



Chicago Region, SCCA

Piston Patter Newsletter

October 2022

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Dear George,

Welcome to the October 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.

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Bolingbrook, IL

February 18, 2023
Checked Flag Party
Ferrari Lake Forest

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Winding Down

As I write this, I'm watching/listening to the SCCA runoffs (GTL class) on YouTube. Solo Nationals were three weeks ago. The 2022 season is winding down. Locally I worked our last Track Event at Autobahn Country Club last Sunday. It was a well-attended event even though it was on the shorter 1.8-mile North Course. It was the last Track Event of the year. By the time you read this the Solo season will also have ended with the 8 and 9 autocross on Oct 1 & 2. We still have two events left this month. The Fall Classic double divisional with Time Trails on October 8 and 9 at Blackhawk Farms. As always, we could use some more volunteer workers for this weekend. If you are available, please sign up at Motorsportsreg.com. **The last outdoor event we have is the "Fly Back in Time" Fall Tour/Rally on October 15. (Registration is now open upto ant at the event)**

More to Come

Though the on track and road events are almost over that does not mean that there is nothing going on in the club until spring. We have two membership meeting planed for October and November. The first will be a BlackDog Racing's shop in Lincolnshire where we can see what they have been up to, and we will have presentations on automotive collectables. The November meeting will be at Weathertech in Bolingbrook. There we will install the 2023 board of directors and have a presentation by the folks at Weathertech. In February we will kick off our 75 year with the Checker Flag Dinner where we always present our 2022 awards for drivers and workers.

Our various committees will still be busy too. They will select their officers for 2023. They will be also working their budgets for 2023 and working with tracks and venues for our events in 2023. And there will be planning, planning, and more planning to make 2023 the best anniversary year yet. If you would like to help the Competition, Solo, Track Events, Activities, or others contact them. They can be found on our website: <https://scca-chicago.com/contact-us/>.

Roger Vilmur

[14th Annual Meadowdale Motorsports & Memories Car Show](#)
[Saturday, September 10, 2022](#)

Ghost Track Comes to Life

The Chicago Region participated in the Annual Meadowdale Motorsports & Memories Car Show on Saturday, September 10th. Hosted by the Midwest International Racing Preservation Association (MiRPA), the event celebrates the historic significance of the former Meadowdale International Raceways in Carpentersville, Illinois.



The Region's display at the Car Show was highlighted by an array of seven attention-getting cars: a GT-1 Corvette (Paul Musschoot), a Formula Continental (Mike Mudjer), a Jaguar XKE (Steve Greenhill), a Cobra (Rich Walke) and a Camaro SS (Claire and Peg Ball). Also featured were two competitive SOLO cars: a Mustang (Greg Fox) and a Honda (Chris Perry).



The display vehicles and the Region's pop-up tent drew considerable interest from the hundreds of spectators attending the event. The Car Show provided the Region with an outstanding opportunity to promote the Club and "having fun with cars" to fellow enthusiasts. According to MiRPA, over 500 cars were registered for this year's show, a record number.

The track was built in the late 1950's, with the inaugural race held in September of 1958. The race was sanctioned and run by the Chicago Region. The former track is now a forest preserve. There are still sections of the race circuit in existence and the Show is held on the main straight.

MiRPA has extended an invitation to the Club to participate in the 2023 Show.

Bob Malm
Display Chairman

Solo Report

Chicago Region represented well at the 2022 Sports Car Club of America Solo National Championships. Congratulations to all of our trophy winners! Bartek Borowski earned his 10th National Championship piloting a Mazda Miata in E-Street class. Solo Board Director Kati Bianchi earned second place in A-Street Ladies class. William Keese earned second place in C-Street class. Mike Leeder earned second place in F-Street class. Dan Simms earned third place in A-Street class. Jason Frank earned third place in Street Touring Xtreme class. Jeff Cashmore earned third place in E-Modified class. Andrew Salazar earned fourth place in Street Touring S class. Kyle Hemp earned fourth place in Street Touring Hatchback class. John Formula Azevedo earned fifth place in G-Street class. Billy Damhoff BDR earned fifth place in A-Street class. Mark McKnight earned sixth place in Street Touring S class. Nicholas Zelisko earned sixth in E-Street class. Darrel Padberg earned sixth in C-Prepared class. Chris Dvorak earned eighth place in C-Street class. Mark Groseth earned ninth place in E-Street class. Lance Keeley earned ninth place in G-Street class. Emanuel Martin earned tenth place in E-Street class. Pravarth Purushothaman in his first ever trip to the national championships, earned thirteenth place in Solo Spec Coupe. Mike Pride earned fifteenth in D-Street class.

