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Piston Patter Newsletter

March 2024

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Welcome to the March 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

March 16, 2024

CenDiv Spring Training
Milwaukee Area Technical
College – Mequon campus

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Spring Membership Meeting
Blackdog Speed Shop
Lincolnshire, IL

April 13-14, 2024

Learning Curve Solo School
Route 66 Raceway, Joliet, IL

April 18-21, 2024

CenDiv Drivers School
CenDiv Double Regional
Blackhawk Farms



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April 27, 2024
Membership Meeting
Volo Auto Museum
Volo, IL

May 18, 2024
Spring Tour/Rally
South Beloit, WI

Rich Walke-----847-274-0283

A list of all Chicago Region solo, track day, rally, and meeting dates are provided at the end of Piston Patter

[RE Marks](#)

Spring Training

CenDiv, SCCA Central Division, will be holding their annual Spring Training event on March 16 in Milwaukee. This is a great opportunity for workers at all levels to get up to speed on the latest changes in your road racing specialty, and Track Days/Time Trials.

Driver's School / Double Divisional Weekend

April 19-21, 2024, will be the first race weekend in the division at Blackhawk Farms with a Driver's School on Friday and Saturday morning. That will be followed by a double divisional race weekend.

If you are a driver looking to get a SCCA competition license, this is the place to get it. For license drivers this is the weekend to get the rust off. The Annual Tech Inspection will be available this weekend and I encourage you to take advantage of it. During the May Majors at Blackhawk only test day participants will have this available to them.

Chicago Region Bylaws and Operations Manual Review

The board is in the process of reviewing the Region's Bylaws. The last time this was done was in 2020, four years ago. After reviewing and updating the Bylaws, the board will review the Operations Manual.

The Bylaws describe how the Chicago Region is to be operated. It describes who is a member and the rights of every member. It sets the schedule and rules for membership meetings including the Annual Meeting that we hold in November. It describes the roles of the Board of Directors and the officers inside the board. This also includes regular meetings, special meetings, resignations, removals, appointments, and terms of office. The roles and formation of the Board of Directors Nomination Committee are described to keep it independent. Finally, how the region's finances are handled on behalf of the membership.

The Board expects only minor updates to the Bylaws and any changes will be noted in a future REmarks.

Next Month, I'll describe what the purpose of the Region's Operations Manual and its contents.

2025 Board of Directors Nomination Committee

The board is already thinking about 2025. According to our Bylaws the board is required to present to the membership a proposed board of directors' nomination committee by the April general membership meeting. This committee will select 3 members of the club to serve a 3-year term on the 9-member board. The board is currently looking for members who are active in the club and willing to serve on the nomination committee. If you are one of these members and would like to serve on the nomination committee, please contact one of the board members or the Region office.

Roger Vilmur

[SCCA Bylaw Change - Member Approval Vote Needed](#) [Please read and vote](#)

The Sports Car Club of America® is conducting a vote to approve a change in the Club's Bylaws from February 13-March 14, 2024. All annual members of the SCCA in good standing are encouraged to vote. The proposed change in the Bylaws and the voting process are described in detail below.

The proposed Bylaws change would strengthen term limits on members of the Club who are elected to the National SCCA Board of Directors. Currently, a member in good standing can hold a Director position for two consecutive elected terms before having to step down. However, after being off the Board for a term, the current Bylaws allow that same person to then run for election to the SCCA Board of Directors again at a later date. The Bylaws proposal would limit members' eligibility to serving a maximum of two elected terms total. In addition, the Bylaws proposal would allow the SCCA Board of Directors the option to appoint a past Board member to fill a Board position that became vacant mid-term, even if said past Board member had served two terms on the Board of Directors. Appointing a past Director would allow the Board to fill the vacancy with someone who could be "up to speed" in the role quickly without creating an incumbent for the next election cycle.

The proposed Bylaws change reads:

Section 3. Terms.

Directors shall be elected from the various Areas in the indicated year and each third year thereafter as follows:

- 2003 Areas 1, 5, 7, 8 and 13
- 2004 Areas 2, 6, 10 and 12
- 2005 Areas 3, 4, 9 and 11

The normal term for Directors shall commence on January 1st following their election and shall terminate on the third succeeding January 1st. No person shall be elected to more than two ~~consecutive~~ terms as a Director **whether or not such terms are consecutive; provided, however, that a partial term served by a person appointed to fill a vacancy pursuant to Section 5, below, shall not count against such person's limit of two elected terms.**

For most members, voting takes place electronically via the SCCA's Member Account Portal (MAP). The SCCA National Office assumes members are "opted in" to electronic delivery of ballots unless they have specifically "opted out." Those who opted out should have already received physical ballots in the mail.

