



Chicago Region, SCCA

Piston Patter Newsletter

June 2023

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Dear George,

Welcome to the June 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](#)

June 9, 2023

Track Day #2
Autobahn Full Course

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Track Day - Sprint
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road America

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Road America

July 1, 2023



[2023 Chicago Region Board of Directors](#)

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Track Day #3
Autobahn South course

July 14-16, 2023 National
Tour Solo
Route 66 Raceway

July 22, 2023
Track Day #4
Autobahn South course

Chris Gregor-----630-661-7167
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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



Judy Hurtt

8/26/42 - 5/4/23

**Devoted 50 Year
Region Member**



Regretfully, the Region has lost another good friend that was an important part of the early growth of Chicago Region's diverse activities.

Judy spent nearly 50 years volunteer time to the Region until she moved to Texas to be near her son after her husband Bill passed away. Judy and Bill were part of the original group that formed Chicago Region Solo Group in 1972. Judy was active in solo, membership, race paddock, and region social activities Judy and Bill wre awarded The Region Worker of the Year in 1980..

[RE Marks](#)

June Sprints

It's June and that means that the 68th running of June Sprints is here. "It's not just another race", has been the byline for the Sprints for years. With over 350 cars expected and a freshly paved track surface, this weekend is expected to live up to its byline. Some of the best amateur drivers will be there. I encourage every member of the club to be there as a driver, worker, or a spectator.

Street Survival

Chicago Region Street Survival event at Route 66 Dragway, our Solo Home, is on July 10th. We will be looking for volunteers to help put on the event. We will need registration, hosts, driver coaches, and course workers. Worker registration can be found here: [Chicago Region Street Survival Worker Registration](#). Driver coaches need to be certified. See the training and certification here: <https://streetsurvival.org/schools/become-a-coach/> .

F&C Marshalls for NASCAR Chicago Street Race

I'm sure that through the media everyone has heard about the street race NASCAR is planning for in and around Grant Park in downtown Chicago. This is on July 1st and 2nd. What you may not know is that the Chicago Region SCCA has been asked to provide Marshalls for the corners. So if you are an experienced F&C worker and want to see the Xfinity and Cup cars up close on a first time ever street course, register at motorsportsreg.com here: [NASCAR street Races Worker Registration](#).

SCCA President's Update

At the end of April Mike Cobb presented an update on the state of the club. If you missed it, you will find it on YouTube. Here is the link: [SCCA President's Update April 2023](#)

Roger Vilmur

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 ran another great G.O.A.T.S. (Get Out and Tour Series) event.



This Chicago Region SCCA, G.O.A.T.S. backroads tour provided everyone with an enjoyable day of driving, using great backroads providing scenic views and plenty of turns and elevation changes. The drive took approximately 3 hours ending in Lena, Illinois at The Rafter's restaurant where we all met for lunch and some socializing.

After lunch, we visited the Lena Brewing Company and the Red Barn gift shop and discovered where the name for this tour, "Ride the Rooster" came from.



CHICAGO REGION FEATURED AT CARS AND COFFEE **May 6, 2023**

The Region was invited to provide a program for the Meadowdale International Racing Preservation Association's (MiRPA) monthly Cars and Coffee gathering. The event took place on Saturday, May 6th at MiRPA's office/facility in Cary.



Peter Jankovskis, Chair of the national SCCA Board of Directors, former member of the Region's Board and member since 2004, was the guest speaker. Peter took this opportunity to highlight the Region's 75th Anniversary. In his remarks, Peter discussed the founding of the Club in 1948, its early activities with street races and the development of Road America in the mid-1950's which resulted in today's strong partnership with the track. During its 75 year history, the Region has become a recognized leader in motorsports that has influenced both international and pro racing. Peter's interesting and informative insights on the Region and motorsports were well received.

Bob Malm

South Elgin High School Auto Show May 13, 2023

The Region participated and helped sponsor the South Elgin High School 17th Annual Auto Show. The event took place at the school on Saturday, May 13th. The show attracted 120 entries and a large number of visitors, in spite of the cloudy weather.

Highlighting the Region's display was Tom Stephani's Genie MK10 Can-Am car originally owned by Dan Blocker of Bonanza fame and sponsored by Nickey Chevrolet. It drew considerable attention to the SCCA canopy and table, particularly when Tom fired it up. Other interesting and cool cars in the display included a beautiful 1967 Camaro SS convertible (Peg and Claire Ball), an all original 1985 Porsche Carrera 911 (Bob and Carolyn Malm), a sharp 2005 Corvette (Dennis Bednar), a gorgeous 2010 Cobra (Rich Walke) and a highly modified Datsun 240Z with a V-8 engine (Noah Dropkin). A big thank you to those who showed their cars and promoted motorsports and the Club to younger enthusiasts.



