



# Chicago Region, SCCA

## Piston Patter Newsletter

### May 2023

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Dear George,

Welcome to the May 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**

**May 6, 2023**

Spring Tour/Rally  
South Beloit, IL

**May 26, 2023**

Track Day #1  
Autobahn South course

**June 4, 2023**

Solo Event #3  
Route 66 Raceway

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Street Survival School  
Route 66 Raceway

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#### **2023 Chicago Region** **Board of Directors**

Roger Vilmur – Region Executive-----847-359-7621  
Anthony Serrecchia - Assist RE-----847-997-4845  
Linda Novak – Secretary-----847-934-3905  
Ed Locke – Treasurer-----630-853-2144  
Michael Varacins-----847-571-4502

Track Day - Sprint  
Autobahn South Course

**June 23-25, 2023**  
June Sprints Race  
Road America

Chris Gregor-----630-661-7167  
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Dave Tatge-----630-880-0406  
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**A list of all Chicago Region solo, track day, rally, and meeting dates are provided at the end of Piston Patter**

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## RE Marks

### **June Sprints**

It's May and that means June Sprints are coming up fast. The Competition Committee is already at full throttle preparing for the Region's largest event.

### **Paddock Parking**

Registration has been open since the beginning of April and over 200 entries have registered as I write this article. Last year's entrants have only until May 15th to claim last year's parking spot. Currently only about one half of this year's entries participated last year. So, if you want to save your parking spot you have 10 days to register.

### **Grand Marshall**

This year's June Sprints Grand Marshall will be Mark Weber. Mark, as a professional photographer, has been a significant contributor to the visual history of SCCA club racing. Mark started in 1970 and has had his photos published in many automotive publications and was the official photographer for many SCCA Pro and Club Racing events. Mark retired from photography in 2020.

Mark is also a racer. He started racing in the SCCA in 1974, racing FV, and then moving to E&F production with Austin Healey Sprites and Mazda Miatas. In all Mark has participated in more than 600 Regional, Divisional, and National SCCA Races. And he is still racing.

Though he is no longer a photographer, Mark is still contributing to the club as a National Director. Elected to the board in 2023 representing Area 6, Midwest Division.

### **Track Events 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Special**

On Saturday, July 1, celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chicago Region by spending an evening at our Track Event and Time Trial on the Autobahn Country Club's South Track. To celebrate 75 years of Chicago Region Fun With Cars, drivers who are full SCCA members at the time of registration will have their entries discounted by \$75! That means a full track event for only \$120. Sign up for membership now at [SCCA.com](http://SCCA.com) to become eligible for our 75th Anniversary discount and enjoy discounts, experiences, and even more fun with cars throughout the year. Also, here is the link to register for the event: [SCCA Chicago 75th ANNIVERSARY Track Day & TT#3](#)

Roger Vilmur

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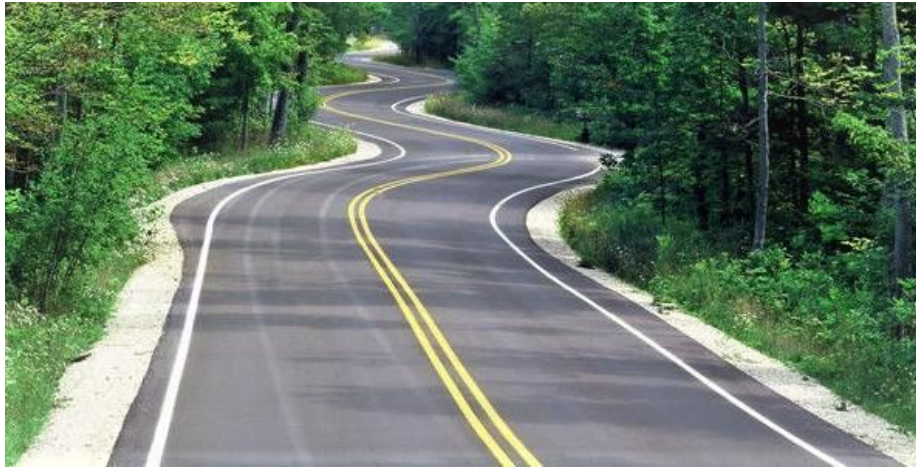
**The 2023 Chicago Region SCCA Spring Tour/Rally**  
**"Ride the Rooster"**

Brought to you by G.O.A.T.S. "Get Out and Tour Series"

**May 6, 2023**

The Chicago Region will be running another G.O.A.T.S. (Get Out and Tour Series) event. Join us this spring for another drive through northern Illinois and 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 backroads providing scenic views and plenty of turns and elevation changes. The drive will take approximately 3 hours to complete ending in Lena Illinois at The Rafters restaurant where we will all meet for lunch and some socializing. After lunch if you like you can visit the Lena Brewing Company and the Red Barn gift shop both are on the same property as the restaurant. Also, if you are wondering where the name for this tour came from, you will have to drive the tour to find out. Join us won't you and we will all know about "Ride the Rooster".