If you didn't receive a ballot in the mail, here is what you need to do to vote electronically. Visit scca.com and log in by clicking the button immediately to the left of the shopping cart on the top right corner of the page. This should open a menu. From the menu, select "Manage Membership". This takes you to the log in page for the MAP. Once you are logged in to MAP, you will see a screen with a menu of options running across the top of the screen above the words "My Profile". Position your cursor on the menu option "Member Resources". A new menu should extend downward. At the bottom of this menu, select "Surveys and Voting". This is where you cast your ballot.

For those voting physical ballots, please remember completed ballots should NOT be returned to the SCCA office. Instead, votes will be tallied by Mize CPAs Inc. A postage paid return envelope is included with the ballot for your convenience.

2024 Checkered Flag Party

February 17 at Ferrari Lake Forest.

If you missed this years Checkered Flag Party, you missed an excellent get together to kick off the 2024 Chicago Region sport car season. The Ferrari dealership provided the perfect spot to enjoy a two-hour social cocktail period with friends, while viewing the collection of amazing sports cars. Unfortunately, the attendance was lower than expected, but a good time was had by everyone attending.



Following an excellent dinner, Roger Vilmur, Chicago Region RE presented the 2023 outstanding member awards.



Worker of the Year - Ryan Weddle

Member of the Year - Steve Laske



Driver of the Year- Mark Boden

Founders Award - Rick Mancuso



RE Award - Ian Berman

RE Award - Jeff Reglin

RE Award - Rick Benson

[Spring General Membership Meeting](#)
March 27, 2024 at 7:00pm

The Chicago Region Board of Directors invites you to join us for the kickoff of our 2024 General Membership meeting season. The first meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at Blackdog Speed Shop, 600 Barclay Blvd, Lincolnshire, IL 60069 beginning at 7pm. There is always something interesting to see or look at when at Blackdog. Since we were last there, they have a new race car for this year's race season. It's something you will want to check out.



The program for the March meeting will be a visit back to the heyday of SCCA 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 to 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. If you were there during that time, you know what it was like, very fast cars and a lot of noise. If you missed it, Tom and Larry will introduce you to one of the greatest racing programs there ever was.



So, we'll see you at Blackdog Speed Shop on March 27th at 7:00pm

2024 CenDiv Drivers School and Championship Series Double Divisional

April 18 - 21, 2024 Blackhawk Farms Raceway

Event is co-hosted by Chicago, Milwaukee, Blackhawk Valley and Land O' Lakes Regions, SCCA

Featuring a complete SCCA Driver School program starting on Thursday evening and running through Saturday morning, and full SCCA Regional Races on Saturday and Sunday.

This is a CENDIV Championship Series points event. Series rules, including regional-only car classes can be found on the CENDIV website at <http://www.cendiv-scca.org>

Friday Drivers School Students must complete the SCCA Online Training Course. The instructions can be found in this document: <https://sccatraining.com/centraldivisionreg> and choose "self register" at the bottom of the page.

DRIVER ELIGIBILITY: The Driver School is open to all valid SCCA Novice Permit holders. Drivers with valid SCCA Full Competition, Novice license holders that have completed the school or have an approved full competition license from any organization listed in GCR App.C.2.8.B may enter the Driver School with the approval of the Chief Steward prior to submitting entry. All Drivers School students must complete the Central Division Road Racing Online Drivers School. Chief Steward can be reached at: mbeaumia91@att.net. All Drivers School students must complete the Central Division Road Racing

Online Drivers School. [Link to On-line Drivers School](#) Registrar Information: Primary

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Please - no calls after 9pm CDT. If you call during the day please leave a message and your call will be returned after 5pm (when we are done with work)

For more information: Click [HERE](#)

Mark Your Calanders **General Membership Get Together**

April 27, 2024

Volo Auto Museum

Chicago Regions April General Membership meeting and social gathering will be on Saturday, April 27 at the Volo Auto Museum and Antique Mall, 27582 Volo Village Rd. Volo IL, 60073.





