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Welcome to the January 2025 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.

Happy New Year

2025 Event Calendar

February 15, 2025
Checked Flag party
Lake Forest Ferrari

March 15-16, 2025
Spring Training (tentative)

2025 Chicago Region Board of Directors

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RE Marks

Happy New Year one and all, My name is Dave Tatge and I'm honored that the Chicago Region Board of Directors has elected me to serve as your new Regional Executive for 2025. I joined the Chicago Region in 2013 and, since then, have been involved with Road Racing as a driver in the SRF3 class. My exposure to the Region actually goes back to the early 70's when I spent my summers at the June Sprints with my father who worked on the fire and rescue crews. Little did I know then that 55 years later I'd be serving on the region's Board of Directors.

As I enter my third year on the board, I'd like to thank our retiring RE Roger Vilmur. The region benefitted greatly from his leadership, insight and organization. He was a master at facilitating robust

discussions amongst board members. A hearty thank you also goes to outgoing board member Chris Gregor. His contribution as a former RE, board member, and Solo committeeman has been fantastic... and we will miss his roaring laugh.

We have a great group of returning board members including Rick Bentson, Heather Ingraham, Peter LeSueur, Linda Novak, Anthony Serrecchia, and Rich Walke. And we welcome two new members Chris Dvorak and Jeff Kumler. I can assure you this is a very experienced and well rounded board that will be working in the interest of ALL our members. Please reach out to any of us with questions, ideas, compliments or constructive criticism on the affairs of the Region.

The Chicago Region has set the standard for excellence in conducting a wide range of motorsports events. We will continue to work hard to maintain those standards and at the same time seek ways to improve the positive experience for all involved. But along with that, I'm going to ask that we work to energize our efforts in attracting and retaining new members. This work is something all of us can and should be part of so stay tuned for more on this subject in the coming months. Now, on to a few 2025 events coming up right around the corner...

SCCA National Convention (Virtual) January, 16-24 This event is jam packed with sessions, town halls, awards and much more. And it's free. Visit the SCCA National website for more details and registration information. It truly has something for everyone!

Chicago Region Checkered Flag Party, February 15 Returning to Lake Forest Ferrari, there's no better way to celebrate the achievements of your fellow members in 2024 and look forward to an action packed 2025. Plus, word is there are a couple surprises in store. Be sure to get your registration in early.

CenDiv Spring Training, March 15 – 16 To be held at the Milwaukee Area Technical College in Mequon WI, this mini convention is a great way for new volunteers and seasoned veterans alike to get refreshed with road racing and track day event specialties and operations. Registration is now open, visit the Cen-Div website for more details.

Over the years I've met a lot of great people through the SCCA and now, as RE, I look forward to meeting many more. Hope to see you at the Checkered Flag Party!

Sincerely,
Dave Tatge
Regional Executive
Chicago Region SCC

2025 Checkered Flag Party

And Ferrari Driving Experience

February 15, 2025

**Ferrari Lake Forest Dealership
990 N Shore Dr Lake Bluff, IL**

Check-in will be from: 4:00 to 6:00
Ferrari Ride & Drive: 4:15 - 6:45
Social with complementary beverages: 4:15 - 6:45
Buffet Dinner: 7:00 - 8:00.
Rick Mancuso Presentation: 8:00 - 8:45.
Special Awards: 8:45 - 9:15.

Dinner Party includes 3 special events

A Ferrari Ride and Drive Experience

Ferrari Drives will be limited by time & weather and **“first come first serve” order of your registration and party check-in.** Driver's minimum age is 25.

- **An informational talk by Rick Mancuso**

On how to grow a small dealership into the one of the largest Ferrari dealership in North America for over 43 years.

- **Door Prize Raffle of Automotive Collectibles**

As a Thank You to our workers, drivers, & members who made the year's events very successful!

This year's party cost will be **\$25**

To register (18 or older) and for more party information: click HERE

Registration closes February 8, 2025

[2025 Solo Year End Report](#)

We are currently discussing the dates and much like last year, we are negotiating with the site. I'll let you know when we have dates confirmed with the site.

Thanks,
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[Central Division Spring Training 2025](#)

**Saturday, March 16, 2025
Milwaukee Area Technical College - Mequon campus
5555 West Highland Road
Mequon, WI 53092-1143**

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

For those who are members of Chicago, Milwaukee and Blackhawk Valley Regions Road Racing - your fee will be covered by your respective region - please choose the option under payment information if you are a member of the above listed regions.

If you have a registration fee, MSR will require you to provide a form of payment - if you have an issue please contact the chief registrar for assistance. Payments will be deferred at this time.

Registration is open and will close on March 4th. 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.

