



Chicago Region, SCCA

Piston Patter Newsletter

February 2023

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Dear George,

Welcome to the February 2023 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.

2023 **Event Calendar**

February 18, 2023

Checkered Flag Party
Ferrari Lake Forest

March 18-19, 2023

CenDiv Spring Training
Best Western Airport

March 11, 2023

Solo Award Banquet
Dowers Grove

April 15-16, 2023

CenDiv Drivers School &
Regional Race
Blackhawk Farms

April 15-16, 2023

LearningCurve
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Route 66 Raceway



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April 29-30, 2023
Solo Events #1 and #2
Route 66 Raceway

June 23-25, 2023
June Sprints Race
Road America

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**Chiago Region solo, track day, rally, and meeting dates
are listed to the left and at the end of Piston Patter**

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2023 SCCA Nation Convention

As I write this column, the 2023 SCCA National Convention is wrapping up. However, being virtual means that all the sessions have been recorded and are available for replay. Just register into the Whova App and you will have access to all the sessions. Eventually the sessions will be available in the Member Access Portal, but I would see them soon as they are relevant to the upcoming years activities.

The link to Register is here: <https://www.scca.com/pages/nationalconvention>

David Morrell Award

This year's David Morrell Award has been awarded to one of the Chicago Region's very own, Bev Heilicher. Below is the announcement recognizing Bev's contributions to our Stewards Program.

The David Morrell Award recognizes an active Steward in the Stewards Program who has exhibited an outstanding performance and dedication to the sport and its highest principles. The recipient is selected by the Chairman of the Stewards and the Executive Stewards. Bev Heilicher of the Chicago Region was presented with this year's David Morrell Award.

An SCCA member since 1978 and a Steward since 1987, Heilicher has served in numerous Region and Division capacities through the years. As a Steward, she has contributed as a member of the Stewards Training & Development Committee since 2016, serving as its Chair since 2018. She helped create the SIT Training Manual now used by all SITs, and has worked tirelessly with the SCCA National Office to ensure the File Cabinet and Forms are current and up to date. Most recently she joined the Court of Appeals in 2022

Congratulations Bev, we are proud to have you as a member of the Chicago Region.

SCCA Runoffs 2024 & 2025

This year's runoff will again be at Virginia International Raceway, but in 2024 and in 2025 they will be returning to the home of Chicago Region's June Sprints® at Road America. We are super pleased and excited to have the Runoffs return to the Midwest.

Solo National Tour

This year the Tire Rack Solo National Tour will be visiting our Solo home at Route 66 Dragway. Mark your calendars for July 14-16, 2023.

2023 Event Schedules

The events schedules for SCCA national events are now available, including Hoosier Super Tour, Tire Rack Solo National Tour, Tire Rack Time Trial National Tour, and Track Night in America. Go to the SCCA National Website to find out how to register.

Locally the Chicago Region 2023 schedules have been set for Road Racing and Track Events/Time Trials. The Solo schedule should be ready soon. Check our Website for details and start planning your "fun with cars" for 2023.

Roger Vilmur

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

You do 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. An excellent dinner and the 2022 special Region awards.



Party schedule will be:

4:00 - 6:00pm Check-in

4:00 - 6:30pm Social with complementary beer, wine, pop, and hors d'oeuvres
6:30 - 8:00pm Dinner including serving stations of carved prime beef, potatoes, Italian sausage and penne pasta, salad, rolls, and deserts.
8:00 - 8:30pm 2022 Region Awards

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 engraved decanter 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 register now so we can make final arrangement for the party.
Your credit card will not be charged until the day of the party.**

Registration closes February 8, 2023

To register now, please click [HERE](#)

[Need Collectible Items 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, 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.

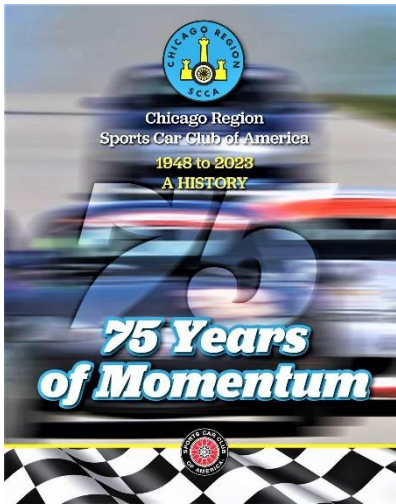
This is an excellent opportunity for you to clear out collector memorabilia items you have been storing for years and you no longer want.

We need more items for the charity auction.

