Help

The region needs a Website Master. Duties would include posting articles, keeping contact information and calendar information current. This is a part time paid position. Anyone who is interested or knows someone who would be interested, please contact George Laws at our Regional Office.

Chicago Region's 75th Anniversary

The Activities Committee is deep into preparing for our 75th anniversary year in 2023. License plate frames celebrating our 75 years are already available. Call the Regional Office if you want a set. They are also preparing an anniversary book, detailing the history of the region's 75 years. Stay tuned to the website and Piston Patter for news on more activities and events.

Roger Vilmur

[Chicago Region Board Nominating Committee](#)

The 2022 Nominating Committee are: Sue Green, Chris Gregor, Jeff Kumler, Peter LeSueur, Mark Lopotko, Beau Martin, and Jeff Reglin.

The committee's job is to select members of the board of directors. The board has nine members, each of whom serves a three-year term. One-third of the board terms end each year, so the Nominating Committee must choose three people to fill the open positions.

If you are interested in being on the Region's Board of Directors, contact any of the nominating committee members or RE Roger Vilmur.

[“How did we get there” a Chicago Region Backroads Tour](#)

On May 7th, the Chicago Region ran another G.O.A.T.S. event. “How’d we get here” was the name of the event which keyed in on the story and history of the G-Five Brewing Company where we held the endpoint social gathering.

This Chicago Region SCCA, G.O.A.T.S. event provided the fifteen entrants with an unbelievable backroads tour with an enjoyable day of driving, using great Wisconsin backroads providing scenic views and plenty of turns and elevation changes. The drive, 132 miles long took approximately 3 hours to complete ending in Beloit WI at G-FIVE Brewing Company. Everyone completed the drive and hung around for a bite to eat, have a couple of drinks, and socializing.



So, how did we get there? For those that entered, they followed the route instructions with the ninety-eight directional maneuvers, for those that missed the opportunity to enter, they sat at home looking for something to do. Don't be left out next time, come join us for another G.O.A.T.S. event on a Wisconsin back road near you this coming October.

See you then ...

[South Elgin High School Auto Show](#)

May 14, 2022

The Region helped sponsor and participated in the South Elgin High School 16th Annual Auto Show. The event took place at the school on Saturday, May 14th. The show attracted over 150 entries and a large number of visitors. The Region's display featured Pete LeSueur's Formula Continental Van Diemen race car. It drew much attention and spectators to our SCCA canopy and table. Other cars in the display included a 2010 Porsche 911 (George Laws), a 1985 Porsche 911 Carrera (Bob and Carolyn Malm) and a beautifully restored 1936 GMC pickup truck with a V-8 engine and three-deuce setup (Claire and Peg Ball).

Proceeds from the show help offset costs of the school's automotive program including the student engine tear down team which competes nationally.

The Auto Show provided the Region the opportunity to reach out to younger enthusiasts and promote the Club. A “just off the press” brochure was distributed, highlighting the Region's “having fun with cars” activities and the advantages of Club membership.

Bob Malm

Here is a video of the show: https://youtu.be/QjTUgeF_Lml

[Solo Report](#)

Chicago Region Wins the Tripod Challenge!!!! Congratulations to Dan Simms on winning the Tripod Challenge Bracket Shootout! We had one heck of a bracket challenge with close battles at almost every pairing. The Top 16 from heats 1/3 and top 16 from heats 2/4 on Saturday,s event were paired off in head-to-head competition on Sunday until only four remained. The Final Four pairing featured Jason Frank from Milwaukee Region (STX classed BRZ) facing off against Mike Leeder also from Milwaukee Region (F-Street Classed Camaro). The second pairing featured 2021 Bracket Shootout Challenge Winner Bartek Borowski from Chicago Region (E-Street Miata) versus Dan Simms also representing Chicago Region (A-Street Corvette). Jason Frank would edge out Mike Leeder by a narrow margin to face the winner of the Chicago pairing. Bartek fell just short of the mark this year and Dan Simms would earn the right to advance to the final showdown. Jason was up first and put down a flyer of a run, his fastest of the competition thus far. Dan Simms was on course with only one goal, to go faster. He did. Dan also dropped to a new best time and would edge out Jason to take the win on behalf of Chicago Region. Dan Simms wins the Helga Trophy and Chicago Region continues its winning streak in the Tripod Challenge! Big thank you to our announcer for the Final Shootout, Mr. David Fivecar Finchum who brings a level of excitement like no other. We hope you all had a good time and enjoyed your day with us. We host our next points event this Sunday June 5th at Rt66 Raceway and registration is open. We hope you can join us!

Chris Perry
Chicago Region SCCA Solo Chairman

To register for the June 8 event #4, click [HERE](#)



June 17-19, 2022

Please join us for the 2022 Chicago Region June Sprints, the 67th running of this historic event, which takes place Friday, June 17 through Sunday, June 19, 2022

The June Sprints is part of the SCCA Hoosier Super Tour and the SCCA Majors. As usual, Road America will offer an optional (non-SCCA sanctioned) test day on Thursday June 16, 2022

For detailed information and to register, click [HERE](#)

NOTE: Online driver registration will close June 9, 2022 at 11:59pm CDT

Please join us for the Milwaukee and Blackhawk Valley Regions SCCA

[Firecracker Bonneau Double Divisional Races](#)

Blackhawk Farms Raceway

June 25-26, 2022

Register at: msreq.com/firecracker2022

This features a full SCCA Regional Races on Saturday and Sunday, is a CENDIV Championship Series points event, and is a Runoffs qualifying event for 2022.

