

Northwestern Ohio Region Sports Car Club of America

Clutch Chatter

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Northwestern Ohio Regional News:

- Checking the results around the area, I see that Matt Braun placed 2nd in the index class (SS) and 4th in the overall PAX with D. Leckey 1st in SS and E. Leckey 1st in SSL at the Ft. Wayne event on September 26th.
- On the same day at Belle Isle event in Detroit, A. Scheidler was 3rd in the Pro class (F125) and 4th in the PAX. C. Sheidler was 2nd in F125 and K. Carey was 8th in Pro (CS).
- At OVR's Governors' Cup event on Oct. 3rd, J. Souder was 1st in HS, D. Sutton 1st in SM, L. Franz 2nd in FS, H. Anderson 3rd in STU, J. Rose 3rd in ST and C. Raglin 5th in ST. Sutton was 10th in PAX and everyone made it into the Cup runoff. Making it into the top 16 were C. Raglin, J. Souder, Andrew Pallotta, D. Sutton, and J. Rose.
- In Western Michigan, Les Schober finished 1st in SSM and 4th in PAX on Oct. 3rd.
- E. G. Papandreas took 1st in SS at Indy Regions event on Oct. 9th.
- C. Krumnow was 1st in HS and 7th in PAX at Ft. Wayne's event on Oct. 9th.
- October 10th, Jack Burns finished 1st in HS in the Cincinnati event and 8th in the PAX.
- At Saturday event on October 16th, we also had a good turnout at NORA's Geauga Lake event. In the Pro class, D. Sutton took 1st (SM) and PAX, T. Carritte was 2nd (SSM) and PAX, J. Wiseman was 5th (BS) and 8th PAX, M. Biddle (STX) was 6th and 10th in PAX. In the standard classes, M. DePietro was 5th in CSPi, J. Bradbury was 6th in EMi, E. Bradbury was 9th in SSMi, and S. Dormann was 1st in HS.
- The next day at the same Geauga Lake event, the Pro Class had D. Sutton (SM) 1st and 1st in PAX, A. Pallotta (STU) 2nd and 2nd in PAX, T. Carritte (SSM) 5th and 6th in PAX, D Schultz (CP) was 10th, H. Anderson (STU) 11th, M. Biddle (STX) 13th. Standard Class results showed J. Sukey 4th in index SM, M. DePietro 1st in CSP, and S. Dormann 1st in HS.
- Way up North on the same day in Nexteer, Saginaw Region was holding an event. M. Sommer took 2nd in FSP and L. Schober was 1st in SSM. They finished 2nd and 7th in PAX respectfully.
- Ft. Wayne Region held an event at IPFW on October 24th. J. Rose was 1st in XBS and 2nd in PAX, J. Fessler was 1st in XSMF and 3rd in PAX, K. Sheipline was 2nd in XBS and 9th in PAX, C. Krumnow was 1st in HS and 5th in PAX, and A. Blasiman was 1st in STS and 6th in PAX.
- Again I apologize if I missed someone. E-mail me (lrfranz@wcnet.org) any results you would like to see in the next Clutch Chatter.

Great Lakes Divisional News:

Bryan Rawlins and I attended the year end banquet in Indianapolis at the Ray Skillman Classic Car Museum. There was a meeting on how to improve events for next year and discussion on where events may be held for next year. After the meeting we sat down for chow in the same room with a huge selection of muscle cars on display. It was a nice informal buffet with good food. What a great back drop for the awards meeting that followed. Velma Boreen and Marlene Obenour presented the Divisional Championship trophies following the meal, not to mention door prizes for almost everyone. They did an exceptional job. Our Region brought home the 2nd most trophies. Next year maybe we can out do the Detroit Region.

Congratulations to the following NWOR members that won a beautifully engraved 25th anniversary glass pitcher trophy:

Dave Parish - BS Champion
Lee Franz - FS Champion
Kevin Lewis - XP Champion

Bryan Rawlins - ST Champion
Jeff Mabrey - 2nd ST
Alex Jones - 2nd BSP

I would also like to thank all that were involved picking me and helping me to earn the Jeanne Ruble Award. Jeanne Ruble was a very active supporter of Solo competition that did not compete in the events but went the extra mile and still worked at them. Getting the award was most unexpected as it is normally given to non-competitors. I am sure that there were many others that deserved the award this year. With that in mind, I find it a great honour to have been picked to receive it. The beautiful award has a clock built into it to remind everyone that Jeanne often worked in timing and scoring. Thanks again. Lee Franz

National News:

Tire Rack® National Solo ®, Topics, October 1, 2010

Howard Duncan, SCCA VP, Rally/Solo

SoloMatters will be returning soon and this report is merely a gap filler to keep information flowing. Launching *SoloMatters* in the middle of the Tire Rack National Solo season was a bit aggressive and optimistic. A combination of the intrusion of personal life issues and the crunch of the championship season (Race, Rally, Solo) overtaxed our limited resources and we needed to take a brief break while we reconfigure our approach. So again, this report is a brief replacement.

