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Welcome to the February 2024 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.

[2024 Event Calendar](#)

February 17, 2024
Checkered Flag party
Ferrari Lake Forest

March 16, 2024
CenDiv Spring Training
Milwaukee Area Technical
College – Mequon
campus

April 20-21, 2024
CenDiv Drivers School
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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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Checker Flag Party

The 2024 Checker Flag Party will be held on February 17th. This is a great opportunity to meet your fellow car enthusiasts and celebrate with our 2023 award winners. See the details in this issue of the Piston Patter.

2024 SCCA Nation Convention

The 2024 SCCA National Convention was held from January 18th to the 26th. This was a virtual convention, and all the sessions were recorded. If you have a registered Whova account you can see all of the sessions now. Later this year they will be available on the SCCA's national website in the membership portal under member learning -> member content.

Solo National Tour

This year the Tire Rack Solo National Tour will be returning to our Solo home at Route 66 Dragway. Mark your calendars for July 26-28, 2024. This is the only National Tour event in the Central Division.

2024 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 2024 schedules have been set for Track Events/Time Trials. The Solo schedule should be ready soon. New this year are three Track Sprint events at autobahn CC. Check our Website for updates. The Cev-Div Road Racing Schedule is also set with 7 Divisional & Regional race weekends. There are also 3 Majors races including the June Sprints®. And don't forget the SCCA National Run-Offs are at Road America this year. Register for events at Motorsportreg.com.

Time Trials National Tour at Road America

SCCA National announced that they will host a Time Trial at Road America as part of the TTNT. This will be held on April 13-14, 2024. Register here for this first-time opportunity,

<https://timetrials.scca.com/pages/national-tour>

Roger Vilmur

2024 Checkered Flag Party

February 17 at Ferrari Lake Forest.

You will not want to miss this year's Checkered Flag Party. Plans include a late afternoon social get together with hors d'oeuvres, beverages, and jazz band.



Party schedule will be:

4:00 - 6:00pm Check-in

4:00 - 6:30pm Social with complementary beer, wine, and pop
6:30 - 8:00pm Dinner
8:00 - 8:30pm 2023 Region Awards

This is a Chicago Region highly subsidized event to thank its members for their support in 2023 and all the previous years. Member fee is \$75 per person.

If you have any questions, please contact:
Steve Laske at laske.steve@gmail.com or 630-258-3820

PLEASE register NOW, registration closes in 2 days, February 9
Your credit card will not be charged until the day of the party.

To register, please click [HERE](#)

[Spring General Membership Meeting](#)

March ??, 2024

The program for the March meeting will be a visit back to the heyday of road racing. Tom Stephani and Larry Fulhorst have been working on a project researching the CanAm starting with the early beginnings of the USRRC (United States Road Racing Championship) all the way through the single seat CanAm cars of the 1980s. At our meeting their focus will be on the original CanAm from the mid-1960s to through 1974. **(We will communicate the meeting date and location as soon as it is scheduled)**

[Chicago Region Social Activities,](#) [Yeah, no racing just a good time with people](#)

Welcome to 2024 where the Activities Committee is working on many non-racing / competition events. Now I know too many of you, time is precious and your primary focus is with competition events whether it be road racing, solo, or track events. This is all important, however there is more to the club if you take the time and try it. Our first event coming up is the 2024 Checkered Flag Party at Lake Forest Ferrari on Saturday February 17th. It's a true social event, where one can visit with friends, make new acquaintances, and enjoy a great meal surrounded by a fantastic group of really fast cars. See, we really never leave the cars out of the equation. Don't be left out, registration closes in just a few days.

For the remainder of the year our social calendar is full of interesting, informative, and enjoyable events. In March and April we will be hosting our spring General Membership meetings followed in October and November with our fall meetings. The program for the March meeting will be a visit back to the heyday of road racing. Tom Stephani and Larry Fulhorst have been working on a project researching the CanAm starting with the early beginnings of the USRRC (United States Road Racing Championship) all the way through the single seat CanAm cars of the 1980s. At our meeting their focus will be on the original CanAm from the mid-1960s to through 1974. (We will communicate the meeting location as soon as it is scheduled) Again we never really travel far from everyone's true interest cars. Don't forget our spring and fall backroads driving tours. These are social events as well, but you get to spend time in a car driving great backroads, ending at a point where lunch is available and time to visit with friends. Our spring drive this year will be ending at a winery for lunch. (Watch for more details in Piston Patter and MSR as they become available).

Lastly but certainly not any less important are our car shows through the spring and summer. We participate in three car shows a year, all providing support for the event sponsors and or their benefactors. On May 11th we will have a display of sports and racing cars at the South Elgin High School for their event supporting the schools Auto Tech Program teams as they compete for the state championship. On August 25th we will have a display of thirty sports and racing cars in the Geneva Concours D'Elegance supporting the Living Well Cancer Center in Geneva. If you have a car you would like to enter it's a great event. This year we are looking for race cars that competed in the June

...read into to enter into a great event. This year we are looking for race cars that completed in the same Sprints. On September 7th we will also have a display at the Meadowdale, Motorsports & Memories Car Show supporting the MiRPA's efforts to preserve the Meadowdale Race Track site. All three of these events are social events but again we bring in that car element. You can't go wrong. So join us won't you, at one or all of these events.