**Event Information:**

**When:** Saturday May 6, 2023

**Registration:** The pre-entry deadline for this event has closed. See below if you are still interested in attending the tour.

**Entry Fee per car:** \$15.00 SCCA Members, \$35.00 Non-members (Weekend membership for all non-member drivers is required, fee is included in entry) the weekend membership fee can be applied towards a full SCCA membership. 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.

**For late registration up to May 5, please contact Steve Laske at [laske.steve@gmail.com](mailto:laske.steve@gmail.com)**

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## **Tire Rack Street Survival School**

**JUNE 10, 2023 8:00am-5:00pm**

Route 66 Raceway



First things first – what is the **Tire Rack Street Survival** Program?

The primary emphasis of the Tire Rack Street Survival® is a “hands-on” driving experience in real-world situations! We use your own car to teach you about its handling limits and how you can control them. The students will become more observant of the traffic situation they find themselves in. They will learn to look far enough ahead to anticipate unwise actions of other drivers. As the students master the application of physics to drive their cars, they will make fewer unwise driving actions themselves. They will understand why they should always wear their own seatbelts, and why they should insist that their passengers wear seatbelts, too.

It's about more than driving – it's about LIVING!

The classes hosted by Chicago Region are instructed by Club members trained on the program curriculum online, meaning each school, no matter where in the country you attend, lives up to the same high standard. Street Survival schools are a fantastic way for SCCA Regions and members to give back to the community, offering a lifesaving driver education course with immeasurable value. Entry fee is only \$95.

If you have friends or relatives who may be interested in registering their teens for the class: **click [HERE](#)**

**Update:** We are also looking for in-car coaches, tech inspection, course, registration and others to help coordinate our class and make the day run smoothly.

**To help with Street Survival event. please click [HERE](#)**

Instructor Training for Street Survival In-Car Coaches is at <https://streetsurvival.org/schools/become-a-coach/>.

Thank you for helping with this program to teach our young drivers car control. We cannot do it without you, and we're excited to be holding another class in Joliet.

Chris Perry & Jerome Cahuzac  
Chicago Region SCCA Tire Rack Street Survival Coordinator

Three parents, including Scott Goodyear, former Indy Car Champion, share their perspectives of the Street Survival program in this [video](#).

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### **[Solo Report](#)**

Chicago Region SCCA Solo started off 2023 with The Learning Curve Autocross school at Rt66 April 15th & 16th. We hosted 40 students with over 30 instructors and helpers.

Saturday's weather was absolute perfection and students were treated to lunch provided by longtime club sponsor K&M Magnetics. Sunday's mock event brought cooler temps and an occasional sprinkle or two from the sky. Less traction makes for better racers! All entered were offered eight timed runs on the roughly sixty second course. Commemorative Chicago Region SCCA 75th Anniversary pint glasses and license plate brackets were handed out to all who stayed for the post event wrap ups.

The end of April Solo Kicked off their season with a double header, marking 25 years of racing at Rt66 Raceway. Thank you to everyone who has made this possible and supported our events throughout the years. We appreciate you joining us and hope you can race with us this year too.

Our next Solo Event is June 4th and you do not want to miss out. It will be your last chance to race at Rt66 before we host the Sports Car Club of America Solo Championship Tour on July 14th-16th. To kick off the Solo Champ Tour on Friday we will be hosting an Evolution Performance Driving School and a Test and tune to help get you and your ride dialed in for the tour! Registration and more details available shortly.

**See Solo Event 3 article below to register for the event.  
For Information on Evo School, click [HERE](#)**

**[The Evolution Performance Driving School - Building Champions since 1993 - Autocross, Driver School, HPDE, License \(evoschool.com\)](#)**

Chicago Region SCCA Solo is partnering with VetMotorsports.org to provide Helmet Therapy to men and woman who have served in our Armed Forces at our October 6th Solo event. VETMotorsports uses motorsports as an inspiration to propel veterans forward, to encourage veterans to find their strengths, motivations, and personal inspiration. To learn more about VetMotorsports, please visit their site, [VETMotorsports](#) VetMotorsports.org

As always, follow us on Facebook and Instagram for the most up to date information! Hope to see you at the next Solo race!

