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Sebastien Bourdais and Scott Dixon at the Indy 500

Photo by: Jerry Stem

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## WORSCCA News Matthew Manganaro

Well ladies and gentlemen, it's that time again. Normally you'd have an article here from our illustrious R.E. Jim Suhr but with how hectic the last few weeks have been I think we can forgive him for not getting one in.  
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As some of you may know, former Solo Chair Chad Glaser transferred to Afghanistan in June. We wish him well and remind him to keep his head down. On the home front this left us without any one to run the Solo program with some rapidly approaching commitments. After an exhaustive, and often frustrating, search Jim was able to convince Eric Schmidt to take on Solo starting with PE 4. This does mean that we are forced to cancel PE 3 on July 14<sup>th</sup>. This still left us with a problem as we had a commitment to GTOAA for a July 13<sup>th</sup> event that we could no longer meet.

Luckily Mike Wolf and MVSCC stepped up to cover the GTOAA event. They will be using their normal pricing, allowing WORSCCA members to pay \$30 for pre-registration or \$40 at the event.

Since we were forced to cancel PE3 we will allow the GTOAA event for yearly points tracking.

Registration information is available at:

<http://www.myautoevents.com/pls/mae/frmEventDetail.Show?pseventid=14226#.UddySI33hSw.email>

As a final note, WORSCCA is a volunteer organization and we only continue to exist so long as volunteers step up. This last month we came perilously close to having to cancel the Solo program for the year due to a lack of available volunteers.

If you enjoy racing don't forget the hard work it takes to make it happen. Come to a meeting. Talk to an event organizer and find out what you can do to help. Don't be afraid of a lack of experience. We all started out fresh once. There is a great support structure in place, but we can't do it alone.



## The Docktor is In Race Docktor

I look forward to the Memorial Day weekend. It is the unofficial kick off to the summer season. It's a good reason to hit the road to visit family and friends. And it offers a slate of classic races, namely Monaco and the Indy 500.

It has been a number of years since I made my way to the Brickyard to partake in the "month of May" activities. So I took off on the Friday before the race to attend Carb Day and stroll the hallowed grounds of the Brickyard.

That was the plan. Unfortunately, as I neared the Speedway it became clear to me why I had not gone back in some time. The traffic...sucked. As I waited to turn on to 16th, I watched the cross traffic not move. For ever.

This wouldn't have been so bad except for the flank of badged officers standing about, ineffectual in their "hands in pocket" routine. You'd think after 100 years that the local police and the track officials would have traffic movement down pat. Nope.

Focusing on the racing, there were some key race story lines entering the weekend. For Monaco, could Nico Rosberg win and make he and his father, Keke, the first father-son team to grab the checkers at this glorified fishing village? At Indy, two drivers, Dario and Helio, had the opportunity to join AJ, Al Sr, and Mears in the 4-time winners club.

At Monaco, Nico grabbed pole and so nearly insured that history would be made. As the race wound down, tire management once again became the story behind the story. There were a number of safety car periods that threatened to alter the outcome but Nico nailed each and every re-start to sprint to a well-deserved victory. Red Bull followed in the next two spots to complete the podium and continue their march on top of the championship.

Monaco means celebrity and there was plenty of that on the grid. As at the 2012 in Monaco, Ron Howard was front and center as his most recent movie project, "Rush" (about the 1976 F1 season long battle between Nikki Lauda and James Hunt), heads for the theaters this fall. I can't wait!

Even before release, I wondered if there would be a "Rush II" about the Senna-Prost years. Then I realized that movie had already been made. It's the documentary film called "Senna." !

Another story line from the Monaco might be "Kimi Speaks" as the former champ was visibly upset with the amateur antics of Sergio Perez. Young Mr. P tried to banzai the Finn at the chicane coming out of the famous tunnel. Kimi said "no thanks" and ultimately, both were removed from solid points positions. Apparently Perez comes from the school of "you won't win and if I have to sacrifice my own position to take you out I will."

