

Northwestern Ohio Region Sports Car Club of America

Clutch Chatter

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Northwestern Ohio Regional News:

- We need nominations and volunteers for many positions needed to keep the organization running smoothly. Contact any current official if you are interested in helping out. There are many positions that are unfilled at this time. We are in need of candidates for the elected position of Assistant Regional Executive. We also have openings for appointed positions of Solo Chair, Registration Chief, Waiver Chief, Trophy Chair, and Social Director.
- As of October 7th, here is the list of elected officials: Regional Executive: Bryan Rawlins, Treasurer: Charina Hansen, Pointskeeper/Webmaster: Larry Kurtz, Corresponding Secretary: Lee Franz, Recording Secretary: Elaine Christmas, Continuing Director-At-Large: Mark Sommer, Incoming Director-At-Large: Robert Christmas. The list of appointed positions is as follows: Solo Chairs: Bryan Rawlins & Greg McCance, Worker Chief: Hilary Anderson, Historian: Phil Schmidt, Public Affairs: Gail Peery Tech Chief: John Souder, Timing and Scoring: Robert Christmas,
- We had 23 members that traveled to Nebraska to test their skills at the Solo Nationals Championship.

Name		Class	Finish	
John	Fessler	SMF	1st	Trophy
Charina	Hansen	EPL	2nd	
Greg	McCance	ESP	2nd	Trophy
Hilary	Anderson	ESPL	3rd	
Elizabeth	Leckey	FPL	3rd	
Alan	Sheidler	F125	4th	Trophy
Scott	Hearne	GP	4th	Trophy
Jay	Storm	FSP	5th	Trophy
Jack	Burns	FS	6th	Trophy
Colin	Sheidler	FJA	8th	
Les	Schober	SSM	9th	
Jeff	Mabrey	ST	9th	
Robert	Christmas	EP	11th	
Mark	Sommer	FSP	17th	
Keith	Koegler	HS	17th	
Lee	Franz	FS	20th	
John	Souder	HS	20th	
Roger	Johnson	FSP	25th	
Ryan	Johnson	FSP	27th	
Stefanie	Mabrey	ST	32nd	
Don	Leckey	SS	58th	
Johnny	Rose	ST		
Bryan	Rawlins	ST		

- Congratulations to the Members that also competed in the Pro-Solo Championships. Finishing in the trophies in the overall standings: Alan Sheidler 1st place in F125 and Greg McCance 2nd place in ESP and Jay Storm 2nd in FSP. Word was that Greg McCance affectionately accepted his award from Robert Christmas at the National Awards Ceremony in Lincoln. Unfortunately I was unable to obtain a picture of the event so you will have to ask Robert about it if you want to know more.
- Collecting Special awards or recognition at the Banquet for Solo National Championships: Roger E. Johnson was added to the Silver Circle for competing at Nationals at least 25 times. Colin Sheidler was awarded one of four Sportsmanship Awards. He reported a cone on himself that was not recorded on the corner log, with the result moving him out of the trophies in the Formula Junior A class. I am sure that was hard to do. What a great sport.
- At OVR's Governors Cup, John Souder finished in 2nd the first day and 1st on the second day in HS. This followed the OVR event on 7/26 where John also finished 1st and 6th overall in PAX and Buddy Cummings finished 1st in CS. Buddy also picked up a 1st place in OVR's 10/17 event.
- Jack Burns picked up 1st place in FS at events in Cincinnati on 9/13 and 10/25.
- Several members hit the road visiting the Fort Wayne Coliseum on 6/21. Picking up 1st place trophies were Mark Sommer in FSP, John Fessler in SM, Kevin Lewis in XP, Chris Krumnow in FSP, and Lee Franz in FS. Andrew Blasiman and Hilary Anderson also competed in ES with Andrew finishing 2nd.
- Detroit's Bell Island hosted an event on 9/20. Trophy winners included James Susko 1st in CSP, Al Sheidler 1st in F125, Alex Jones 1st in BSP. Steve Kaminski was 2nd in BSP followed by Steven Koester in 3rd. Colin Sheidler picked up 5th in F125. Al Sheidler also recorded fastest time of the day there.
- Lots of our members have been taking advantage of the schedule gap with NORA/ASCC and running at Northfield Park. Some of the results I found were: On 8/2 John Bradbury 1st EM, John Fessler 3rd SM, Ethan Bradbury 9th SM, Marc Porschke 11th SM, Bryan Rawlins 12th SM, Mark Heine 1st ASP, David Schultz 2nd CP, Mike Depietro 1st CSP, Greg McCance 1st ESP, Jay Storm 1st DSP, Buddy Cummings 3rd CS, Hilary Anderson 1st ESL, Jason Sukey 5th GS, Andrew Blasman 2nd STS, John Souder 1st HS. On 8/23 John Bradbury 1st EM, Tim Carritte 1st SSM, Bilge Carritte 2nd SSM, Mike Depietro 3rd SSM, Mark Porschke 1st FP, Ethan Bradbury 6th SM, Megan Biddle 1st BS, John Wiseman 1st ASP. On 9/6 John Bradbury 1st EM, Tim Carritte 1st SSM, Ethan Bradbury 4th SM, Megan Biddle 5th SM, Mike Depietro 1st CSP, Bilge Carritte 2nd ES, David Schultz 1st CP. On 9/13 The Vette Club ran an event, Les Schober 1st SSM, Tim Carritte 2nd SSM, Mike Depietro 5th SSM, Bilge Carritte 7th SSM, Marc Porschke 1st FP, Megan Biddle 3rd CSP, Buddy Cummings 2nd CS, Jay Storm 1st FSP. On 9/20 John Bradbury 1st EM, Tim Carritte 1st SSM, Bilge Carritte 2nd SSM, John Fessler 2nd SM, Mike Depietro 1st CSP, Buddy Cummings 3rd CS, David Schultz 1st CP, Robert Christmas 1st EP, Jay Storm 1st FSP, Megan Biddle 2nd FSP. On 10/11 John Bradbury 1st EM, Tim Carritte 1st SSM, Ethan Bradbury 3rd SM, Mike Depietro 1st CSP, Buddy Cummings 1st STU, Andrew Blasiman 1st STS, Dax Bushmeyer 1st ST, Bilge Carritte 5th ST, Greg McCance 1st ESP, David Schultz 1st CP, Robert Christmas 1st EP, Hilary Anderson 2nd ESP, Jay Storm 1st FSP, Mark Sommer 3rd FSP, Johnny Rose 2nd ST. On 10/18 John Bradbury 1st EM, Bilge Carritte 1st SSM, Ethan Bradbury 3rd SM, Mike Depietro 1st CSP, Buddy Cummings 1st CS, David Schultz 1st CP, Jay Storm 1st FSP, Megan Biddle 1st STX. I hope I got all those right and didn't miss anyone.
- With all that practice I think everyone can see why some of these drivers always perform well at our event too.

