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Welcome to the May 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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June 21-23, 2024

June Sprints
Road America

June 22, 2024

Solo Event #1
Route 66, Joliet, IL

June 23, 2024

Solo Event #2
Route 66, Joliet, IL

June 29, 2024

Street Survival School
Route 66, Joliet, IL

June 29, 2024

Track days #3
Autobahn Country Club-S

June 30, 2024

Solo Event #3
Route 66, Joliet, IL

2024 Board of Directors Nomination Committee

The board of directors has appointed and nominated seven members of good standing to serve on the 2024 Board of Directors Nomination Committee

The three appointed members are: Peg Ball, Heather Ingraham, and Mark Lopotko

The four nominated members are: Chris Baccola, Jerome Cahuzac, Steve Laske, and Rich Walke

Appointed members of the committee cannot be challenged by the general membership. However, according to our by-laws the nominated members can be challenged by the general membership. The membership can submit an alternate slate of 4 nominees with a petition, with 280 membership signatures (20% of the active membership) to the Board of Directors

Secretary by June 20. If an alternate slate is presented to the Secretary, then the membership will vote on the eight nominees with the top four vote getters being appointed to the committee. This process gives the nomination committee voting majority to the membership and not the board of directors.

RE Marks

69th Running of the June Sprints®

Seems like the year has just started and we are planning and getting ready for the June Sprints®. We are expecting a large turnout for the last Hoosier Super Tour event of 2024. That means last year's participants, teams and prep shops who want to preserve their parking spot from last year need their drivers registered by May 19, 2024 @ 11:59PM CDT.

New parking requests by low clearance classes FB, FE, FC, FF, F500, P1, P2, FA, FM, GT1, GT2, GT3 registered before May 19, 2024 @ 11:59PM CDT will be parked next.

New parking requests. This will be given priority based on registration date and time and requested parking spot.

Participants that request a parking area that is full will be put on a wait list for that area and will be assigned a similar parking spot in another paddock.

Roger Vilmur

Solo Learning Curve School

April 13-14, 2024

Last month we hosted The Learning Curve Solo School at Rt66 Raceway with a phenomenal turnout. Over 65 Students and more than 50 volunteers helped Chicago Region SCCA keep the traditional Autocross school alive. The weather was absolutely beautiful both days. John Kouhns and K&M Magnetics provided lunch for everyone each day. Summit Racing provided gift certificates and discounts vouchers for awards. Chris Gregor at ReMax Suburban helped us with a new tent. We gave away new Chicago Region SCCA hats to almost every student at the awards ceremony. Big thank you to everyone who helped or attended.

Solo Report

For now, we have to travel for Autocross with neighboring regions and clubs as our home for Solo, Rt66 is hosting NHRA Nationals May 19-21st. If you have not experienced professional drag racing this

NHRA is hosting NHRA Nationals May 19-21st. If you have not experienced professional drag racing this is a great opportunity to watch the fastest racecars on the planet compete. Bring earplugs or noise cancelling headphones. Enjoy complimentary pit access and watch Nitro and Pro-Stock Funny car teams do a complete engine teardown and rebuilds in-between every run! Meet drivers and support teams! The National Hot Rod Association provides an unprecedented fan experience. Tickets can be purchased by calling 1-800-884-NHRA (6472) or logging on to NHRA.COM

Chicago Region SCCA Solo gets back to Autocross at Rt66 June 22nd and 23rd for Points Events 1 & 2. Registration is now open. Get signed up and prepare to race your car on the biggest and best site in the Chicago area.

To register for Event 1 Saturday, click [HERE](#)

To register for Event 2 Sunday, click [HERE](#)

The next Saturday June 29th will be the Tিরerack Teenage Street Survival School. Save the date, students and coaches will be able to register shortly. We follow that up with Solo Event 3 on Sunday June 30th.

To register for Street Survival School Saturday, click [HERE](#)

Chicago Region SCCA Solo is proud that VETMotorsports will be joining us for Event 3 on June 30th. They provide "Helmet Therapy" for veterans to experience motorsports in a safe and fun environment. Learn more about what they do at VETMotorsports.org

We hope to see you all soon.

"Smooth, Fast, Clean and faster every run"

[ROAD TRIP REPORT](#)

Wisconsin in mid-April — with its unpredictable weather — might not be the first option you'd choose for a Time Trial, but when a spring weekend suddenly opened up, the SCCA's John Hunter secured a bucket-list opportunity at this iconic track for the Time Trials National Tour program.

Although road racers enjoy many opportunities in Elkhart Lake, Road America is a rare treat for TT folks, many of whom still drive their cars to and from events. And, boy, did we get track time: eight twenty-five-minute sessions on track, plus pace laps to start each morning, for a total of 10 sessions on track and more than two hours of driving time. The "one team" philosophy of the TT program, with its gap-lap strategy to ensure as many clean runs as possible, meant for a weekend with good times, no impacts, no contacts, and many very happy drivers.

Remarkably, the April weather was perfect: cool, clear, and sunny, warming just enough that tires were happy while the cool air meant that engines purred. Drivers were thrilled to be testing their mettle through The Kink rather than The Bend, and the dappled sunlight through the early spring trees wowed first-time visitors to the track. The drivers and organizers hope to return to Road America in 2025 as well.