The world-famous Volo Museum started as just a farmhouse in the 1800's. It was then a second-hand store, that added a small collection of fix-and-flip Model T's. The number of rare and special cars grew as quickly as the Grams brothers' reputation and people from all over the area started visiting just to see the collection. Seeing a business opportunity, they started charging \$1 and calling it the Volo Auto Museum. Over 60 years, and 4 generations of Grams later, millions of people have visited from all over the world to see one of the country's largest collection of rotating modern and classic collector cars, an antique mall with 300 vendors, and over 60 acres of the largest collections of the rarest, most fascinating and bizarre mechanical marvels, from boats, planes, and trains, to a military museum, Disney Galleries and a 15,000 square foot animatronic dinosaur park. Volo Museum has been featured on countless TV stations locally and many national TV shows and even had its own series on the History Channel called Volo House of Cars in 2019.

Event Details

Check-in: 10:30 to 11:00am

Brief Meeting, Volo Museum Presentation, and Lunch: 11:00 - 12:00pm

Admission to the museum: 12:00 to 5:00pm

Region Members - Complementary Pizza Lunch and Free Admission to Museum

Region Adult Guests - Pizza Lunch and Museum Admission - \$20.00

Region 5 to 12 Guests - Pizza Lunch and Museum Admission: \$10.00

Region under 5 Guests - Pizza Lunch and Museum Admission: Free

Registration will be open on msreg in a week or so.

For more information about the Volo Museum and all its attractions, go to Volocars.com.

Solo Report

Chicago Region is calling all coaches and workers for the April 13 and 14 Learning Curve to get signed up! Registration is open and we need you to spread the word. Tell anyone who might be interested about The Learning Curve! It's our introduction to Autocross School and the only one in the Chicago area with a two-day program on a HUGE site like Route 66. Spread the word and recruit those fellow workers and coaches! We need YOU! Sunday runs like a regular event. As a Learning Curve coach or worker, you will get to test and run your vehicle as well on Sunday! Coaches need to work both days, Worker positions available for one day only. Please help out if you can. Sign up and share the following link far and wide! **To register: click [HERE](#)**

Our full season schedule:

April 13-14 The Learning Curve @ Rt66

April 20 TSSCC Test and Tune @ Grissom AFB

April 21 TSSCC Event #1 @ Grissom AFB

June 22 Event #1 @ Rt66

June 23 Event #2 @ Rt66

June 29 Street Survival School @ Rt66

June 30 Event #3 @ Rt66

July 20 Evolution Performance Driver School Phase 1 @ Rt66

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

July 21 Event #4 @ Rt66

July 26 Chicago National Tour Test and Tune @ Rt66

July 27-28 Chicago National Solo Tour @ Rt66

August 3 TSSCC @ Rt66

August 4 Event #5 @ Rt66

August 18 Event #6 @ Rt66

September 3 & 4 SCCA Solo National Championships @ Lincoln, Nebraska

September 3-6 SCCA Solo National Championships @ Lincoln, Nebraska
September 22 TSSCC @ Boomers
October 5-6 TSSCC @ Boomers
October 12 Event #7 @ Rt66
October 13 Event #8 @ Rt66

CRSCCA Solo Season Pre-reg and 3 event packs will be available shortly!

We hope you can join us this year!
Chicago Region SCCA Solo Board

The 2024 Chicago Region SCCA Spring Tour/Rally “Wine in Time” May 18, 2024

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

May 18th 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 be approximately 120 miles ending in Prairie du Sac at The Wollersheim Winery – Distillery – Bistro where we will all meet for lunch and some socializing. The vineyard first began in the 1840's and turned to dairy farming during prohibition. In 1972 the property was purchased by the Wollersheim family, and they resumed wine making. Wollersheim Winery is a National Historic Site and has won many awards for their wines. After lunch if you like you can visit the wine tasting room or the distillery and pick up some treats. Join us won't you, for a great drive, good food, wine, and visit with friends.



Event Information:

When: Saturday May 18, 2024

Registration: Pre-event registration is required. Registration is open on MotorsportReg, <https://www.motorsportreg.com>. The entry deadline for this event is midnight Sunday May 12, 2024

To register, click [HERE](#)

Entry Fee per car: \$25.00 SCCA Members, \$45.00 Non-members (\$20.00 Weekend membership fee for all non-member drivers is required, which 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.

