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## Chicago Region, SCCA Piston Patter Newsletter

July 2024

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Welcome to the July 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

**July 20, 2024**  
Evolution Performance Driver  
School Phase 1  
Route 66, Joliet, IL

**July 21, 2024**  
Solo Event #4  
Route 66, Joliet, IL

**July 26, 2024**  
National Tour Test Tune  
Route 66, Joliet, IL

**July 27-28, 2024**  
Chicago National Solo Tour  
Route 66, Joliet, IL

**July 27, 2024**  
Track Day #4  
Autobahn Country Club -N



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### **June Sprints**

Just returned from June Sprints, and what a weekend it was. The last Hoosier Super Tour event of the year was attended by over 550 cars. Unfortunately, the weather was the biggest factor in the Saturday races. However, the weather improved for the Sunday Sprints. If you would like to see replays of the weekend, check it out on YouTube. [YouTube 2024 Junes Sprints®](#)

Also, at the June Sprints Dinner Saturday night award presentations were done. The Cen-Div Hall of Fame inductions were announced by George Laws and Sherri Kulawinski. George announced the induction of Bev Heilicher for her years of dedicated service to the club. Sherri announced the induction of Jack Kolpack who introduced the division to electronic timing and scoring. Mike Kertcher, President of Road America, presented the Governor's Cup to Georger Laws for his years of dedication to make the June Sprints "Not Just Another Race".

Congratulations to our awardees and inductees on their well-deserved recognition. The evenings activities concluded with a presentation by our 2024 Grand Marshall Lyn St. James. She talked about her experiences in motorsports and the importance of women in motorsports.

And a BIG BIG Thank You to the Workers and Volunteers that had to endure the lousy weather we had on Friday and Saturday.

### **Nominations Committee**

No one challenged the Nomination Committee Slate put forth by the Board. The slated committee is now free to make their selections for the 2025 Board of Directors. The seats of Peter LeSueur, Chris Gregor and myself are open. Peter and Chris are eligible to return for a second term. I am completing my second term and will not be eligible to return to the board.

Anyone interested in joining the board or would like to nominate someone for the board should contact either Heather Ingraham or Rick Walke. Their contact information is on our website.

### **Solo National Tour Hosted by the Chicago Region**

From July 26, 2024, to July 28, 2024 the Chicago Region is hosting the Tire Rack SCCA Solo national Tour for the second year in a row. We are pleased to be able to host this event at our Solo hangout, Route 66 Dragway. So, register if you want to compete or just come down to watch the action.

Roger Vilmur

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## On The Green Stuff

We just returned from the 2024 Chicago Region June Sprints® - what a weekend, 555 drivers, 250 volunteers, and over 1500 crew members. Ten races on Saturday and Ten more on Sunday. I say again "what a weekend"!! It was a weekend full of close racing, many great moments and some less than great (rain). If you missed it, please plan to attend the Kettle Moraine Double Regional at Road America on August 24 and 25.

At the June Sprints dinner on Saturday evening CenDiv introduced the Class of 2024 Hall of Fame: Bev Heilicher and Jack Kolpak. Mike Kertscher, Road America President, presented the Governor's Cup to an incredibly surprised George Laws. The dinner, a joint effort of Chicago Region and Hoosier tires, was an enormous success. The menu selection by Rick Bentson was widely praised and the keynote presentation by Grand Marshal Lyn St. James reminded us of all her success in motorsports and her current role with WIMNA, an organization dedicated to enabling and advancing careers in motorsports for women.

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## Chicago Region Evolution Performance Driving School

July 20, 2024

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Thanks to the Chicago Region of the SCCA, Evolution will be holding a Phase One Driving School at RT 66 Raceway in Joliet, IL on Saturday July 20th. This Autocross training program is great for any skill level, from seasoned veterans to the complete novice. The Phase One features 24 runs with our team of National Caliber instructors, and each student will work with two different instructors throughout the day.

Two driver cars are welcomed at all Evolution Schools, although do require two entry fees. One driver will need to register as the Primary Driver, and the other as the Co-Driver. Both drivers will receive the same amount of runs as any other student. Two driver cars are split in the Run/Work order, to allow the car to get a break during the day.

Site Directions: **Here** Enter at Gate 12 off of Schweitzer Rd.

Schedule

7:00 am Site Opens

7:30 am Tech Inspection

8:30 am Drivers Meeting (Mandatory)

8:45 am Instructed Sessions Begins

12:30 pm Working Lunch

1:00 pm Instructed Session Continue

5:00 pm Wrap-up Meeting

Pricing for each of the Evolution programs at this location is set at \$295.