The South Elgin High School auto tech program has approximately 300 students enrolled. Proceeds from the show help offset the costs of the school's automotive program, including the student engine tear down teams which compete nationally.

Bob Malm

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! You 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](#).

[Solo Report](#)

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>

https://shirts101.store/scca_chicago_region/shop/home

https://www.facebook.com/groups/ChicagoRegionSCCA/?ref=share_group_link
[SCCA Chicago Region Solo \(@chicago_region_scca_solo\) • Instagram photos and videos](#)

[Road America IndyCar Race](#)
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[Chicago Region - Worker Registration](#)



We invite volunteers planning to work the INDY Car Series event to pre-register. This will allow the Region to plan staffing levels, lunch and dinner counts, and to provide the best experience for all our volunteers.

If you know of others planning to work the event, but do not typically use MotorsportReg to pre-register, PLEASE pass along the information below. Those individuals who are unable or unwilling to use MSR may contact the online registrar at regkatscca@gmail.com to have their pre-registration entered for them or please help them by assisting them. There will be no walk-in and work allowed.

For event information and to register for the event, click [HERE](#)



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

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

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

NASCAR Chicago Street Race

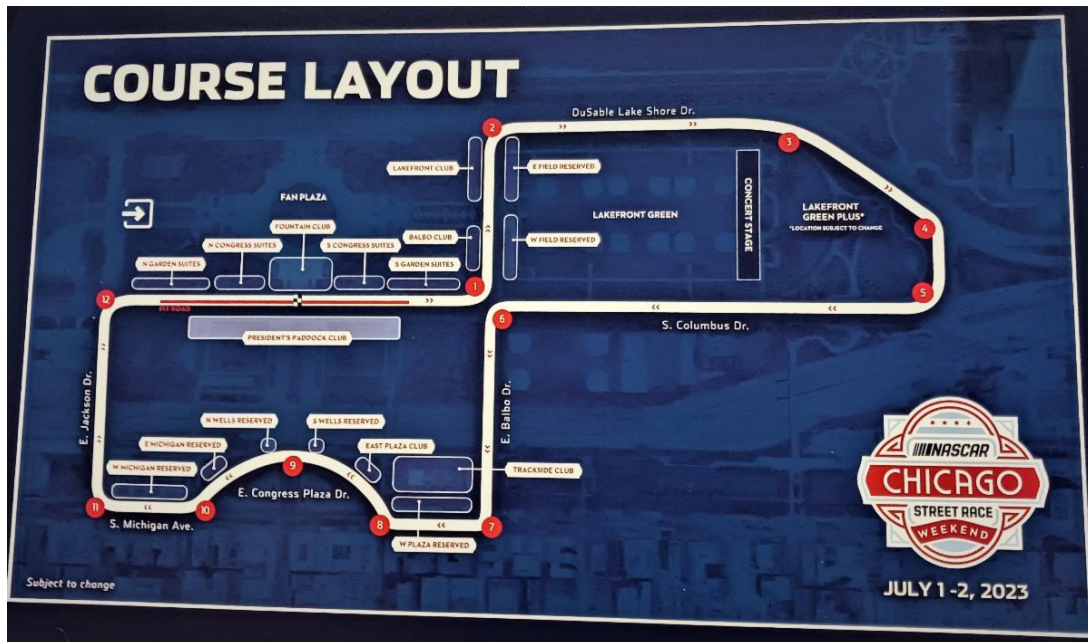
July 1-2, 2023

Chicago Region Worker Registration

Registration ends: Wed, Jun 28, 11:59 PM CDT

We invite volunteers planning to work the event to pre-register [HERE](#).

This will allow the Region to plan staffing levels, lunch and dinner counts, and to provide the best experience for all our volunteers. If you know of others planning to work the event, but do not typically use MotorsportReg to pre-register, PLEASE pass along the information below. Those individuals who are unable or unwilling to use MSR may contact the online registrar at regkatscca@gmail.com to have their pre-registration entered for them or please help them by assisting them. There will be no walk-in and work allowed.



Anticipated Worker Specialties We Will Be Staffing in 2023 Saturday and Sunday: F&C (Corners, Flag Chiefs), Registration (3), Event Chair (1), Safety Steward (1), Communicator (2)

CAMPING: Free camping at RT 66 Dragway in Joliet, IL. Electric hookups and portable showers available. 24-hour security will be on-site. Shuttles coaches will take workers to and from the event site each day. Campground is available from 3:00PM Friday to 10:00 AM Monday.