With Monaco in hand, the Indy 500 was next on the viewing menu. The possibility of a new four-time winner seemed moot as neither of the two three-time winners seemed to have race-winning form. But Indy IS 500 miles and strange and unlikely finishes are part of its aura. Funny TV moment: Scott Goodyear reminding past winner Eddie (under-a) Cheever that the 500 is a RACE, not a fuel mileage exercise.

The race started after a month that evoked memories of old, as the 230 mph mark was nearly broken in the week leading up to pole day. The new qualifying format provides the promise of early and late drama, and this year did not disappoint. Eight of the top nine qualifiers were Penske or Andretti team cars.

The surprise came at the shootout, when Ed Carpenter flanked the majors and grabbed pole. Almost as surprising was that a rookie was in the middle of row 1! Bump day drama was limited to one car but at the end of qualifying 33 cars were set for the classic.

This year's 500 started as many have, recently-wreck, wreck, and wreck again. After a flurry of early cautions I doubted that a new race record could be set. The new DW cars make for lots of passing, as witnessed by the 68 passes for the lead--double the old record.

As the end of the race neared, the formula for passing was such that the leader became a sitting duck. On a late restart, perennial hard luck driver Tony Kanaan slipstreamed into the lead. His victory was sealed when old friend Dario Franchitti hit the wall, bringing out a race-ending yellow flag.

That TK was a popular victor was evident from the crowd cheering audibly through the TV--as emphatic as Al Jr's 1992 win, but with far fewer in the stands. Good luck charms and an appearance by Alex Zanardi only added to the good feelings. And to top things off, this was the fastest Indy 500 ever--by some two miles per hour--despite those early cautions.

Oh yes, there was a roundy-round later in the evening. However, the annual 600-mile enduro starts too late, ends too late, and doesn't have enough in between to make it a worth-while watch. Unless you like to see overhead cameras falling apart and taking out contenders. Blah blah blah later and the checkers came down for Happy Harvick, lame duck hard charger for Richard Childress.

In sum, the rest of the season will be hard pressed to live up to the excitement and drama provided over the holiday weekend. Sports car addicts and aficionados can look forward to the 24 hours of LeMans and after that, a long hot summer of club racing and lawn mowing!

The Docktor...



## RallyCross Report Chris Hastings

After the cancellation of WOR RallyCross event #1 due to weather related inaccessibility of the site, event #2 hosted by OVR served as the first points event for the 2013 WOR season. This event had the added bonus of being the SigmaTec Enduro Challenge and featured two laps of the course per run. Competitors got four runs on a 160 second course in the morning heat and four runs on a 120 second course in the afternoon heat. The courses were typical of those at National Trail Raceway; fast and flowing with a good mix of elements. Without the results I cannot go into detail regarding the final finishing positions, but I know that I had a lot of fun and I'm pretty sure everyone else did as well.

A link to the results will be posted on the rallycross webpage (<http://www.worscca.org/rallycross/>) as soon as they are available.

The next WOR points event will be August 10<sup>th</sup> at Roos Farm in Waynesville. A link to registration will be posted on the rallycross webpage. See you there!



Duane Simons shows that newer Subaru models are still capable machines on the RallyCross course

Photo by: Chris Hastings



Several WOR drivers wait in the grid for their first run of the morning

Photo by: Chris Hastings



The Wolf junkyard dog Impreza returned to action with fresh head gaskets but promptly shed the rear bumper  
Photo by: Chris Hastings



## Assistant R.E./Membership News Jerry Stem

The racing seasons are well underway, hopefully you're getting quality time behind the wheel of your favorite flavor of sport. (Although as I write this, my first rallycross is 3 days away, after heavy rain washed away our first event & I mistakenly listened to the weather guessers about another event in the OVR region).

Even without being behind the wheel, we've had plenty going on since the last issue. Dyno Days at Colletti Motorsports was a well-attended success. Our second Street Survival event was also a very successful event, thanks in no small part to the many volunteers that coordinated the planning and actual running of the day. Also we had an article appear in Sportscar Magazine recently for our region! I hope to keep that going as a regular thing.