**For more information on this, as well as other Evolution Performance Driving Schools, please go to our website at: [www.evoschool.com](http://www.evoschool.com) or contact Mike "Junior" Johnson at: [mike@epdsinc.com](mailto:mike@epdsinc.com)**

All Evolution Performance Driving Schools take place rain or shine, and students will use their own vehicle for training. Student's vehicles will undergo a tech inspection the morning of, and all students should be sure to have plenty of fuel, oil, air, etc. for the day. Students are also required to wear a minimum of an M-2010 Rated Helmet. (Motorcycle Rated) If you do not have a helmet, loaners will LIKELY be available.



**July 27 - 28, 2024**

If you are looking to experience the best sites, the best courses, and the best competition – either in preparation for Solo Nationals or to see where you stand against the best – The Tire Rack® SCCA Solo® National Tour is for you.

These events average more than 275 drivers at each of the various locations across the country with most of the competitors coming from nearby states. These drivers come together to get a taste of the "Nationals" experience of competition and camaraderie. National Tour competition takes place over two days with a different course each day, just like Solo Nationals.

SCCA Starting Line will be hosting a Starting Line Driver's Edge Experience at Route 66 Raceway, in Chicago, IL in conjunction with SCCA's Tire Rack Chicago National Tour. This weekend-long experience is geared toward those new to National Tours. The SCCA Starting Line Driver's Edge uses a team of successful autocross veterans who remember what it was like the first few times they pulled up to the starting line to make a run on the big stage of national-level competition.

In short, you'll be given the tools and an explanation of the ins and outs of a Tire Rack National Tour event, arming you with the information to conquer the event without the intimidation factor that comes

event, arming you with the information to conquer the event without the intimidation factor that comes from doing something new. Our coaches will walk you through the event information page, talk about run/work assignments, teach you how the grid works, what to do at impound, and the information available to you at the driver's information center.

Most importantly, our championship-level coaches will help you throughout the weekend, checking in to help answer any questions that come up, touching base in grid before your run heat, and providing support and encouragement along the way. Think of them as your big brother or big sister for the weekend!

There is NO CHARGE to take part in the Starting Line Driver's Edge Experience. If you are a driver that is new to National Tours, we encourage you to sign up and take part!

For more information, click **HERE**

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## GENEVA CONCOURS *d'Elegance*

### [Join us at the Geneva Concours August 25, 2024](#) [In historic Geneva, Illinois](#)

Join us for 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", and again as a featured group of the Geneva Concours. We are still looking for more cars to enter our concours for sports cars. We need two or three Solo "autocross" cars decked out in competition trim, and a couple of track day cars to help round out our display. I am also looking for some race cars which have or could have competed in the June Sprints, or another race series.

Our theme this year will be the celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> running of the Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints® which will take place in June of 2025. Won't you join us as we kick off the celebration of this most historical event? As in the past the beneficiary of this year's event is the LivingWell Cancer Resource Center which the Chicago Region proudly supports.



**If you can join us, please contact our registrar Peg Ball at [pegball@comcast.net](mailto:pegball@comcast.net) and we'll send you a registration form. We are hoping you will be able to showcase a race car or sports car with us, it's a great day "FUN with Cars"**

Thank you and take care,  
Steve Laske

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### [The 2024 Chicago Region SCCA Fall Tour/Rally](#) **September 28, 2024**

The Chicago Region will be running another G.O.A.T.S. (Get Out and Tour Series) event. Join us this

fall 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 Tour/Rally is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 28, 2024. The starting point will be at the Flying "J" in the South Beloit, IL. Registration will be required on MotorsportsReg and check-in the day of will open at 9am.

So, mark it on your calendar, watch future Piston Patters, the Regions Web-site and MotorsportsReg for more details and registration. We hope you can join us.

**Brought to you by G.O.A.T.S. "Get Out and Tour Series"**

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## **2024 Solo Schedule**

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

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## **2024 Track Day Events Schedule**

### **TRACK DAYS**

#4 Sat, July 27 Autobahn CC-N  
#5 Fri, August 16 Autobahn CC-S  
#6 Fri, September 6 Autobahn CC-S

### **TRACK SPRINTS**

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

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## **Tentative 2024 "NORTHERN CONFERENCE" Majors Schedule**

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](#)**

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## [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](#).

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## [2024 Chicago Region New & Returning Members](#) [June 1 - 28, 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.

Alex Anderson	Randy Howarth
Ryan Ash	Joseph Ivry
Greg Beckman	Kevin Julian
Gregg Bendien	Hriday Kamshatti
Stan Bernacki	Daniel Kein
Albertas Budreika	Randy Keller
Charles Buhr	Drew Kent
Bryan Clark	John Kral
Dane Curry	Danielle Martinez
Damian Dabrowski	Raoul Maxim
Eric Dieterich	Chloe Myers
Evan Dorosheff	Christopher Orsolini
Zinat Edjlali	Christopher Rossiter
Christopher Enriquez	Wesley Scroggin
Bryan Foster	Jes Sokolowski
Mark Fredrick	Joe Stroming
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Godzicki	Antonio Vargas
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