



Chicago Region, SCCA

Piston Patter Newsletter

November 2022

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Dear George,

Welcome to the November 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**

November , 2022

Annual Meeting
Weather Tech
Bolingbrook, IL

2023 **Event Calendar**

February 18, 2023

Checked Flag Party
Ferrari Lake Forest

April 15-16, 2023

CenDiv Drivers School &
Regional Race
Blackhawk Farms

June 23-25, 2023

June Sprints Race
Road America



Happy Thanksgiving

2022 Chicago Region **Board of Directors**

Roger Vilmur – Region Executive
Anthony Serrecchia - Assist RE
Linda Novak – Secretary

847-359-7621
847-997-4845
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August 26-27, 2023
Kettle Regional Race
Road America

September 9-10, 2023
Regional Race
Autobahn

October 7-8, 2023
Regional Race
Blackhawk Farms

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Chicago Region's new Board of Directors

The 2023 Nomination committee has completed their work and we have a new slate of board members to be installed at the November 16 Annual Business Meeting. The new members starting their 3-year term are Rick Benston, Anthony Serrecchia, and David Tatge. Rick Benston is a former RE and an active member of Competition and Track Events committees. Anthony Serrecchia is the chair of the Track Events committee. Both Rick and Anthony are currently on the board as appointed replacements for members who left. David Tatge is new to the board experience. Dave is a 10-year club racer in the SRF class and longtime auto racing enthusiast.

The returning board members besides myself are, Linda Novak, Chris Greger, Ed locke, Michael Varacins, Peter LaSueur.

I would like to thank the Nomination Committee, Beau Martin (Chair), Sue Green, Chris Greger, Jeff Kumler, Peter LeSueur, Mark Lopotko, and Jeff Reglin, for their time and effort.

Lastly, I would like to thank Steve Greenhill, whose term is ending, for the racer's perspective and business expertise that he brought to the Board.

Chicago Region's Annual Business Meeting & More

Our annual Business meeting will take place at Weathertech in Bolingbrook, Illinois on November 16. This important meeting will install the Region's Board of Directors for 2023, provide the financial status of the Region, and status reports from the various committees that plan our events.

The bonus for the night is 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.

I encourage everyone to attend and hear these important reports and have an opportunity to ask questions and comments. Please pre-register at MotorsportsReg.com: [Annual Meeting Link](#).

SCCA President's October Address

Our SCCA national President, Mike Cobb, made a presentation on the runoffs and other club news. You can watch a play of his address at: [Presidents October Address](#). I encourage everyone to watch.

Roger Vilmur

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

Chicago Region put on another great G.O.A.T.S. (Get Out and Tour Series) event. It was a great route though some of the most scenic backroads of Wisconsin. It was perfect driving weather with blue skies, wild colors and back country roads that everyone thoroughly enjoyable.

The drive took approximately 3 hours to complete ending in Monroe WI at Suisse Haus on the square in downtown Monroe, where we had lunch and some event socializing.

The route had two recommended planned stops, The first stop was the Kelch Aviation Museum which is a “Fly back in time to the golden age of aviation”. The hangar was filled with a stunning collection of excellently restored aircraft from the 1920s and 30s.



The second stop was for you cheese lovers, at Alp & Dell Cheese Store near the end point where you could pick up some of their 150 different award-winning cheeses to take home.

As always, John Sutton did a fantastic job putting together this fall tour/rally. Thanks John and we look forward to your 2023 tour/rallies.

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

On the Green Stuff

Finally, some Free Time! The Road Racing season is over. Time to thank all the volunteers, drivers and crew for their precious time and commitment to excellence during 2022. From members of the Competition Committee, drivers, crew members to the individual "workers" who staffed their post, be it a Taper in T & S or a Race chair delivering much needed Gatorade, they all performed a vital role in a successful 2022. As with most activities the whole is made up of multiple parts. We need each part to function accurately for success to follow. Volunteers – Thank the drivers & crew! Drivers and Crew – Thank the Volunteers! Grid volunteers – Thank the Registrars! Ok, you get the idea – We all need each other

Thank you to all who made 2022 a great success!

Free time is over we have a 2023 program to plan and organize.

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

October General Membership Meeting

October 26, 2022

Chicago Region held its October membership meeting on Wednesday October 26th at Blackdog Speed Shop. The evening program was a presentation by Backdog's racing team manager Ray Sorenson on their 2022 and upcoming 2023 seasons and a tour of their excellent speed shop facility.

Also, we had an excellent presentation by Rick Dresang on his racing memorabilia collection with several examples of truly one of a type racing collectibles.

Thank you very much Ray and Rick for your excellent very informative presentations.

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 elected.

The program will also include 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.

To register, click [HERE](#)

Mark Your 2023 Calendar

2023 Checkered Flag Party February 18 at Ferrari Lake Forest.

You will not want to miss this special 75th Anniversary Checkered Flag Party. Plans include a late afternoon social get together with hors d'oeuvres, beverages, jazz band, and silent charity auction of collectable 75-year Region history items.

Dinner will include select serving stations of carved prime beef, potatoes, Italian sausage and penne pasta, salad, rolls, and deserts. Complementary beer, wine, and pop will be available throughout the social and dinner period.

2022 Region awards will be presented after dinner.

Everyone attending the Checkered Flag Party will receive a copy of the Region's 75th Anniversary Book covering the 75-year history of the Region, a Swintel 75th anniversary poster, dinner wine glass, prints of the Swintel seven-decade 6th and 7th artworks used for the June Sprints shirts, and a chance to win the anniversary table center pieces.

This is a Chicago Region highly subsidized event to kick-off the 75th Anniversary and thank its members for their support in 2022 and all the previous years.

Please mark your calendar, February 18, 2023, and plan to attend.

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 include:

- Special 2023 Checkered Flag Party at the Ferrari Lake Forest dealership.
- 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 racecourse is being planned. Date and times to be announced.
 - Region 75th anniversary displays at selected large car shows.
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[Need Your Help for Charity Auction](#)

As part of the 2023 Checkered Flag Party, we are having a silent charity auction. We have already started to collect several excellent auction items. We are looking for more auction items.

If you have any interesting Region or racing history items that you would like to contribute for a good cause, please donate them to the charity auction. Obviously, we are only looking for items that someone would like to have for their memorabilia, such as historic posters, special event items, etc.

To contribute to the charity auction, please contact Claire Ball at pdmassociates@comcast.net or 847-660-3460.

[October Trivia Quiz](#)



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

Answer: Mark Donohue and George Fullmer

[November Trivia Question](#)



Question: What is this a picture of?

Answer: Will be in the December 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.

Mingshan Fang
Joshua Felix
Jeremy Meattey

Joe Schaefer
Sean Scott

[2022 Chicago Region Social Events](#)

11/16/22 Annual Membership Meeting, Weathertech