The dates for the 2011 Tire Rack National Championships have been determined. Due to an air show that the Lincoln area gets about once every five years or so, “Nationals” will be one week earlier than has been traditional. The ProSolo Finale will be on August 26-28 and the Solo National Championship will be on August 30th through September 2nd.

Now that we have been at the Lincoln Airpark for a couple of years we have largely worked out the “bugs” of using the site thanks to the efforts of our staff event manager, Nancy Downing, her assistant Deena Rowland, the Tech team of Doug Gill and Brian Harmer, and the volunteer team that the event chairmen, Mari and Eric Clements, have put together. Therefore, we will be promoting the 2011 event more aggressively with a target of 1300 Solo fanatics. So we hope that you come and join the party where an autocross usually breaks out!!

While we would welcome you at any and all 2011 Tire Rack National Solo events (Tours and Divisionals), you can get a jump on being eligible to enter the 2011 “Nationals” before this month is up by entering the final Tour event of the year.

The Tire Rack Tri-State Challenge National Tour at Blytheville is not only the first qualifying event for the 2011 “Nationals”, but it gives you one more chance to play before putting your toys away for the winter. Since this event happens after Nationals, it gives us the opportunity to try new approaches and ideas, such as the Champions Challenge that we first ran last year at the Tri-State.

After competition is completed on Sunday, we have a single elimination challenge competition patterned roughly after a ProSolo Challenge, where all the winners of the Tri-State, along with any National, Divisional, or States Champions that are entered are matched up to see who can become The Tri-State Champion. This Champion will win a special trophy AND a free entry to the 2011 “Nationals”. Top finishers in the Champions Challenge will win other prizes including memberships, free entry to selected National Solo events, and other prizes. In addition to the Champions Challenge, there will also be a Bonus Challenge where the participants’ names will be drawn from a hat.

The Arkansas Aeroplex at Blytheville is one of the best sites in the country with acres of smooth concrete, that the Arkansas and Mid-South Regions have put to very good use over the last couple of years. In addition, the local hospitality is second to none. So come join us by going to <http://www.scca.com/event.aspx?hub=3&event=16532> to enter. We hope to see you there!!

We are vigorously working on the 2011 Tire Rack National Solo schedule and hope to have it announced before the end of October (at least areas and dates) so that folks can begin to make their plans. However, more importantly we want to get the schedule set as early as possible so Regions and Divisions can complete their scheduling. We were able to do announce the 2010 schedule earlier than usual and it was much appreciated by event organizers across the country. The 2011 National schedule is shaping up to be one of our strongest yet.

One thing to consider putting on your schedule is the 2011 SCCA National Convention, which is once again in Las Vegas on February 10th through the 12th. While there will be many sessions designed to meet the core objectives of the Convention (club business, education, information sharing, heritage celebration, social), the bonus value to members and event organizers are the informal interactions with your SCCA compatriots from around the country before/after the formal sessions. So look for more info on the SCCA web site soon and encourage your Region to send a Solo representative. By the way, some of the Solo sessions already planned include the topics of safety awareness, Formula Junior, site acquisition, customer service, and the always popular Town Hall meeting with the SEB and staff.

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate our 2010 Solo Triad Award winners. To win a “Triad” a competitor must win in the same class a Divisional Championship, a States Championship (selected National Tour events), and a National Championship (minimum class size apply at all levels). Triad winners receive a very special trophy, an embroidered fleece vest, and a free entry to the 2011 National Championship. Additionally, one name from the Triad winners will be drawn at the National Convention for a free SCCA Lifetime National Membership. Here are this year’s winners:

- o Jeff Cashmore (repeating), DM, Central Division
- o Clemens Burger (repeating), BM, Great Lakes Division
- o Matthew Braun, SS, Great Lakes Division
- o John Ma, DS, Central Division
- o Bartek Borowski, ES, Central Division
- o San Strano, FS, Northeast Division
- o Craig Wilcox, ESP, Midwest Division
- o Brian Peters, DSP, Southern Pacific Division
- o Dan Wasdahl, AM, Great Lakes Division

One bit of ProSolo news; while completing the 2011 schedule is our first priority, we have been giving thought to the 2011 PS Rules. Although I do not have all the details worked out, we will be dividing the R1 class into two classes due to the improved turnouts, especially from the Prepared Category cars.