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- A round table will be held in South Bend at the Holiday Inn Downtown, 213 W. Washington St. South Bend, IN 46601 (574)323-2113 on Saturday, November 14th. Registration and hospitality will be held on Friday the 13th from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. A full calendar of topics and discussions beginning with a continental breakfast will be held on Saturday. Registration is \$25 for this event before November 7th. It will be \$30 after November 7th. To register send Name and address, member number, phone and e-mail, region and current office and/or interest to Kim Bollinger, 50544 Prestonwood Ct., Granger, IN 46530. Include check payable to: South Bend Region SCCA.

Upcoming events:

- Yearend Member Banquet – November 21st Please RSVP by November 8th . Cost is \$25 per person and reservations can be made on MyAutoEvents.com.
- NORA/ASCC Fun Event – November 8th weather permitting at the Lorain Ford Plant, 5401 Baumhart Rd, Lorain , OH

Club Meeting Minutes Summary 9/1/09 held at Old Town Buffet in Bowling Green, OH.

- Meeting called to order 7:25 pm.
- RE: No report.
- Assistant RE: 228 members.
- Treasurer: Balance is still adequate. Still need to pay the Port Authority and Port-a-Potty. Due money from National for Pro-Solo held at the airport.
- Corresponding Sec: Clutch Chatter draft for July was given to Robert for review.
- Recording Secretary: Present, nothing new to report.
- Directors at Large: No report.
- Public Affairs: No report.
- Social: The next meeting will be held at Grafton Inn in Carlton, MI. A letter was sent to Summit Racing to ask for donations for the banquet.
- Points: Points are up to date on the web site.
- Historian: No new news, only old news.
- Solo: Scott Hearne has a master list of the drivers attending Solo Nationals to organize a dinner for Tuesday night. Next event is Tiffin Mall on September 27th. Setup will be done on Sunday Morning. There were 236 drivers at the last event at the airport.
- Old business: No old business.
- New Business: Trophies are needed for next three events. Robert is to ask Brian Hull to do it.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Club Meeting Minutes Summary 10/6/09 held at Grafton Inn in Carlton, MI.

- Meeting called to order 7:06 pm.
- RE: National office has asked us to do a tour on July 4th weekend and the Pro Solo two weeks later. Tentative schedules for next years Pro Solo and National Tour were passed around. Tiffin Mall loved us. They only had one complaint, coming from J.C. Penny. The Mall is asking when we want to come back next year. We need to think about lots for next year. There is a National Tour in Blytheville coming up.
- Assistant RE: 218 members. Robert is being billed for weekend memberships. License update for the Timing and Scoring Van has been obtained and will be installed at Fostoria event.
- Treasurer: Balance is still adequate and increasing. Airport and Tiffin event are the only outstanding bills.
- Corresponding Sec: Still waiting for draft approval on July Clutch Chatter. He will start a August / September Clutch Chatter as a separate document.
- Directors at Large: Elections are coming up and nominations are needed for several positions.
- Public Affairs: No report.
- Social: There will not be a meeting for November. The banquet will be held at the Bayside Boardwalk in Oregon, OH on November 21st. Menu is turkey and roast beef and appetizers. It will be BYOB with set ups provided. Donations have been promised by Summit Racing, Tire Rack, and O'Riley's.
- Points/Trophies: Suggestions are welcome. Mark Sommer is to look into something. Johnny Rose will give some information on where last years trophies were bought to Robert Christmas.
- Historian: No new news, only old news.
- Solo:.
- Old business: No old business.

- New Business: Mark Sommer - Consider putting some money in a CD and use some money to subsidize the banquet. Raise solo event fees to \$25 member and \$40 non-member for pre-registration and late fee of \$5 for not pre-registration. Mark Sommer moved to vote and was seconded by Bryan Rawlins. VOTE: vote on new fee schedule passed, 6 for, 0 against. Johnny Rose – suggested having a closed test and tune session for next year, open to NWOR members only. Lee Franz – it was suggested annual tech for newer cars. It was also suggested for stock classes only and will require special stickers. Don Leckey would like to have a special solo school at the airport. It would be done in conjunction with SoloPro Driving School LLC and be set for intermediate level training. He is to meet with Robert and Bryan next week on Tuesday.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

NWOR 2009 Schedules:

Member Meetings are held first Tuesday each Month at 6:30 PM unless noted:

- 11/21 – Will be held on **Saturday** at the Special Yearend Banquet at Bayside Boardwalk in Oregon, OH.