HOTEL: For those choosing to stay in a hotel rather than camp, NASCAR has blocked off rooms at hotels both in downtown Chicago (the Blackstone Hotel and Hilton Hotel) and near RT 66 Dragway (the Wingate Hotel and LaQuinta Inn). Rooms are available at the NASCAR-negotiated rates.

DRIVE-TO-EVENT:- for those who choose to drive to the event site, a limited number of free parking spaces will be available in the Millennium Park parking garage adjacent tot he event site

MEALS: Box lunches will be provided Saturday and Sunday at the event site. Saturday dinner - there will be a worker dinner Saturday evening at RT 66 Dragway.

WORKER VERIFICATION

As part of the controls for 2023 we will again be implementing a strict oversight policy for this event. Specialty chiefs will be provided with a list of workers who register for their specialty, and they will be required to verify if they meet the strict standards for NASCAR. They also will be verifying when and where the volunteer will work for this event daily. It is the worker's responsibility to check in with their specialty chief and make sure their work was validated.

Registration hours (subject to change): Friday - 5:00-7:00 pm, Saturday -6:00-6:30 am, Sunday - 10:30-11:30 am

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:
Friday

3:00PM Campground opens
5:00PM - 7:00PM – Registration

Saturday

6:00AM-6:30 AM - Registration
6:30AM - Shuttle leaves for event site
8:30 AM - Worker meeting at event site
10:00AM - 10:50 AM - Xfinity Series practice
11:00AM - Noon - Xfinity qualifying
12:30PM - 1:20PM - Nationwide Cup Series practice
1:30PM - 2:30 PM - Nationwide Cup Series qualifying
Pre-race concert featuring the Black Crowes
4:00PM - Xfinity Series Race
Post-race concert featuring The Chainsmokers

Sunday

10:30AM - 11:30AM - Registration
11:30AM - Shuttle leaves for event site
2:30PM - Worker meeting at event site
Pre race concert featuring Charley Crockett and Miranda Lambert
4:30PM - Nationwide Cup Series race

Specialty chiefs are as follows:

F&C - Jeff Reglin
Registration - Kathey Beimel
Race Administration - Mark Bingheim
Safety Steward - Rick Benston

[On The Green Stuff](#)

If you ever wondered what Club Racing is about, this month provides the ultimate solution to your questions. The Chicago Region June Sprints® takes place at Road America on June 23 – 25. Whether your exposure to racing has been 20 racers on TV's Formula 1 events or 33 cars at Indianapolis, just wait until you see 75 Spec Racer Fords on the 4 miles of Road America.

The "Sprints", as we lovingly call it, will have 9 races, 400 cars and drivers, and plenty of action. Come for the races, enjoy the park like circuit and feast on the wonderful Brats and beer. Don't miss this one – take ride- see what the hoopla is all about.

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) to receive or submit the entry form or if you have any questions contact Steve Laske at 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.



2023 Chicago Region SCCA Photo Contest "Just Got Better"

As a throwback to the 1990's when the Chicago Region held a photo contest, the Activities Committee has established a photo contest as a vehicle to record our anniversary year with photographs. We are requesting our membership to take photos at all of our events through 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, quite 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 <https://scca-chicago.com>. Once you're on the web site click on the "Contact Us" tab then click on "Media Submissions" in the drop down window. 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. This is where it gets better! Starting with the month of June entries, a selection committee will review the photos and select one as the months out standing photo. The photographer of the monthly photo will receive a \$25.00 gift card. The photos which are selected each month beginning with June and running through the remainder of the year will then also go through a selection process. For the photographer of the photo chosen as the outstanding photo of the year, the Chicago Region will pay the photographer/members 2024 annual membership dues.

**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

[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](#).

[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: SpeedRacer was introduced in the summer of 1967. (only 56 years ago)

[June Trivia Quiz](#)



Question: The June Sprints started in 1956 following the path of sports car racing that started in 1950 on the streets of Elkhart Lake, WI. How long was the first street race circuit?

Answer: Will be in July issue of Piston patter

**Readers - HELP Please send me some trivia questions for further months
Send to Claire Ball at pdmassociates@comcast.net**

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.

David Anthony
Derek Barker
Aaron Bromberek
John Burchmore
Eric Clem
Jason DePhillips
R. Scott Durbin
Nikolai Fullmer
Brad Gagliano
Adrian Glogowski
Ed Hazelwood
Josh Hoffman
Luka Lumovic
Burdette Martin IV

Matthew McDonald
Kyle Nayder
Brad Nelson
Fred Nordie
John Palanchar Jr.
Patrick Sage
Brandon Schwarz
Harris Shafi
Perry Siatis
Sanford Silverman
Michael Stuckslager
Carlos Suastegui
Kaden Turner
Chadwick Yip

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.

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)

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:

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