SRF Gen2 Pro Tour: This event is part of the Elite Autosports SRF Gen2 Pro Tour. A separate race for just the SRF cars will occur on Sunday afternoon. Please see their Facebook group for more details.

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/885689738865581>).

Rust Belt IT Championship Series: This event is part of the Rust Belt Improved Touring Championship Series. Please see www.rustbeltit.com for more details including registration for the series.

Schedule, Supplemental Regulations, and Other Information can be found at

[2022 Firecracker Bonneau Divisional Race Packet](#)

ENTRY FEES: Standard SRF/SRF3/FE/FE2

Both Days: \$525 \$555

Saturday Only: \$300 \$330

Sunday Only: \$300 \$330

Add \$375 2nd class same driver both days *

Add \$225 2nd class same driver single day (Saturday or Sunday) *

* Additional compliance fees may apply

Online registration closes at 11:59 pm CDT, June 22.

CenDiv Reserved Numbers are held until NOON June 11.

Deferred billing! Credit card payments will not be processed prior to June 24.

Registration Hours:

Friday, June 24 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Saturday, June 25 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sunday, June 26 7:00 am – 12:30 pm

Worker Meeting is at 7:45 am on Saturday and 7:30 am on Sunday

Tracey Gauper

Chief Registrar

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at
**Elkhart Lake's ROAD AMERICA
Plymouth, WI**
[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR THE CAT MAJORS](#)

Come Join us for the 1st ever
FESTIVAL OF SPEED
4 days of Fun with Cars!

Four Disciples within SCCA will converge on Road America starting Thursday through Sunday. If you ever wanted to check out Rallycross, Road Rallye/TREK, Time Trials or Road racing, here is your chance to catch all of them in one place!

For Information, click: [Festival of Speed flyer and links to disciplines](#)

**GENEVA
CONCOURS
d'Elegance**

August 28, 2022

Chicago Region is still looking for cars for its large display at the 2022 Geneva Concours d'Elagance. If you have a sports car or race car that is unique, has some history, or just plain fantastic, come join us at the Geneva Concours d'Elagance on Sunday August 28, 2022.

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.



The Region will hold its own concours at the Geneva show. There is no entry fee for our concours, we will have four trophy categories and the Chicago Region will also be selecting one vehicle from our display to be a recipient of the prestigious Carl Benz Trophy from the Geneva Concours d'Elegance. So come join us as we celebrate the “art of the automobile”, be part of an exciting and enjoyable day.

If you interested in displaying a car, please email Peg Ball, registrar (pegball@comcast.net) to receive the entry form.



[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 are being distributed to members at region events. please get a pair and display them on your car to help promote the 75th anniversary.

A 75th anniversary book covering the history of the Region from 1948 through 2023 is currently being put together. **We are looking for old historic photographs for the anniversary book.**

If you have any photos, please contact Claire Ball, 306 Weston Ct., McHenry, IL 60051: cell 847-660-3460: pdmassociates@comcast.net.

HELP MAKE THE REGION'S 75th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

May Trivia Question



Question: When was the last year street races were run in Elkhart Lake?

Answer: 1953

June Trivia Quiz



Question: What does **G.O.A.T.S** stand for:

Answer: Will be in the July issue of Piston Patter

2022 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.

	Israel	Keith Mahlfeldt
Acevedo		Scott Middleton
	Aydin Akad	Harsha Musunuru
		Stelios Neofytou
Akad	Selin	Mayjourio Pope
		Robi Roy
	Randy Billingsley	Annabella Serrecchia
	Jan Aire Deocampo	Lucas Serrecchia
	Chris Dixon	Supriya Somaiah
	Curtis Estes	Jeremy Soriano
	Kirk Fischer	Jacqueline Spiller
	Don Fish	Grant Stoneberg
	Miguel Garcia	Milan Williams
	Catherine Hagg	Gayla Winston
	Taylor Hagg	
	David Li	
	Jay Lovett	
	Karen Lovett	

2022 Chicago Region Social Events

8/28/22 Geneva Concours, Region Car Display
10/19/22 Member Membership Meeting, TBA
11/16/22 Annual Membership Meeting, TBA

2022 Chicago Region Road Race Events

6/17-19/22 June Sprints, Road America
8/27-28/22 Kettle Double Regional, Road America
9/10-11/22 Fall Classic Regional, Autobahn
10/8-9/22 Fall Sprints, Blackhawk Farms

2022 Chicago Region Solo Events

6/8/22 Solo Event 4, Route 66 Raceway
7/17/22 Solo Event 5, Route 66 Raceway

9/18/22 Solo Event 6, Route 66 Raceway
10/1-2/22 Solo Event 7&8, Route 66 Raceway

2022 Chicago Region Track Days

6/10/22 Track Day 2, Autobahn
7/2/22 Track Day 3, Autobahn
7/29/22 Track Day 4, Autobahn

Time Trials

8/27/22 Road America
9/10/22 Autobahn
10/8/22 Blackhawk Farms