Chris Perry  
Solo Chairman  
Chicago Region SCCA

<https://scca-chicago.com/autocross/>  
<https://www.motorsportreg.com/orgs/scca/chicago/solo>  
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## **2023 Solo Event 3** **June 4, 2023**



Full Event Schedule and Rules can be found on our site here:

**Must Pre-Pay on MotorsportReg!**

**No Cash or Credit Card Payment will be accepted on site!**

**Your card will be charged 24 Hours prior to the event. You must cancel by 7am of the event day to ensure full refunds. All other exceptions subject to the discretion of the Board. Prompt communication is the most important factor.**

**PLEASE FILL OUT AND BRING WITH TO EVENT (TECH SHEET)**

**[https://scca-chicago.com/wp-content/uploads/Solo\\_Tech\\_Sheet.pdf](https://scca-chicago.com/wp-content/uploads/Solo_Tech_Sheet.pdf)**

**For race day schedule, event fees, driver's information, and to register for each event:**

For Event registration: Click **[HERE](#)**

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**June 23-25, 2023**

To Register, click [HERE](#)

Drivers without internet access may request a paper entry form and mail it with their entry fees to the Chief Registrar. Any check not processed by your bank will result in an incomplete entry to be resolved between the Chief Registrar or Club Office and the Driver or Entrant. Do not mail entries by any method that requires a signature for delivery. Phone / fax entries will not be accepted.

Chief Registrar:

Sue Green

19010 Round Grove Road

Morrison, IL 61270

Telephone (815)718-4881 (Phone calls returned after 6:00pm)

Email: [registration@junesprints.com](mailto:registration@junesprints.com)

Please complete the entire entry form. Complete the Reserved Parking form to request a parking space. The biographical information is optional, but please complete it for the announcers. If you do not register on-line and mail the forms with your check to the Chief Registrar, please include your parking and race entry fees in the same check. Do not send a separate check for parking. For the 2023 Chicago Region June Sprints, competitor motor home camping in your paddock space is included in the parking fee. All parking questions should be directed to the Parking Coordinator.

Roger Vilmur, Parking Coordinator Email: [junesprintsparking@gmail.com](mailto:junesprintsparking@gmail.com)

Race details, specific dates, entry fees, refund information, test days, and schedule are available on the msreg June Sprints website.

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### **[On The Green Stuff](#)**

As recently as Spring Training and as far back as 2017 the concept of joint events featuring all the disciplines in the realm of SCCA have been presented. Whether you call them Combos, Fests, or Mash events they attempt to bring into one venue, on one weekend everything we do. These events are described as the salvation of SCCA, the future of SCCA. Chicago Region is blessed with great racetracks, a wonderful Solo site and, once outside of the never-ending road construction, sensational back roads for Rally's. Many areas of the country are not so fortunate. Our friends to the north are feeling the pinch of disappearing Solo sites. Other areas of CenDiv don't have easy access to racetracks for Solo, Track Events & Time Trials. Since we have all this, we should be thankful and content. WRONG! We are missing one especially important element for our continued operations – NEW MEMBERS!

While we continue to have about 1,400 Chicago Region members, you would have to greet over 6,000 Chicagoans to find one member. One might venture that you would have to greet those same six thousand to find one who knew what SCCA was. That needs to change. Membership is not for everyone, but it is for more than we have. Each of us must be an ambassador for our Club. Talk to that new couple who just moved into the neighborhood or that new retiree who is looking to stay active, confident that once introduced to our group they will want to stay.

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## GENEVA CONCOURS *d'Elegance*

On August 27, 2023 the Chicago Region SCCA will again participate in the Geneva Concours d'Elegance in Geneva Illinois with the Chicago Region's "Concours for Sports Cars" being a featured group. 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 have a sports car or competition car and would like to enter it in our event, **please email Peg Ball, registrar ([pegball@comcast.net](mailto:pegball@comcast.net)) to receive or submit the entry form or if you have any questions contact Steve Laske at [laske.steve@gmail.com](mailto:laske.steve@gmail.com) or 630-258-3820.**



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. So mark your calendar, August 27, 2023 a day and an event you won't want to miss. Watch Piston Patter for more details.



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## **[2023 Chicago Region SCCA Photo Contest](#)**

As a throwback to the 1990's when the Chicago Region held a photo contest, this year the Activities Committee has established a photo contest to record our anniversary year with photographs. We are requesting our membership to take photos at our events up to the end of October, using a digital camera or their cell phone. The photo categories' are open to the photographer's imagination. We are asking for photos of events, meetings, people (group or singles), action photos, quiet moments, cars (both street and racecars) just about anything that shows who we are and what we are all about.