As always, thanks for your support of the Tire Rack SCCA National Solo program and your local Regional/Divisional programs.

Upcoming events:

- 1/15 Year End Banquet at The Blarney Bullpen in downtown Toledo.

Club Meeting Minutes Summary: *Respectfully submitted by Elaine Christmas, Recording Secretary*
NWOR-SCCA October Board Meeting

Claddagh Irish Pub 10/5/2010

Called to order: 7:15 pm by Robert Christmas

Regional Executive: No report.

Asst Regional Executive: No report.

Treasurer: Current funds are adequate plus \$3000 from PayPal. We will be rolling over the CD.

Corresponding Secretary: No report.

Recording Secretary: No report.

Directors: Elections are going great. All offices are filled except Recording Secretary and Director-At-Large. The following are filled: RE-Bryan Rawlins, Asst RE- Kevin Lewis, Treasurer-Elaine Christmas, Corresponding Secretary- Lee Franz, Solo Chair-Dax Bushmeyer.

Solo: We are looking into replacing our radios for next season, the new pylons have arrived and we need to check the fire extinguisher. The traveling trophies need to be returned to Robert before the banquet. A motion was made by Robert to spend \$1500.00 to fix the truck. It was seconded by Mark and unanimously voted in. Next year NWOR will be hosting a National Tour and a Pro Solo.

Social: The banquet will be held January 15th at The Blarney Bullpen in downtown Toledo. Elaine made a motion to have the cost be \$20.00 per person with the club subsidizing the rest. Bryan seconded and the vote was unanimous. The menu will consist of baked or fried chicken, baked ham, beef and noodles, green beans, corn, red skin potatoes, garden rice, tossed garden salad and dinner rolls. We will provide our own dessert, possibly cake. There will be a cash bar.

Public Affairs: Gail Peery reported about the Octoberfest car show NWOR is helping with. There will be 11 judges of the cars, a silent raffle, a 50-50 raffle and door prizes every hour. Set up is at 8am, registration is at 9am with the show following from 10-a-2p. a special prize will be awarded to the largest entry from a single club.

Adjourned: 8:24 pm by Bryan Rawlins

NWOR-SCCA November Board Meeting

Claddagh Irish Pub 11/2/2010

Called to order: 7:15 pm by Bryan Rawlins

Regional Executive: No report.

Asst Regional Executive: No report.

Treasurer: Current funds are adequate minus what we owe John Souder. The CD will renew on November 6th with interest of \$25.23. Mark made a motion to establish a savings account also since it will still earn interest but we can get to the money if needed. It was seconded by Lee and unanimously voted in.

Corresponding Secretary: No report.

Recording Secretary: No report.

Directors: No report.

Solo: We are waiting to do our solo schedule until the National schedule comes out (hopefully by Thanksgiving). We will alternate the National Tour with Peru. There was talk about alternating the Pro with Oscoda. We need helmets, radios and a battery for the timer. A meeting will be set up for the end of November, beginning of December for trophies.

Social: No report.

Public Affairs: The car show was a success with 19 more cars this year than last year. Gail thanked judges Mark and Robert. NWOR tied with The Placers for the most cars from a single club and the prize went to them. The canned goods we have collected will be going to the Toledo/NOW Food Bank. Gail asked for a small donation to the Cherry St. Mission and we Robert motioned to spend \$109.46 to feed 72 people. It was seconded by Mark and passed unanimously.

Adjourned: 7:52 pm by Bryan Rawlins

NWOR 2010 Schedules:

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

➤ 12/7 ~~Claddagh Irish Pub in Franklin Park Mall (5001 Monroe St, Toledo, OH)~~ Canceled

Solo Events: Locations to be determined. Keep an eye on the NWOR web site for updates (<http://www.nworscca.com>).

➤ 1/15 Annual Banquet (The Blarney Bullpen, 601 Monroe St. -Rear, Toledo, OH 43604)

➤ Next years events will be scheduled after the National events have been scheduled for 2011.