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Chicago Region, SCCA Piston Patter Newsletter

June 2024

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Welcome to the June 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

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Route 66, Joliet, IL

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Autobahn Country Club-F



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June 30, 2024
Solo Event #3
Route 66, Joliet, IL

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June Sprints

It's June and that means that the 69th running of June Sprints is here. "It's not just another race", has been the byline for the Sprints for years. With over 500 cars entered at this writing, the last Hooser Super Tour weekend of the season will be spectacular. Some of the best amateur drivers will be there. Volunteer workers are always needed, especially for a large event like this. So please register if you can help. If not, come as a spectator to see the large fields and great racing.

Street Survival

Chicago Region Street Survival event at Route 66 Dragway, our Solo Home, on June 29th. 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/>**.

New Regional Road Racing Classes

On May 22, 2024, the SCCA Board of Directors approved a new regional class for Radical Race cars. There will be 2 classes:

Radical Sports Racer 1 (SR1) A class for the Radical SR3 models RS, RSX, XX and XXR using the Suzuki 1340cc engine with Fuel Cell and Safety Equipment conforming to the GCR.

Radical Sports Racer 3 (SR3) A class for the Radical SR3 models RS, RSX, XX and XXR using the Suzuki 1500cc engine with Fuel Cell and Safety Equipment conforming to the GCR.

GenDiv rules will be updated to include these two new classes.

See this link for more details: **<https://cendiv-scca.org/scca-club-racing-adds-radical-sr1-and-sr3-as-regional-classes/>**

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 in your Member Access Portal (MAP) under My Learning -> Member Content.

Roger Vilmur

[Solo Report](#)

The Chicago Region Sports Car Club of America Solo season is ready to begin! Registration for events 1, 2 & 3 are now open! Are you ready to compete against the best in the area on the largest site for Autocross around? Join the Fun With Cars at Rt66 Raceway!

Our four heat format of Solo cone dodging against the clock will give you two opportunities (heats) to attack the course. Each heat will consist of 2 - 4 timed runs. Your best time for the day will be counted towards class competition and we have brand new Chicago Region SCCA Solo trophy tshirts on the line. We have gift certificates from Summit Racing for the fastest overall on index. Are you fast enough to earn one? Get signed up and find out!

Event 1 Saturday June 22

<http://msreg.com/CR2024E1>

Event 2 Sunday June 23

<http://msreg.com/CR2024E2>

Event 3 June 30

<http://msreg.com/CR2024E3>

<http://msreg.com/CK2024E3>

Big thank you to our sponsors K&M Magnetics, Summit Racing #SummitRacing and Chris Gregor at ReMax Suburban

Congratulations Chicago Region members who traveled to Lincoln Nebraska for Spring Nationals. Dan Simms won A-Street Class and Bartek Borowski won E-Street class. Bob Gosda (CAMC), Dan Cyr (KM), Andrew Salazar (STS), Mike Leeder (FS), George Schmidt (ES), Bill Damhoff (AS) and James Yom (SS) all earned Second Place Trophies in their respective classes. Megan Lapeta (LS 7th), Mark McKnight (ES 3rd) and Greg Janulis (AS 4th) all earned hardware to bring back to Chicago Region. About fifteen other Rt66 regulars made the trip to Nebraska. Congratulations to you all.

Don't forget Tilerack Teenage Street Survival School is the day before event 3 and we need coaches and volunteers to help host that event! Registration is open!
Street Survival School coaches workers June 29

<http://msreg.com/2024SSSWorkers>

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

South Elgin High School “Cars and Coffee Cruise In



The Region's car display drew considerable interest and provided an opportunity to promote the Club and having fun with cars. The vehicles featured in the display included a gorgeous 2010 Cobra (Rich Walke), a sharp 2005 Corvette (Dennis Bednar), a SOLO Boxster (Andrew Stein), a beautiful 1963 Stingray (Steve Laske), a SOLO Mustang (Greg Fox), and a nicely restored 1970 Firebird Trans-AM (Bryan Kinser).

The high school's Auto Tech class members were responsible for awarding ribbons to the cars in various categories, such as Best in Show, Best Import etc. Of the 50 ribbons bestowed, the Region's cars were honored with six: the Cobra gathered three and the Boxster, Mustang and Firebird received one each.