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

As in the past, there will be a continental breakfast on Saturday at MATC
Lunches on Saturday are provided at no charge and will be a Buffet - at MATC (more info to come).
Sunday Continental breakfast at the hotel will be included for those attending the CenDiv Board Meeting

Please register by Monday, March 4, 2025 to be included in the **lunch count**. A meal is not guaranteed for those who register after this date. If there are other dietary needs please contact Mike Smith, via email, by March 4, 2025 @ Mike Smith

For registration concerns contact Sue Green, swgreen321@gmail.com
If something arises and you are not able to attend, please contact registration as soon as possible so we can appropriately adjust attendance counts.

*****Welcome to another great season of Racing in SCCA!!!***
Saturday, March 15-16, 2025
Milwaukee Area Technical College - Mequon campus
5555 West Highland Road
Mequon, WI 53092-1143
Keep following for updates as more information becomes available!**

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<https://cendiv-scca.org/about/newsletter/>

REGISTER HERE

[On The Green Stuff](#)

January brings the opportunity for re-birth, the chance to resolve to make a change, the first day of your tomorrow. The good news about this world is that it flies with the speed of a F1 Ferrari. What happened, or didn't, is no longer as important as what will take place this week, month or year. The desire to be involved, make memories, and have fun is tantamount to a satisfying life. One key is at your fingertips. The Chicago Region website ([WWW.scca-chicago.com](http://www.scca-chicago.com)) contains contact information for Board members, Specialty administrators, and Committee members. They will talk to you, explain the club's finer points and provide direction for you to become involved. It is worth the phone call or Email.

[Track Events](#)

The Track Events committee is finalizing dates for a full season of Track Events, Time Trials, and Track Sprints for 2025. In the meantime, we are offering a Winter Solstice Special through January 5. Help your favorite driver withstand the cold-weather waiting period AND save money during this limited-time offer. Gift certificates of \$50 and \$75 are available at face value, and the Winter Solstice Special gets a \$125 gift certificate for \$100, or a \$250 gift certificate for \$200. Click on the link to learn more! <http://msreg.com/solsticespecial>

[Chicago Region Car Shows in 2025](#)

The Chicago Region SCCA will have three car shows this year as we have over the past several

years. All three shows are to help promote the club and the sport. The South Elgin High School car show **Saturday May 17** and the Meadowdale, Motorsports & Memories car show at Raceway Woods Forest Preserve on **Saturday September 6** are both car display events. The third car show in the Geneva Concours d'Elegance will be held on **Sunday August 24, 2025**. The Geneva event is a true car show and the Chicago Region will be hosting our "Concours for Sports Cars" as part of the Geneva Concours.

We are looking for sports cars, race cars, and autocross cars for all three shows. For the South Elgin and Meadowdale events we usually have six to eight cars on display. For the Geneva events we are looking for thirty cars to enter the show. Your help and support will be greatly appreciated. If you have a sports car or race car and would like to participate in one or all of these events please contact Steve Laske at laske.steve@gmail.com

2025 SCCA National Solo Schedule

First, a word of warning: What you're about to read is somewhat tentative. Second: Despite the 2025 SCCA® National Solo® schedules not being 100% locked in, we're too excited to keep it a secret.

2025 Tire Rack SCCA ProSolo Championship Series Schedule

March 14-16, 2025: South Texas - Naval Air Station Chase Field, Beeville, TX*
March 21-23, 2025: Las Vegas - Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, NV
March 28-30, 2025: Las Vegas - Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas, NV
April 4-6, 2025: Atlanta - Atlanta Motor Speedway, Hampton, GA
April 25-27, 2025: Crows Landing, Crows Landing, CA*
May 17-19, 2025: New Jersey - New Meadowlands Sports Complex, East Rutherford, NJ
May 22-24, 2025: Lincoln - Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
June 6-8, 2025: Brunswick - Brunswick Executive Airport, Brunswick, ME***
June 20-22, 2025: Toledo - Toledo Express Airport, Swanton, OH*
July 2-4, 2025: Bristol - Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, TN
July 18-20, 2025: Packwood - Hampton Mills, Packwood, WA*
Aug. 29-31, 2025: Tire Rack SCCA ProSolo Finale - Lincoln Air Park, Lincoln, NE

