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Welcome to the October 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

October 12-13, 2024
Fall Sprints Double Div.
Blackhawk Farms

October 12, 2024
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October 16, 2024
October Membership Meeting



2024 Chicago Region Board of Directors

Roger Vilmur – Region Executive-----847-359-7621
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Linda Novak – Secretary-----847-934-3905
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Peter LeSueur-----630-569-5026
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Bernie Koglin

11/23/30 - 10/1/24

59 Year Member

Regretfully, Chicago Region has lost a 59-year member that contributed many years of her life to Chicago Region activities. She served on the Region Board of Directors, was race registrar and Race Chairman, and was actively involved in numerous Region activities for many years.

The Region sends its condolence to her husband Norm Koglin and her family members.

[RE Marks](#)

June Sprints® Drivers Survey

As the National SCCA plans to make changes to next year's Hoosier Supper Tour, the Competition Committee is looking for input from drivers about possible format changes to next year's June Sprints®.

So, drivers check your emails for an invitation to participate in this survey sometime after the Runoffs.

Chicago Region Bylaws

It took the board of directors most of the year to go through and review as a group the Bylaws that govern the membership, Board of Directors and Officers of the Club.

There were few major changes to the Bylaws. Items like joining the club and membership discipline are now handled by the national office. The Bylaws were updated to reflect this. Also, the Section governing the Board of Directors Nomination Committee was rewritten to clearly define the difference between a nominee to the nomination committee versus a nominee to the board of directors. The process was also more clearly defined.

The minor changes were made to the sentence structures to make them easier to understand without changing the meaning or intention of the requirement.

The changes are now being collated into the new Bylaws document. That document will be reviewed one more time by the Board of Directors. It should be released sometime after the first of the year. The next document review will be the Chicago Region's Operations Manual which covers responsibilities and guidelines for the Office Manager, Board of Director's Officers and Liaisons, and Committees and Teams.

2025 Planning

Now that the 2024 season is winding down, but don't forget the great events planned for October, the committees are already starting to plan events and budgets for 2025. All the committees are looking for volunteers to help. If you are interested in discovering the inner workings of the club, contact one of the committees, see contacts on our website, to get involved.

Runoffs at Road America

This is Runoffs week at Road America. I would like to wish good luck and great racing for our Chicago Region and Central Division drivers and crews participating in this event that determines road racing's national champions.

Roger Vilmur

[Chicago Region's Proposed 2025 Board of Directors](#)

The 2025 Nomination Committee has completed their work, and we have a new slate of board members to be announced at the October 16 General Membership Meeting. The **nominees are Peter LeSueur, Chris Dvorak and Jeff Kumler**. Peter LeSueur will be starting his second term and is our current Track Events liaison. He is also an active road racer in the Northern Conference. Chris Dvorak is an active Solo competitor and is frequently found assisting with the conduct of the events. Jeff Kumler is also an active Solo competitor and likewise is frequently found assisting with the conduct of the events. The returning board members are Anthony Serrecchia, Linda Novak, Dave Tatge, Rick Bentson, Heather Ingraham and Rich Walke.

I would like to thank the Nomination Committee, Rich Walke (Chair), Peg Ball, Chris Buccola, Jerome Cahuzac, Heather Ingraham, Steve Laske and Mark Lopotko for their time and effort. Outgoing members whose terms are ending are Roger Vilmur and Chris Gregor. I also would like to thank Roger and Chris for their contributions to the Chicago Region over many years.

Rich Walke
Chair, Nominating Committee

[Chicago Region General Membership Meeting](#)

October 16, 2024 -- 7:00pm

The Chicago Region Board of Directors invites you to join us for our next General Membership meeting held on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, starting at 7:00 pm at Blackdog Speed Shop, [600 Barclay Blvd, Lincolnshire, IL 60069](#).

The program for the meeting will be "A drivers perspective of racing over the years up to this year's June Sprints®". "RE" Roger Vilmur will announce the three candidates nominated to serve on the Region's Board of Directors, and share any other Region news.

So please come join us, visit with friends and find out what's going on. Remember, there is always something interesting to look at Blackdog, from the race cars to the cars in the shop and in the showroom.