We only want digital photos and are requesting these photos are entered by the photographer through our link on the Region's Website under the "Contact Us" tab then click on "Media Submissions". This will open the page to allow photo submissions. Make sure to record your name, the subject, and details about the photo so we know what it is about. The photos which are submitted will become property of the Region and may be used by the Region in Piston Patter and or other media promotions moving forward.

At the end of October the contest committee will select the out standing photos which will then be judged for the winners. Contest winners will be announced at the November General Membership Meeting.

**We are looking forward to your participation and photo entries,  
remember this will only be a success if you participate.**

Thank you, the Activities Committee

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## **[Chicago Region SCCA Apparel](#)**

SCCA now has an apparel store selling T-shirts, polos, hooded sweatshirts, pullovers, full-zip hoodies, hats, and safety vests with Chicago Region and SCCA logos.

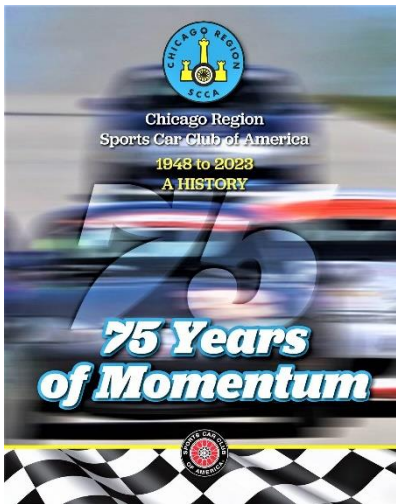


For apparel information and to purchase items, click [HERE](#).

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## [Chicago Region 75th Anniversary Book](#)

Get your copy at Chicago Region 2023 events.



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## [April Trivia Quiz](#)



**Question:** With the celebration of the Regions 75th anniversary year:

- How many of the current 1358 regions members have been members for over 50 years? (27, 39, 51, 63 or 91)
- Of these 50-year members, how many are at least 75 years old? (27, 39, 51, 63, or 91)

**Answer:** The Region has 63 members that are at least fifty-year members. Of these, 51 are over 75 years old.

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### May Trivia Question



**The premise:** Teenage race-car driver Speed Racer seeks to become one of the world's top racing drivers in the Mach 5, a race car built by his father and aided by the masked Racer X, who was really Speed's brother.

**The backstory:** Created in Japan by Tatsuo Yoshida, and originally called Mach, Go, Go, Go, this is among the earliest of Japanese anime TV shows adapted for American audiences by Peter Fernandez, who also worked on such other Japanese imports, Astroboy, Marine Boy, and Gigantor. The dubbing was awful, but Speed Racer was among the few animated TV shows with realistic human characters. The Mach 5's design was derived from the Ferrari 250 Testa Rossa, [the Ford GT40](#), and the [Aston Martin DB5](#).

**Question:** What year was Speed Racer introduced?

**Answer:** Will be in the June issue of Piston Patter.

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### 2023 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.

Chip Anderson  
Angelo Buffomante  
Zaram Bukhari  
Leonardo Camacho  
Yanxian Chen  
Daniel Cook  
Scott DeGenova  
Daniel Doud  
Kyle Drake  
Botao Du  
Dan Elliot  
Paul Fichter  
Griffin Fujii  
Harrison Goscenski  
Robert Groselak  
Alan Handley  
Christopher Johnsen  
Dennis Kois  
Olin Kois  
Matthew Lenartowicz  
Kathleen Livingston  
Frances Mary Loughead

Antonio Luna  
Belinda Lutz-Hamel  
Andrew Meyer  
Lindsey Meyer  
Joseph Miklos  
Dustin Mincheski  
Andriy Minenko  
Sean Najarro  
Matthew Napierski  
Neil O'Donovan  
Michal Pasieka Jr  
Mike Perry  
Eric Peterson  
Doug Powles  
Amer Rahman  
Andrew Rosete  
Ken Runge  
Tony Sain  
Isaac Salvadori-Black  
Greg Sells  
Han Shen

## **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

## **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 Autocross/Solo Schedule**

### **Autocross: (tentative)**

6/4/23 Event #3

7/14-16/23 Chicago National Tour Event

8/13/23 Event #4  
8/20/23 Event #5  
9/17/23 Event #6 Tripod Challenge  
10/7-8/23 Events #7 & 8

**Street Survival**

6/10/23

**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