2025 Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Tour Schedule

Feb. 21-23, 2025: Phoenix - Arizona Motorsports Park, Litchfield Park, AZ
March 21-23, 2025: Red Hills - Spence Field, Moultrie, GA
April 11-13, 2025: South Texas - Naval Air Station Chase Field, Beeville, TX*
April 25-27, 2025: Oklahoma Tour - Frederick, OK*
May 2-4, 2025: Crows Landing, Crows Landing, CA*
May 25-26, 2025: Lincoln - Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
May 30-June 1, 2025: Grissom - Grissom Aeroplex, Bunker Hill, IN
June 13-15, 2025: Charlotte - zMAX Dragway, Concord, NC*
July 5-6, 2025: Bristol - Bristol Motor Speedway, Bristol, TN
July 11-13, 2025: Cleveland - IX Center, Cleveland, OH
July 11-13, 2025: Packwood - Hampton Mills, Packwood, WA*
July 25-27, 2025: Chicago - Route 66 Raceway, Joliet, IL*
Aug. 1-3, 2025: Finger Lakes - Seneca Army Depot, Romulus, NY*
Sept. 1-5, 2025: Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Championships, Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE

2025 CAM/XS/ Club Spec Shootout Schedule

May 2-4, 2025: St. Louis - St. Charles Family Arena, St. Charles, MO
Aug. 8-10, 2025: Grissom - Grissom Aero Plex, Bunker Hill, IN
Aug. 30: Lincoln Invitational - Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
* Dates are tentative

*** Potential four-day format with ProSolo June 4-6 and Solo National Tour June 7-8

2025 Central Division

Tentative Race Schedule

2025 CenDiv TENTATIVE

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Date	Drivers' School	Regional	Majors	Other Events	Track Events / TRSS
Feb 22 - Feb 23					
Mar 1 - Mar 2					
Mar 8 - Mar 9					
Mar 15 - Mar 16				Spring Training	
Mar 22 - Mar 23					
Mar 29 - Mar 30					
Apr 5 - Apr 6					
Apr 12 - Apr 13	CenDiv @ BHF 4/11/25	CenDiv @ BHF (D)			
Apr 19 - Apr 20				Easter	
Apr 26 - Apr 27					
May 3 - May 4			BVR/Milw @ BHF		
May 10 - May 11				Mother's Day	
May 17 - May 18					
May 24 - May 25		LOL @ BIR (D)		Memorial Day	
May 31 - Jun 1					
Jun 7 - Jun 8			Chgo @ RA (ST)		
Jun 14 - Jun 15				Father's Day	
Jun 21 - Jun 23				Indy Car @ RA	
Jun 28 - Jun 29					
Jul 5 - Jul 6		MilwBVR @ BHF (D)			
Jul 12 - Jul 13			Milw @ RA		
Jul 19 - Jul 20				WIC @ RA	
Jul 26 - Jul 27			LOL @ BIR		
Aug 2 - Aug 3				IMSA @ RA	
Aug 9 - Aug 10					
Aug 16 - Aug 17					
Aug 23 - Aug 24		CHGO @ RA (D)		INDY CAR @ MM	
Aug 30 - Aug 31		LOL @ BIR (D)		Labor Day	
Sep 6 - Sep 7		CHGO @ ACC (D)			
Sep 13 - Sep 14					
Sep 20 - Sep 21					
Sep 27 - Sep 28			Runoffs 9/26/25		
Oct 4 - Oct 5			Runoffs 10/05/25		
Oct 11 - Oct 12		CHGO @ BHF (D)			
Oct 18 - Oct 19					

HOLIDAYS:

Apr 20 - Easter
 May 11 - Mother's Day
 May 26 - Memorial Day
 Jun 15 - Father's Day
 Jul 4 - July 4th Holiday
 Sep 1 - Labor Day

REGION CODES:

BVR - Blackhawk Valley
 CHGO - Chicago
 LOL - Land O' Lakes
 MILW - Milwaukee

TRACK CODES:

ACC - Autobahn / Joliet, IL
 BHF - Blackhawk Farms Raceway / Rockton, IL
 BIR - Brainerd Int'l Raceway / Brainerd, MN
 MM - Milwaukee Mile / Milwaukee, WI
 RA - Road America / Elkhart Lake, WI

OTHER CODES:

T - Tentative
 D - Double
 DS - Driver School
 ST - Super Tour

MATC - Milwaukee Area Technical College / Milwaukee, WI
 DCTC - Dakota County Technical College / Rosemount, MN

2025 Chicago Region Solo Event Schedule

Solo 2025 event schedule is being worked on.

[2025 Chicago Region Car Show and Social Event Schedule](#)

Dates for Chicago Region social events should be in January 2025 Piston Patter.

2/15/25 Checkered Flag Party
5/17/25 Elgin High School Car Show
8/22/25 Geneva Concour
9/6/25 Meadowdale Car Show
TBD Spring Rallye

[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](#) **December, 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.

Greg Bittner
John Ho
Randy Illg
Ilona Kasemets

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