[On The Green Stuff](#)

Earlier this year a series of OTGS gave the background of two of our named yearly awards – The Dave Morell Worker of the Year (March 2024) and the Fred Wacker Driver of the Year (April 2024). Continuing that effort the following provides the framework for the Founders Award

History of the Founder's Award

In 1998 and 1999 a few unrelated occurrences transpired to bring about the Chicago Region's Founder's award.

Occurrence #1:

The Chicago Region Board of Directors was selecting, from submitted candidates, the annual award recipients. The Worker, Driver, Rookie and Soloist OF THE YEAR! Many of the candidates were overlooked because, while having significantly contributed to the Region, They JUST DID WHAT THEY ALWAYS HAVE. The important words are - Significantly contributed.

Occurrence #2:

During those years attendance at memorial services and funerals for the vary people who built the Chicago Region was becoming too frequent. The overwhelming feeling of honoring each became important and "overwhelming".

Occurrence #3:

The Board, in a rare moment of clarity, determined that individual awards for all would lose the true meaning of what those who built the Region really did for us. The Founder's award was established. The basis of which is: Recognize an individual who over a long period of time has contributed and continues to contribute to the betterment and benefit of SCCA and Chicago Region.

Previous Award winners are:

2000	George Bovis	2006	Sandy Darroch	2012	Hank Jaffe	2018	Scott Sanda
2001	Al Sutton	2007	Peg & Claire Ball	2013	Burdie Martin	2019	Mark Hirt
2002	Bernie & Norm Koglin	2008	Bonnie Gladish	2014	Mike Smith	2020	Karen Abrahamson
2003	Bud Seaverns	2009	Trudy & John Sutton	2015	Bob Stone	2021	Beau Martin
2004	John Weinberger	2010	Helga & Jerry Meyers	2016	Jim Mariangela	2022	Dennis Bednar
2005	George Laws	2011	Rick Ruth	2017	R. Steve Laske	2023	Rick Mancuso

[2024 Solo National Championship](#)

Congratulations to all [64 Route 66](#) regulars who made the trip to the Sports Car Club of America Solo National Championships! We had two National Champions and 15 trophy winners. Hats off to the Champions and trophy winners, kudos to all who competed!

Super Street: James Yom, 1st Class Champion, Jay Bullington 13th, Dave Becker 20th, Dustin Neuville 21st, Shawn Folkes 23rd, Jim Johnson 30th

A Street: Dan Simms 2nd trophy, Billy BDR Damhoff 3rd trophy, Greg Janulis 5th trophy. Clark Walker 16th, David Fivecar Finchum 18th, Brian McGreevy 28th, William Becker 34th, Jeff Janulis 36th, Andrew Stein 37th

B Street: David Bianchi 19th, Sam Karp 28th, Adam Deffenbaugh 31st

B Street Ladies: Kati Bianchi 3rd trophy, Megan Lapeta 4th

C Street: Aldo Flores 18th, Tim Raad 22nd

D Street: Mike Pride 9th trophy, Josh Kolbach 28th, Chris Dvorak 30th, Wayne Onyschuk 39th, Hans Villanueva 44th, Kevin Kirchoff 53rd

E Street: Bartek Borowski 2nd trophy, Wes Jenrich 8th trophy, Nicholas Zelisko 9th trophy, George Schmidt 10th trophy, Joe Schaefer 12th, Jodie Boy 23rd

F Street: Mike Leeder 2nd trophy, Kevin Gleaton 25th

G Street: John Azevedo 6th trophy, Roy Handoko 11th

Street Touring H: Kyle Hemp 3rd trophy

Street Touring S: Andrew Salazar 6th trophy, Emanuel Martin 8th trophy

Street Touring X: Jason Frank 14th

Street Touring R: Paul Kolatorowicz 19th

Super Street Touring: Andrew Francis 6th, Jason Daly 8th, Chris Armstrong 10th, Jeremy Fischer 11th

C Prepared: Rick Ruth 26th

B Modified: Kenton Cabiness 8th

D Modified: Jeff Cashmore 3rd trophy

F Modified: Josh Pertzsch 13th. Steve Pertzsch 21st

Kart Modified: Dan Cyr 12th, Ian Berman 13th, Chris Perry 17th

CAM C: Robert Gosda 3rd trophy, Jerry Pichman 30th

CAM S: Alex Tziortzis 6th trophy, Bill Meyers 11th

XB: Andrew Canak, 1st Class Champion, Chris Bailey 4th trophy

CSM: Mike Razny 11th, Chris Gregor 14th

Fastest active locals were Mike Leeder at 15th overall on PAX index and Kenton Cabiness with the lowest combined time over two days of 107.652 seconds