Hearty congratulations to the following members of the SCCA Chicago Region for their podium finishes — and, where indicated with a **, their new class lap records.

Sport 2: Greg van Dalen, 2nd (2020 Ford Mustang)
Rick Bentson, 3rd (2020 Ford Mustang)

Sport 3: Miroslav Knava, 2nd (2021 Mini Cooper)
Romana Smela, 3rd (2021 Mini Cooper)
This pair also won the Spirit of Time Trials superlative for their enthusiasm, competitiveness, and energetic participation.

Tuner 1: Jeff Tucker, 1st with a 2:29.379** (2018 Chevrolet Camaro)

Max 1: Keenan Prusank, 2nd (2020 Chevrolet Camaro)

Max 3: Phillip Jue, 1st with a 2:34.879** (2003 Nissan 350Z)

Heather Ingraham

General Membership Get Together

April 27, 2024
Volo Auto Museum



Chicago Regions April General Membership meeting and social gathering was held on Saturday, April 27 at the Volo Auto Museum and Antique Mall.

Roger Vilmur gave a report on the 2024 Region Nominating Committee. A representative from Volo Museum gave a brief history of the museum and an outline of the various classic car and antique displays in the museum.

Approximately 50 Chicago Region members and friends had a complementary pizza lunch and free admission to the museum. Most of the members spent the afternoon looking at the large collection of classic cars for sale and touring the extensive collection of antique displays.

South Elgin High School's Car and Coffee

May 11, 2024 9:00 to 1:00pm

The Region will help sponsor and have a display at the South Elgin High School's Cars and Coffee. The Auto Tech students are responsible for conducting the event and the proceeds help support their program. The school is located at 760 East Main Street in South Elgin.

The Cars and Coffee will feature the Region's pop-up tent and several "cool" cars. The event provides the opportunity to promote the Club and its activities to a young audience.

If you are coming and would like to be part of the Region's display, please **contact Bob Malm at 847-695-0368**. All sports cars and performance cars are welcome. Race cars especially draw considerable spectator interest and attract attention to the display. Ample trailer parking is available. There is no cost for vehicles participating at Cars and Coffee.

Please join us having "fun with cars" on May 11th.

Region needs display cars and member support.

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

Time is running out to register, click [HERE](#) to register now.

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





2024 Track Day & Time Trial #1

May 24, 2024

Autobahn Country Club

Start Your Summer with a Track Day!

This event includes a Time Trial run group.

The SCCA Chicago Region invites you to the Autobahn Country Club on Friday, May 24 -- the beginning of Memorial Day weekend! -- with an evening Track Event and Time Trial on the SOUTH Course. Overview: We are planning three run groups for this event, and each group is scheduled to have three 20-minute sessions.

Entries: The entry fee for SCCA members for either the Track Event or Time Trials is \$195. For non-members, the entry fee of \$215 covers your entry + a \$20 weekend membership, and the weekend membership fee can be applied to a full SCCA membership. Join at **SCCA.com** and become eligible for discounts, experiences, and even more fun with cars. Transponder rental for the Time Trials is \$30, or you may register and use your own transponder. You can also use a personal lap timer, but your times won't be recorded or published, and inaccurate gridding may create congestion on track.

Event Day: Check-In begins at 2:00 PM; the mandatory drivers' meetings start at 4:30 PM; and on-track activities are scheduled to begin at 5:00 PM.

Run Groups: For safety and everyone's enjoyment, drivers will be divided into run groups based on skill and experience. The Track Event is for drivers of all experience levels and offers two options:

- 1) a Novice run group and
- 2) an Intermediate / Advanced run group. Please sign up early to secure your spot in the correct group!

A third option, the Level 1 Time Trial run group, is open to advanced, intermediate, and approved coach-level drivers in vehicles appropriate to the experiential nature of the program. (e.g., streetable vehicles with current plates, insurance, and registration -- not race cars). SCCA Time Trial licenses are encouraged, alternatively, please be sure your MSR resumé is up to date. Event officials reserve the right to change participants run group as needed.

Vehicle Eligibility: Trucks, most SUVs and crossover vehicles, as well as race cars, are not eligible for this event. Please **click here** to see the most current SCCA vehicle classifications for Time Trials.

To register, click [HERE](#)

Road America Indy Car Weekend

June 6-7, 2024

Registration has been opened for workers for Indy Car at Road America June 6-9! You must be a current SCCA member to participate.

We are not staffing Thursday or Friday (except for registration) but we are staffing Saturday and Sunday.

We are looking for the following specialties: F&C. Race Administration. Grid. Lunch bus. Registration.

and a Safety Steward. These are the only specialties we are contracted to provide, and spacesay be limited in some specialties.

Each specialty chief will be reviewing those who have signed up and will be approving members according to the Indy car guidelines we must adhere to. Once they have gone through the list you will receive another email showing your updated status

Please note this if you are going to invite a guest (each person can have 1 guest). Camping will be offsite at the OASIS like last year at no cost.

Hope to see you all there for a great event at Road America! Any questions please email the chief registrar via the link.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, click [HERE](#)

Kat, Chief Registrar
Indy Car Registration



**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 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

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 to 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

- **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 Annarel

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

April 1 – 30, 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.

Joseph Bartlett
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Coty Glaser
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