Welcome to another great season of Racing in SCCA!!!

CenDiv Spring training registration is open and we have a new facility this year:

CenDiv Spring Training will be on Saturday, March 16, 2024

Milwaukee Area Technical College - Mequon campus
5555 West Highland Road
Mequon, WI 53092-1143

Keep following for updates as more information becomes available!

"Subscribe to the SCCA CenDiv newsletter to keep up with changes to Spring Training as well as other Divisional news." <https://cendiv-scca.org/about/newsletter/>

Registration is OPEN and will close on March 5th. Please register for any specialty or interest that you have. There will be brief session contents published when we have that info from the leaders who will conduct the classes. We encourage you to join another group if your specialty isn't available at this time. You need not be an SCCA member to attend.

The hotel situation is currently being addressed and more information will be following soon - if you plan to stay at the hotel near the venue please register and choose that you will be staying and how many nights, so we can set up a block with the appropriate numbers to accommodate everyone and get the best rate possible.

Covid 19 Protocols will be considered depending on the situation at the time of the event. Each individual should consider their own needs and precautions.

We have the following National Staff guests 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

Sessions planned are as follows:

Flagging and Corners, Race Administration, Registration, Stewards, Tech, Timing & Scoring, Tire Rack Street Survival, Time Trials and Timed Events

Welcome everyone to the SCCA: Meet with our Divisional leadership to learn more about...

Time Trails, Timed Events, Track Night in America, and Enduro's, Road Racing

To register, click the following link; msreg.com/CendivST2024

Blackhawk Valley, Chicago, Land O'Lakes, or Milwaukee Region member are paid by the Regions,

As in the past, there will be a continental breakfast on Saturday at MATC

Lunch on Saturday are provided at no charge and will be a Buffet - choices will be beef or chicken at MATC (more info to come). Sunday Continental breakfast at the hotel will be included for those attending the CenDiv Board Meeting

[On The Green Stuff](#)

It all starts with desire! If that desire is to be the "BEST" at a particular thing – We have that opportunity. If that desire is to be part of something "intense" – We have that opportunity. If that desire is to "make friends" – We have that opportunity. I could go on, but you probably see the point. Opportunities abound! Membership is not ALL about competition and racing. It IS all about "opportunity". Demonstrate your skill – learn new skills. Get away from it all – get in on the activity. Cheer the excitement – be the excitement! It's up to you.

Upcoming are four events that provide an "opportunity" to see into the fabric of SCCA. February 17th brings the Checkered Flag Party, a strictly social event. March 16th Spring Training, a chance to hone your skills or find new ones; April hosts the Learning Curve for Autocross and the CenDiv Drivers School for Racers and Volunteers. We plan on being there with an "opportunity" to add you as a friend.

[Tentative 2024 "NORTHERN CONFERENCE" Majors Schedule](#)

May 17-19: Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course; Ohio Valley Region; Lexington, OH **Hoosier Super Tour**
June 21-23: Road America; Chicago Region June Sprints; Elkhart Lake, WI **Hoosier Super Tour**
July 6-7: Gingerman Raceway; South Bend Region; South Haven, MI
July 20-21: Road America; Milwaukee Region; Elkhart Lake, WI
August 17-18: Grattan Raceway; Western Michigan Region; Belding, MI

**Additional 2024 events will be added as they are confirmed for each Conference*

For the CenDiv 2024 Race Schedule, click [HERE](#)

[2024 Hoosier Super Tour Schedule](#)

(Note: The schedule below is subject to change. Keep an eye on [SCCA's Hoosier Super Tour webpage](#) for the most up to date schedule listing.)

- . **Jan. 12-14: Sebring International Raceway; Sebring, FL**
(Central Florida Region - Southeast Conference)
- . **Feb. 17-18: NOLA Motorsports Park; Avondale, LA**
(Southwest Division - Southern Conference)
- . **Feb. 23-25: Buttonwillow Raceway Park; Buttonwillow, CA**
(Cal Club Region - Western Conference)
- . **March 8-10: Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta; Braselton, GA**
(Atlanta Region - Southeast Conference)
- . **April 20-21: Hallett Motor Racing Circuit; Jennings, OK**
(Ark Valley Race Group - Mid-States/Southern Conference)
- . **May 11-12: Portland International Raceway, Portland, OR**
(Oregon Region - Western Conference)
- . **May 17-19: Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, Ohio**
(Ohio Valley Region - Northern Conference)
- . **May 31-June 2: Watkins Glen International; Watkins Glen, NY**
(Finger Lakes Region - Northeast Conference)
- . **June 21-23 Road America – Chicago Region® June Sprints®; Plymouth, WI**
(Chicago Region - Northern Conference)

One additional event will be added.

[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](#).

2023 Chicago Region New & Returning Members
January 1 – 31, 2024

Chicago Region is pleased to welcome the following new and returning 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.

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