All of this is being updated on our Facebook page as well. Take a look if you've missed out at <https://www.facebook.com/WORSCCA>. (If you have anything you want to add to the page, photos or anything else let me know.)

Membership-wise I see regular updates on renewals, always good to see that! I did get a "weekend member" report from our first SOLO (also very well attended!) & sent introductory emails to all those that listed an address. A few bounced of course, but at least one replied with photos from the event and a message that he and his sons intend to join! And again if you see a new face at your event, take a few seconds to say hi and see if there's anything you can help them with. A good day means they might just come back.

See you at the next meeting!

PS- Maybe I haven't been able to rallycross yet, but that doesn't mean I haven't enjoyed some car-time:



Best Scion at Import Faceoff national car show at Kil-Kare Raceway

Photo from the collection of Jerry Stem



## My Winning Jersey Jerry Stem

Once again I got to go to the Indy 500 for free through Kelly's work. Free hotel two nights, bus ride to the event with police escort, meals, etc. This year I decided with all the freebies I would splurge on a racing jersey. I couldn't decide which one, and finally just grabbed one that "looked" like a real jersey because it was covered in sponsor logos.

The race was almost over, I had taken many photos, and Kelly asked me which jersey I bought. I couldn't even remember, I said "I think it's blue". We looked at our spotters guide and found a blue car. I decided to double-check and pulled it out of my bag, and saw it was green and yellow. "Oh yeah, I must have changed my mind at the last minute."

Kelly says "uh, you do realize that person is in the lead with only ~5 laps to go?" Turns out I bought Kanaan's jersey! He went on to win the race shortly after, under a caution on the last lap caused by a crash on the restart of another yellow where he made his move to 1<sup>st</sup> place. (I debated what it would go for on eBay...)

Indy 500 winner Tony Kanaan tearing around the track. Photo by: Jerry Stem





## Street Survival Matthew Manganaro



2013 Street Survival

Photo by: Jerry Stem

On June 9<sup>th</sup> 2013 WORSCCA hosted its second Street Survival at the Wright State University's Nutter Center. And it was a resounding success. We had enough interest that we ended up closing registration early, and we had one student drive in from as far away as Lexington Kentucky.

The student's cars ran the gamut, from a Porsche and a BMW to a honkin' great pickup truck. This worked great as it let us illustrate our point that car control isn't about having a supercar; it's about understanding the car YOU drive.

Once more our success couldn't have happened without our great volunteers and sponsors. Thanks again for helping to make the streets safer for our teen drivers.



Mike Wright shows a student how fun driving can be.  
Photo by: Jerry Stem



Jeremy Suel teaches a student how her SUV behaves under braking.

Photo by: Jerry Stem

Steve Demeter shows one young lady how to be sure her vehicle is in good condition before setting off.



Photo by: Jerry Stem



Steve Demeter takes a student and him BMW around our skid pad.

Photo by: Jerry Stem



## Competition Report Mike Wright

Great Lakes Division kicked off the racing season with Western Michigan Region putting on a double national at Michigan International Speedway on May 25. One week later, Ohio Valley Region put on the double national Super Tour event at Mid-Ohio, which garnered four pages of coverage in the August issue of Sports Car Magazine (available online now!) Rounding out the season was the innovative IT/Miata challenge support race put on by OVR as part of the Grand Am weekend at Mid-Ohio on June 15.

Western Ohio Region racers who have garnered National Points this year include Frank Levinson in STU, Kyle Webb in STL and SM, Jim Suhr in SM, Mike Helm, Fred Albright and Jason Albright in EP, Steve Demeter in FC, and Glenn Jividen Jr. in S2.

In the Regional Point standings there has been only the IT/Miata challenge race and it looks like most WOR racers did not participate. However, Kyle Webb and Bob Jennings did get some points and represented WOR at the event.