[Rick Ruth Receives the 2024 Solo Cup Award](#)

By Steve Laske

This year at the SCCA Solo Nationals, the 2024 Solo Cup award was presented to Rick Ruth of SCCA's Chicago Region. The Solo Cup, presented annually since 1978, goes to SCCA members who have made an outstanding contribution to the Solo events program. Recipients are selected by the Solo Events Board (SEB) from nominations submitted by the membership at large.

As creator of the Racer's Theoretical Performance (RTP) scale, Ruth has managed RTP data for more than 40 years. Over the last 22 years, he has maintained both the RTP and PAX autocross indexes, which are used by every SCCA Region in the country. Moreover, for the last several years, Rick has committed upwards of 30 hours a week to analyzing results so data remains correct and functional. As for Rick's acceptance speech, it was reported he kept it short by simply saying, "hugs and kisses to everyone."



Rick, a member of the Solo Nationals Golden Circle which is made up of the remaining five drivers that have competed in all Fifty-one Solo Nationals. Based on his recognition for the Solo Cup award and his fifty-one years of participation at the Solo Nationals one would gather that this is all he is involved with in SCCA. Yes, Rick has dedicated his SCCA life to Solo competition but that is just a piece of Rick Ruth.

Rick joined SCCA and the Chicago Region in 1971 when Team Carrara Autocross Club was brought in to begin the Chicago Region's Solo program. Rick was heavily involved in Team Carrara, Tri-State Sports Car Council, and now Chicago Regions autocross programs. Even back fifty-one years ago Rick was involved in recording competitor's performance as a member and chief of timing and scoring at Chicago Region Solo events. Rick was a key figure in timing and scoring at the first ever CenDiv Divisional Solo Championship in 1973, and the next year at the second SCCA Solo National Championship in 1974 both hosted by Chicago Region. In 1978 the Region hosted the CenDiv Divisional Solo Championship and Rick was Chief of timing and scoring. In August of 1981 the Chicago Region hosted the CenDiv Divisional Solo Championship, and in September of 1982 hosted the 10th Solo National Championships which was the last Solo National hosted by a SCCA Region. Rick was the Chief of timing and scoring for both events.

During the first ten years of Solo competition and event activities, Rick was also interested in and involved with road racing. At that time, Rick along with his wife Joyce worked Timing and Scoring at the Region's road races at Road America and Blackhawk Farms. Rick also served the Region for many years on the Region's Solo Events Committee and as Chairman of that committee. He also served on the Region's Board of Directors.

In 2011 Rick was selected and received the Chicago Region Founders Award. His involvement with the Chicago Region and the Sports Car Club of America exemplifies the standard for the Founders Award. Rick's contributions to the growth and success of the Region and his efforts to achieve the values that

RICK'S contributions to the growth and success of the Region and his efforts to achieve the values that the Chicago Region founders set for its members exemplify his commitment to the club and the sport. That Rick Ruth was selected and received the Sports Car Club of America 2024 Solo Cup award emphasizes the dedication he has for his involvement within the club. He continues to lead the way and demonstrate to our members the importance of participation, commitment, and enthusiasm. As you can see, the recognition of this award is really not based on one thing, it is based on the whole package, what Rick Ruth really is. Thank you, Rick, for all you have accomplished, your support and friendship.
Hugs and kisses

[TT and Track Events Report](#)

Chicago Region Track Events have been enjoying good weather and lively turnouts this summer — there is one more final event Time Trial event on October 12, 2024.

Registration for the Time Trial in a Race Weekend events at Autobahn and Blackhawk (October 12) is open. Registration link is available at <https://scca-chicago.com/track-dayS/>.



**Chicago Region SCCA Presents:
Chicago Region Fall Sprints Double Divisional**

October 12-13, 2024

Blackhawk Farms



Two full-length Divisional races will be held at the Chicago Region Fall Sprints Double Divisional!

PERTINENT DATES FOR THIS EVENT (ALL DATES 2024)

Central Division reserved car number hold -- September 27, 12:00 PM CDT