Falling short of the trophies but representing well, Andy Francis, Greg Janulis, David Fivecar Finchum, Chris Perry, Brian McGreevy, Bill Meyers, Jeff Janulis, Josh Kolbach, Randy Storbeck, Cassie Storbeck, Wes Jenrich, Jason Daily, Kevin Gleaton, Aytinc Akad, Paul Kolatorowicz, Jay Bullington, Alex Tziortzis, Josh Pertsch, Steve Pertsch, Hilary Ann Anderson, David Becker, William Becker, Barrett Adair, Roy Handoko, Sam Karp, Hans Villanueva, Andrew Canak, Aldo Flores, Carla Flores, Jerry Tang, Zach Moore, Marshall Moore, Chuck Mathews, Kevin Kirchoff, Jim Johnson, George Schmitt, Eric Fredricks, Bob Gosda and Rick Ruth. Congratulations to you all and thank you for representing our region this year. Next year we will be better!

Special Thank You to Jason Frank for organizing our combined Chicago/Milwaukee paddock. And BIG thank you to our host Jay Bullington at JXB Performance for providing a shaded oasis on the concrete beach that is Lincoln Air Park. Jay also hosted an Ice Cream Social and Course Video night that was attended by racers from every region and may be the highlight of the whole "Nats" experience to some. Thank you, gentlemen.

Our local Solo season wrapped with a Twin Finale on October 2nd & 3rd. We hosted a pizza party following Saturday's awards ceremony and raced again on Sunday. A good time was had by all and smiling faces were abound both days. If you have not ventured out to a Chicago Region SCCA Solo event, put it on your bucket list and come see what all the FUN is about next year.

We thank you all for being a part of Chicago Region SCCA Solo. We invite anyone interested to volunteer to run for a board position in 2023. It will be our 75th year as a region of the Sports Car Club of America and we have some big plans. We will need some seriously dedicated people with can-do attitudes to pull everything off. This may be your calling, please reach out to us via email, call, text or messenger.

Smooth. Fast. Clean. Faster every run.
Chris Perry
Solo Chairman

P.S. Happy 75th Birthday to Bob Lindsay!!!!

2022 SCCA National Runoffs

This year's SCCA Runoff has been completed in some inclement weather from Jan. Based on limited race results I have gathered, Chicago Region had three National Champions and seven additional Region drivers finishing in top six positions. Race positions are:

Chris Schaafsma - 1st HP
Thomas Herb- 1st GT1 (Sunoco Hard Charger Award)
Greg Gyann - 1st P2
Mark Boden -2cd T1
Steve Sargis - 3d HP
Michael Varacins -- 4th FC
Alan Kossof - 5th T2
Richard Calburn - 5th P2
Greg Case - 5th P1 (Sunoco Hard Charger Award)
Mark Boden - 6th T2
Keven Fryer - 6th T4 (Sunoco Hard Charger Award)

Congratulation to all our Chicago Region drivers and workers that participated in this year's SCCA National Runoffs.

[Chicago Region SCCA Fall Sprints Double Divisional Races](#)



October 8 & 9, 2022

Blackhawk Farms Raceway– 1.95 miles
Two full-length Divisional races will be held at the Chicago Region Fall Sprints Double Divisional!
This is a qualifying event for the 2023 Runoffs
Time Trials will be running Saturday - more info to follow

PERTINENT DATES FOR THIS EVENT (ALL DATES 2022)
Central Division reserved car number hold - September 23, 12:00 PM CDT
Online registration closes - October 6, 11:59 PM CDT
Deadline to cancel without penalty - October 5, 11:59 PM CDT
Special license confirmation with Topeka, make request by - October 3, 6:00PM CDT
Credit cards will not be processed before - October 7

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

[The 2022 Chicago Region SCCA Fall Tour/Rally](#)

"Fly back in time"

Brought to you by GOATS "Get Out and Tour Series"

October 15, 2022

The Chicago Region SCCA will be running another G.O.A.T.S. (Get Out and Tour Series) event. Join us this fall as the colors are changing for another drive through southern Wisconsin on some of the most scenic backroads there are to enjoy.

This Chicago Region SCCA, G.O.A.T.S. backroads tour will provide you with an enjoyable day of driving, using great Wisconsin backroads providing scenic views and plenty of turns and elevation changes. The drive will take approximately 3 hours to complete ending in Monroe WI at Suisse Haus on the square in downtown Monroe, where we will all meet for lunch and some socializing. Join us won't you!

The Tour/Rally is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 15, 2022. The starting point will be in the South Beloit, IL. The route has two recommended planned stops, the first stop will be the Kelch Aviation Museum which is a "Fly back in time to the golden age of aviation". The hangar is filled with a stunning collection of restored aircraft from the 1920s and 30s. The museum is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation, operating entirely through generous donations from people like us. Admission is free of charge, but a small donation per adult is encouraged to help the non-profit thrive. So, if you stop, please help out with at least a \$10.00 dollar per car donation.



Our second stop for you cheese lovers, is at Alp & Dell Cheese Store near the end point where you can pick up some of their award winning cheeses to take home. Just in case you're wondering, there are over 150 different cheeses to pick from, there has to be one you like. The fall colors should be in full display as an added touch to the 120 mile drive. So, keep an eye on MotorsportsReg and be sure to enter for another fantastic G.O.A.T.S. event.