For everyone who wants to get on Mid-Ohio but doesn't have a race car, don't forget the Performance Driving Experience (PDX) opportunities coming up on Aug 9 with the Cincinnati Region, or Aug 30 with OVR. Lots of fun in your street car lapping as fast as you want, but with the added safety of an experienced racer sitting next to you.

Here is a reminder to all those contemplating going to the Runoffs. This year marks the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the SCCA Runoffs. Attendance will probably be up, so get your hotel reservations extra early. This is also the last year at Road America. Next years' Runoffs will likely be held much farther away from Ohio, so if you are thinking about driving to watch the Runoffs, this year is going to be your best bet.

Finally, for anyone who may be interested in getting into Club Racing in the least expensive way possible, I am selling my ITS Ford Probe, my 1995 F250 diesel, and my trailer. I'll throw in the full driver suit and helmet too. It has been fun, but college costs are looming. If interested, please email me at [mws151@yahoo.com](mailto:mw151@yahoo.com).



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# What is the SCCA?

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The Sports Car Club of America is the world's largest automotive motorsports organization and has set the target for motorsports competition and motorsports event management in North America for over 60 years. The SCCA has remained the benchmark and is recognized as the gold standard in the industry.

The SCCA hosts a myriad of motorsports activities to satisfy any interest you may have as a sports car competition enthusiast.

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**The SCCA RoadRally® program is what got SCCA started over 60 years ago.** This is the easiest form of competition to enter as it only requires a registered and insured street car of any kind. Normal highway speeds and precise course following are the challenges in this most basic form of motorsport.

**If you find that competing is not your style,** but being close to the competition, the drivers, the cars and the crews and being part of the American motorsport scene is your form of adrenaline, then the SCCA has written the book on motorsport official's training, licensing and event management. Anyone can volunteer as an official at SCCA events – the wealth of motorsport experience possessed by SCCA members will be imparted to you simply by your enthusiasm and desire to learn.

## **YOU CAN GET IN ON SCCA ACTION LOCALLY AND RIGHT NOW!**

There are over 110 local regions of the SCCA – from Guam to Hawaii and up to Alaska...down to Florida and up to Maine – which means there is a pocket of SCCA activity near you. You'll be involved in events close to home or you can make a weekend of it with other motorsports enthusiasts like you. SCCA is like no other motorsports organization. Why? Because you're involved – you can compete, organize, and participate at any SCCA event at any level you choose.

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### 6/11/13 Board Meeting Minutes

**RE Report:** Called meeting to order at 7:33pm. Discussed new info with Steve Harris: Majors program has increased attendance by 19%. Working on better care for volunteers. New membership packets have improved. Rallycross is up 17%. SCCA Rallycross is sanctioning Global RallyX events including the X Games. The club is on very good financial ground and looking for new acquisitions. Possible Chumpcar/LeMons type event coming soon.

**Treasurer Report:** \$8000 in the bank. \$2000 outstanding. Laptop purchase pending. Need receipts (NOT on napkins!). Did not settle with bluegrass.

**Rev Record Report:** Deadline for articles is June 30th. Reduced shipping by 50%.

**Race Chair:** Results from National event at Mid-Ohio. John Peterson passed away. There will be a memorial service at the ITSpectacular.

**Street Survival:** Great event at Nutter Center. 24 students registered and 20 showed up. Caroline did a great job with the lecture. Good reviews on social media. Jamie had great complements about our operation. 90% of attendants heard about it through their schools. Next event is October 6<sup>th</sup>, Possibly at DP&L lot. Need to setup worker registration. Special thanks to sponsorship.

**Solo Chair:** First 2 Solo events canceled. We are without a solo chair. We need a new solo chair! Next event July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Rally Chair:** Event canceled, but on track for the next event. Next RallyX @ OVR

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Bought Tablet. Looking at timing software for laptop. Motion to buy software: Passed unanimously

Motion to adjourn.