Next year's event may be even grander, with the Auto Tech programs from other area high schools participating.

schools joining the Cruise in.

Hope the above works.

Bob Malm

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”

On May 18th The Chicago Region hosted our first G.O.A.T.S. (Get Out and Tour Series) event of the year. Twenty one participants joined us for this spring drive through northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin on some of the most scenic backroads there are to enjoy. The weather was perfect and everyone driving a car with a convertible top had it down.

The drive was approximately 120 miles ending in Prairie du Sac at The Wollersheim Winery – Distillery – Bistro where we all meet for lunch and some socializing. Some people sat in the Bistro for lunch and others decided to enjoy the summer like weather and choose to sit outside on the Bistro patio. The Winery first began making wine in the 1840's but 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. They have expanded their operation to include a distillery and the bistro providing guests with a full experience. The backroads drive John Sutton put together was fantastic. It provided some challenges and opportunities for the great driving, using excellent backroads providing scenic views and plenty of turns and elevation changes. I mentioned challenges, and the tour gave rally master John Sutton some as well. About three weeks out from the event date the county closed one of the main roads John was using on the route. He found this while making a final check run of the route before printing the route instructions. So John put on his driving gloves and his wife Trudy grabbed a clipboard and off they went to find an alternant route around the construction.



Everyone I spoke with after the run said they had a good time and enjoyed the drive. The rally group has already begun working on our next tour planned for this fall. Watch Piston

Patter, the Region's web-site, and MotorsportsReg for entry details. If you think this is something you would like to do, join us won't you for an enjoyable drive on scenic backroads and a chance to visit with friends and make new acquaintances.

On The Green Stuff

We are sorry for you! We have the Best Seat in the House. The Volunteers at the 69th June Sprints are afforded the privilege of being on the inside of the best event this side of, well, last year's June Sprints. Whether you are a Registrar, Driver, Corner Worker, Crew Member, Steward or one of the 2,000 other participants, get prepared for a very big show. As they say in Boxing – What a CARD! Twenty-one of the Twenty-Six 2023 Class winners are returning to defend their title, currently over five hundred entries in ten races. If you are not on the inside, all is not lost. You can SEE the show, HEAR the noise, SMELL the fragrance. It will happen at Road America, just 60 miles north of Milwaukee a mere 3 hours from downtown Chicago. The 69th Chicago Region June Sprints® will take place June 21st to the 23rd. You really should come and experience what 2,000 members find so compelling. Stop by the information booth in the paddock to see how you can be involved next year. You will not be disappointed



**Chicago Region SCCA
June 21-23, 2024
Road America (4.048 miles)
Sanction # 24-ST-61824**

Please join us for the 2024 Chicago Region June Sprints, the 69th running of this historic event, which takes place Friday, June 21 through Sunday, June 23, 2024

For detailed information and to register, click [HERE](#)

NOTE: Online driver registration will close June 15, 2024 at 11:59pm CDT

REMEMBER THE 2024 RUNOFF'S RETURN TO ROAD AMERICA!!!

What is "The June Sprints"?

Months ago, and in some cases a year ago, in garages and race car prep shops from as far away as Florida and California, drivers and friends, family members and professionals began preparing for the biggest amateur race of the SCCA summer season, the June Sprints. Next to a national championship, winning "The Sprints" is a goal thousands of drivers have dreamed of. Only a small fraction of them have stood on the winners' podium, and even fewer have occupied the top position. In fact, in some classes the level of competition at The Sprints

and even fewer have occupied the top position. In fact, in some classes the level of competition at The Sprints is so high that just making the podium is a result most entrants would accept as a career-marking achievement. What is it about the June Sprints that generates that kind of passion? Every year there are hundreds of SCCA races held throughout the U.S. providing ample opportunities to take part in wheel-to-wheel competition. And yet, if you ask SCCA drivers if racing in the June Sprints is on their bucket list, most will answer affirmatively. But, why?