Event Information:

When: Saturday October 15, 2022

Registration: Pre-event registration is not required.

[Registration can now be done upto \(hopefully\) or at the tour.](#)

Entry Fee per car: \$15.00 SCCA Members, \$30.00 Non-members (Weekend membership for all non-member drivers is required and this membership fee is included in entry). All cars must have a driver and a navigator, any navigator / passenger who is not an SCCA member will be asked to sign a Trial Membership document at the starting point (no additional fees assessed).

Starting point: Flying J Travel Center, 16049 Willowbrook Rd. South Beloit, IL. 61080 (the northwest corner of I-90 /39 and Illinois Rt. 75) by the Denny's Restaurant. Check-in at the event will open at 9:00 am, with the first car off promptly at 10:00 am.

To register for the Fall Tour/Rally, click [HERE](#)

[Get Out and Tour Series \(G.O.A.T.S.\)](#)

[On the Green Stuff](#)

Last chance this year! Gone will be the opportunity to learn about the support staff without which racing would not occur. Gone will be the 2022 racing season. On Saturday October 8 drive out to Blackhawk Farms Raceway, sign in at Registration and spend an enjoyable day observing how volunteers make racing happen. A tour will take place explaining the purpose of the many specialties required, how to get involved and introductions to the right people to complete the circle. Then an afternoon of observing wheel to wheel racing.

If you want more information, call the Chicago Region office @ 847-729-2211

[October General Membership Meeting](#)

October 26, 2022

The Chicago Region will be holding our October membership meeting on Wednesday October 26th at Blackdog Speed Shop. The program for the evening will be the collectables market. Paul Zimmermann of the Motorsports Collector will be joining us to talk about the current collectable market. Paul will also be bringing some items from his personal collection and some collectables for sale from his store.

Blackdog Speed Shop is the perfect venue for this meeting, there is always something interesting in the shop, there may even be a life-size collectable we can view. Blackdog is located at 600 Barclay Blvd. Lincolnshire IL 60069 and the meeting begins at 7pm.

So, come join us won't you, for this most interesting subject at one of the area's most exciting event venues

We will be asking attendees to please register for the meeting, but it is not required.
We just want to know who and how many will be joining us.

To register, click [HERE](#)

Don't miss out, we'll see you there.

Annual Membership Meeting
November 16, 2022

Chicago Region's Annual Membership Meeting will take place at 7:00PM on November 16 at Weather Tech, 881 Remington, Bolingbrook, IL. Region 2022 committee reports will be presented and the new 2023 board of directors will be announced.

The program includes a presentation by celebrated IMSA driver Cooper MacNeil. Cooper has competed at Le Mans with three podium finishes, Daytona second place, Sebring 2 Wins, and wins at Petit Le Mans, SCCA Runoffs, Ferrari challenge and ALMS. He is sure to provide us with some up close and detailed insight into how he accomplished those and his plans for the upcoming season.

We will be asking attendees to please register for the meeting, but it is not required. We just want to know who and how many will be joining us.

Registration will be open soon on MSR_

Don't miss out, we'll see you there.

Mark Your 2023 Calendar

**2023 Checkered Flag Party will be on
February 18 at Ferrari Lake Forest.**

You will not want to miss this special 75th Anniversary Checkered Flag Party
Details will be coming in the next issues of Piston Patter.

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** at the Ferrari Lake Forest dealership showrooms will kick off the anniversary year.

Commemorative 75th anniversary license plate frames that are already 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 and will be handed out at the Checkered Flag Party.

An overnight tour/rally up to Elkhart Lake with a drive around the original street racetrack is being planned. Date and times to be announced.

HELP MAKE THE REGION'S 75th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

[September Trivia Question](#)



Question: What year was the first street race held in Elkhart Lake? What county road was the start/finish line located on?

Answer: July 1950 on County Road P

[October Trivia Quiz](#)



Question: Who were the drivers of the two Penske L&M Porsche Can Am cars?

Answer: Will be in November 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.

	Debanga Barman	Michael Montelo
	Debbie	Robert Oehrlein
Burns		Keenan Prusank
	Ted	David Rogers
Burns		John Schwarz
	Lauren Egan	Romana Smela
	Alex Feltz	Kevin Spencer
	Zachary Haden	Dimitar Stavrakov
	Vincent Helou	Cherese Wyatt
	Miroslav Knava	
	Hao Liang	
	Roy Lipner	

[2022 Chicago Region Social Events](#)

- 10/15/22 Fall Tour/Rally
- 10/26/22 Member Membership Meeting, Blackdog Racing Shop
- 11/16/22 Annual Membership Meeting, Weathertech

[2022 Chicago Region Road Race Events](#)

- 10/8-9/22 Fall Sprints, Blackhawk Farms

2022 Chicago Region Track Days -Time Trials

9/10/22 Autobahn
10/8/22 Blackhawk Farms