Ending at: Prairie du Sac at The Wollersheim Winery – Distillery – Bistro



[On The Green Stuff](#)

At the recent Checkered Flag Party, the Chicago Region presented the Annual awards to our outstanding members. Among those honored was Ryan Weddle.

As the Dave Morrell Worker of the Year, Ryan provided an understated and an essential presence in timing and scoring, enhancing the operation of Track-Sprints, Solos and the National Tour event.

While adding Ryan's name to a list of outstanding members who committed to providing excellent service to the Chicago Region, we must explain who the award commemorates – Dave Morrell.

Thanks to Norm Koglin for providing the following.

THE DAVE MORRELL
CHICAGO REGION WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This award is presented annually to a Chicago Region member whose continuing efforts have significantly contributed to the success and recognition of the Region.

It is named in memory of one of the most capable and dedicated members that SCCA and the Chicago Region will ever see. From 1955 until his untimely death in 1981 he displayed his enthusiasm and joy in autos and autosport by immersing himself in all aspects of the Region and the National club.

He began as a successful rally competitor and soon became involved in racing activities. Starting as a corner worker, he participated in timing and scoring, became an outstanding starter, earned a National Competition license and became a National Chief Steward. As a member of the Chicago Region Board for many years he served in almost every role, including chairman of the Rally, Membership and Competition committees and was RE in 1965.

Dave's involvement in race staff administration led to his appointment as National Administrator of Flagging and Communications. He was elected Area 5 National Director, and at the National Convention conducted by the Chicago Region in 1979, the Board of Directors named him Chairman of the Board. At the same convention he was awarded the Woolf Barnato trophy for service to SCCA, the highest award the club could bestow.

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November 6, 2002

[2024 GEN2 Pro Tour Series](#)

Our 2024 GEN2 Pro Tour series season will again consist of four weekends and eight races. Because of the rather iffy weather in April, we're going to begin in June. Of course, all of us are free to get our motors running and get out on the track on the April 20-21 Blackhawk weekend.



We'd really like to increase the number of GEN2 cars running routinely in the series, so we're searching for ways to attract new drivers and encouraging all of those who have run in the past to participate in all of the weekends. The largesse of all of the sponsors is one way to do that, given that there's a continuum of financial resources among us. I have heard some ideas on how that might be done and would welcome any of you to send them my way.

I'll say that as someone who came from the vintage racing world, what has been done within our series is far above what happens in vintage, where there are no raffles, no prize money, not even recognition of achievements on the track. My vintage racing friends are pretty surprised to hear what we do.

Here's the first idea of how we might gin up some interest. We're planning an **Autobahn Spring Training - June 7 and 8**, hosted by Steve Ross and Bulldog Security. We'll be offering an opportunity for interested individuals to get into one of our GEN2 cars at the "Spring Training." To generate interest, **Steve is willing to allow potential new drivers to take one of his cars out for a session. They would need to pay the daily track fee and agree to cover any damage they might cause to a car.** Please pass this along to anyone you think might be interested and have them contact me at jim@pandbmotorsports.com.

We'll also be talking with the Michigan folks about how we might get together. **My plan is to make contact with someone who has expressed interest in past years, seeing if we might do a reciprocal event. E.g. we might go to Gingerman and they might come to one of our events.**

Do you know of a GEN2 that might be for sale? I would like to be able to offer cars to those who see what fun they can have.

Thanks to the Gen2 community for...

Here's the Series schedule.

- Races 1 and 2 Blackhawk July 6-7 **Test day July 5th**
- Races 3 and 4 Road America - Aug 24-25 **Test day Aug 23**
- Races 5 and 6 Autobahn - Sept 7-8 **Test day Sept 6th**
- Races 7 and 8 Blackhawk - Oct. 12-13 **Test day Oct 11th**

Jim Perry, P and B Motorsports, 5157 North Loop Road, Larsen, WI 54947, (920) 594-1337

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YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/PandBMotorsports>

[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](#).

2024 Chicago Region New & Returning Members
February 1 – 29, 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.

Richard Braunsdorf
Michael Patrick Bullis
Greg Calhoun
Alex Diorio
Kyra Dodds
Kevin Dudzik
Robert B. Esterly
Sharon Esterly
Sung Eun
Nick Fioresi
Doug Haynes
Natalie Kezon

Nicholas McCormack
Robert Miles
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Randy Mucha
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Maura O'Connor
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