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

[Chicago Region 75th Anniversary Book](#)

The 75th Anniversary book that the region has been working on for the last year, will be distributed at the February 18, 2023 Checkered Flag Party. The book summarizes the 75 year history of the Region. You do not want to miss this introductory offering of a free copy of this book.



[CENDIV Spring Training](#)
[March 18th in Milwaukee](#)
[at the airport Best Western](#)

The following National Staff guests are scheduled to appear at this year's training;

Mike Cobb - President and CEO of SCCA
Chris Robbins - Director of Region Development
Abby Scher - Manager of Region Communication, Training & Events
John Hunter - Time Trials Program Manager
Rick Myers - Director Rally/Solo
Jon Krolewicz - Senior Manager of Regional Track Program Development

Program will include:

- Program Board
- SCCA Hall of Fame
- Meet with our Divisional leadership to learn more about...
- Time Trails, Timed Events, Track Night in America, and Enduro's
- Autocross (Solo)
- Road Racing

To register: Click [HERE](#)

Reserve your overnight stay by February 24th:

Contact hotel reservation Kelley Gadish – (414) 831-3657 which is her direct line. Be sure to mention Sports Car Club of America. If she is not available, please leave a message explaining who you are, what you want and a phone number for her to call you back. Do not leave personal or credit card information on the voicemail. You can also call the main hotel line and ask for her in the sales office (414) 769-2100.



Bev Heilicher
2022 David Morrell Award

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Congratulation Bev

On the Green Stuff

Forget the snow, forget the cold – Dream, Oh dream of RACING! Last week was the SCCA National Convention – a rehearsal of things to come. Another taste will happen tomorrow, as I write this, The Daytona 24 Hour. Soon we will be back at our tracks, watching our races and seeing our friends. But wait, you can see your friends, you can get together and you can talk about racing. Join your friends at CenDiv's Spring Training on Saturday March 18 in Milwaukee. Here is a link to information and how to register. <https://cendiv-scca.org/2023-cendiv-scca-spring-training/>

Hope to see you there.

Chicago Region office at 847-729-2211 or Cluboffice@scca-chicago.com for details.

Chicago Region SCCA G.O.A.T.S. Backroads Tour
May 6, 2023

With the warm temperatures we have been experiencing this January, the G.O.A.T.S. are becoming restless and ready to hit the roads. If you are experiencing the same or similar feelings don't despair. The Chicago Region's next backroads tour will be Saturday, May 6, 2023 and the G.O.A.T.S. are wanting you to join them for an enjoyable backroad drive through northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. So save the date and watch Piston Patter and MotorsportsReg for more information as the date draws near. See you there.

Brought to you by the Chicago Region SCCA, Get Out and Tour Series (G.O.A.T.S.)

2023 Chicago Region Road Race Schedule

6/23-25, 2023 June Sprints National Race, Road America
8/26-27/23 Double Regional Race, Road America
9/9-10/23 Double Regional Race, Auytobahn
10/7-8/23 Double Regional Race, Blackhawk Farms

2023 Chicago Region Track Day Schedule

Track events:

5/26/23 Autobahn South course
6/9/23 Autobahn Full course
7/1/23 Autobahn South course
7/22/23 Autobahn south course
8/18/23 Autobahn North Course
9/8/23 Autobahn South Course

Track Sprint:

6/11/23 Autobahn South Course
8/19/23 Autobahn North Course

2023 Chicago Region Autocross/Solo Schedule

2022 Awards Banquet

3/11 Emmitts, Downes Grove

Autocross: (tentative)

4/15-16/23 Learning Curve
4/29-30/23 Event 1 & 2

Street Survival

5/13/23

2023 SCCA Northern Conference Major Tour Event Schedule

The following is a tentative 2023 U.S. Majors Tour Event Schedule. Dates may be subject to change until confirmed.

April 29-30: Blackhawk Farms Raceway; Blackhawk Valley Region; S. Beloit, IL

May 13-14: Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course; Ohio Valley Region; Lexington, OH

June 23-25: Road America; Weather Tech Chicago Region June Sprints; Elkhart Lake, WI is a Hoosier Super Tour

January Trivia Question



Question: Can you identify the Chicago Region members that made-up this gangster group for the 1979 SCCA National Convention and the CATA auto show,

Answer: Bev & Bart Kendell, Cindy & Ed Pomeroy, ???, Bill Hurtt, ???, Peg & Claire Ball, Buzz Fiery, and Judy Hurtt. If anyone knows the ???, please let me know their names. Thanks

February Trivia Quiz



Question: What was the date of the first Can-Am race at Road America?
What was the record setting attendance at the event?

Answer: Will be in the March issue of Piston Patter