I would offer two reasons. One is the combination of Road America and the historic town of Elkhart Lake. For three years races were held on the streets of the village and the surrounding countryside roads. Accidents at street races in other towns, most notably Watkins Glen, New York, resulted in a government ban on racing on public roads. Soon afterward construction began on what was to become the longest permanent road course in North America.

Since its creation in 1955 the layout of the massive 4-mile long race course has remained unchanged. The asphalt offers drivers the opportunity walk to (or in this case, "race") in the footsteps of giants; challenging and being challenged by the long straights, huge elevation changes, fast sweeping turns and, of course, The Kink; a turn that requires bravery and skill and promises severe penalties for those who fall short. Series like Indy Car, Trans Am, IMSA, Formula 5000, NASCAR and Can-Am, just to name a few, have over the last 69 years come to the track to test themselves and their cars, often reaching their maximum speeds two to three times every lap. Andretti, Rahal, Penski, Shelby have tested themselves and each other, and this weekend SCCA's best drivers will have the same opportunity.

After practice and on the night before the races begin it is almost mandatory that drivers, crew, officials and spectators make the short drive to the town of Elkhart Lake. The idyllic community sits on the banks of the crystalline lake and features excellent restaurants and watering holes, a couple with spectacular views of the water. Stop in at Siebkens, a gem that has hosted all the great drivers over the decades, and you can feel the history of the sport in every corner of the barroom. Walk the streets of the town and see if you can figure out which were used for the famous street races back in the 1950s. During the day you can even drive the old courses around the lake by following the historic markers that identify the colorful names for many turns and sections. SCCA competitors, crew and families will take in all of the town's features and hospitality this weekend. Feel free to join in.

The second reason that Road America draws racers and fans is the rich history of The June Sprints itself. As the longest, continuously running event on the SCCA calendar, the chance to succeed in the often-enormous fields of cars lures the biggest dogs from their porches, wanting to test themselves against the very best drivers in the country on the greatest road course in North America. Few other sports offer the same opportunity. After all, the amateur athlete can't play baseball in Wrigley Field, or football on Lambeau Field. But, if you are an SCCA racer you can, you simply must, race at Road America in the June Sprints, even if only once in your racing career.

Jim Marinangel

[Geneva Concours d'Elagance 2024](#) August 25, 2024

I am writing to inform you about the 2024 Geneva Concours d'Elagance scheduled for Sunday August 25, 2024. This year as in the past the Chicago Region SCCA will be hosting our "Concours for Sports Cars" as a featured group within the Geneva Concours. Every year our show has a theme, and this year is no exception. This year our theme will be **70th running of the Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints®**. This event will be the kickoff of the celebration of the 70 June Sprints to be held at Road America in 2025. To help showcase the 70th June Sprints I'm looking for ten to twelve race cars that have competed in the June Sprints over the years. If you have one of these vehicles, we would truly enjoy you sharing it with us and the concours spectators. Please contact Steve Laske with a phone call 630-258-3820 or email laske.steve@gmail.com by May 15 confirming your interest and intent to enter your car, this will help with planning the event.

If you have a race car or sports car and can join us, please contact registrar Peg Ball, 306 Weston Ct. ▪ McHenry, IL. 60051 ▪ 815-679-6780 or pegball@comcast.net to receive a 2024 registration form and return ASAP, deadline is June 30, 2024.

Thank you and take care,
Steve Laske

[2024 Solo Schedule](#)

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 3-8 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

[2024 Track Day Events Schedule](#)

TRACK DAYS

#1 Fri, May 24 Autobahn CC-S
#2 Fri, June 7 Autobahn CC-F
#3 Sat, June 29 Autobahn CC-S
#4 Sat, July 27 Autobahn CC-N
#5 Fri, August 16 Autobahn CC-S
#6 Fri, September 6 Autobahn CC-S

TRACK SPRINTS

TS1 Sat, May 18 Autobahn CC-N
TS2 Sun, June 9 Autobahn CC-S
TS3 Sun, August 18 Autobahn CC-S

TIME TRIAL in RACE WEEKENDS

TT1 Sat, September 7 Autobahn CC-S
TT2 Sat, October 12 Blackhawk Farms

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

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 list

- **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 **May 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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| Caleb Boender | Harsha Musunuru |
| Charles Boncosky | Alex Pedenko |
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