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## Information for Area 4 Members – June, 2013

Dear Area 4 Members,

We just completed the June Board of Directors (BOD) meeting in Topeka. Here are some items of interest:

### **Solo Stock Category Proposed Rules Changes**

Whenever change is proposed, we can expect to receive letters expressing the viewpoints of our members. When you take a rule set that has been largely untouched for 40 years and propose changing it, well, let's just say our members are passionate about the sport. Entries in the Stock Category have been dropping since 2007. To revitalize this, the Solo Events Board (SEB) originally proposed 36 changes to improve competition. From the BOD perspective, we must ensure our rules making processes are being followed. Our processes are designed to support the will of our members. If you are active in the Stock Category and have an opinion about the proposed rule changes, let the SEB hear from you. The BOD has not approved any changes yet, so you have time to let your thoughts be known.

### **Rally Cross Board (RXB)**

Ken Cashion has done a terrific job as Chairman of the RXB. Unfortunately, he tendered his resignation recently due to real life (non-SCCA) issues. After considerable vetting of all options, the BOD voted to appoint current RXB member Warren Elliott as Chairman of the RXB and named current RXB member Stephen Hyatt as Vice Chairman. We have also appointed Keith Lightfoot (Colorado Region) as a new member of the RXB replacing Ken.

### **Club Racing News – The Runoffs**

The BOD was briefed on potential venues for the Runoffs. After considerable discussion, the sites were approved and the Club Racing Department will go forward and complete all the contractual details. We will then be able to announce the upcoming locations. This should happen fairly quick, so watch the SCCA website for this important announcement.

### **Club Racing News – The Majors**

Our first two Majors events, MIS and Mid-Ohio, are in the bag. We have learned a great deal about schedules and the ability to adapt, improvise and overcome. The lack of curbs at MIS caused delays for cleanup between every session, while the huge accident Saturday at Mid-Ohio caused a 6 hour "lunch" while track repairs were made. The curbs will be added before our 2014 race, while the participants in Saturday's scary incident have promised never to repeat their performance <g>. Thank you to all who participated in these events. Car counts were decent for both and the weather was exceptional. Now, if we can pull off the trifecta with our July 13-14 race at GingerMan, we will be pleased.

On a related note, as the Majors are supposed to be our premium racing experience, the BOD discussed ideas to make the Volunteer experience better. There are a number of initiatives in the works which we will soon announce.

### **Other Stuff**

As always, there are many topics that are discussed and reviewed by the BOD. Most of the action items will need to wait until they are officially announced by the SCCA staff or in FasTrack. Items in progress include:

- Contract for *Sportscar* magazine
- Exciting news about our National Convention.
- Strategic Plan (STRAP) update and review

### **Region Development – Website Hosting**

The BOD was briefed on the Region website template. We had a chance to see how this product goes together. The content is looking good. We are pressing the Topeka staff to prioritize this as get it into the hands of our Regions and Divisions as soon as possible. The good news is that the product is relatively easy for a novice to become the Region webmaster with a minimum of training. Look for this soon.

### **Region Development – New Member’s Package**

One of the areas we are working on with “branding” is the introduction a new member receives when joining the club. Currently, he/she receives a bunch of different materials, none of which go together or even look like they were developed in the same decade! That will change. Our Marketing consultants, Trozzolo Communications Group, introduced a slick new member package that we will adopt for the future. It contains the membership card along with coordinated materials to introduce all aspects of SCCA activities. You would be proud to have a new member receive this. Again, we are moving quickly to make these packages available ASAP.

### **Great Lakes Division, Inc.**

GLD, Inc. is looking for officers for the 2014 season. Please contact Steve Kammeyer if you are an RE and would like to serve your Division. GLD, Inc. has been having conference calls to take care of business. The next call will be June 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM. If you are the RE of your Region, you should be on this call.

### **Bluegrass Motorsports Park**

Still talking – nothing to report.

### **John “JP” Peterson**

I have saved this one for last. Most of you know that JP passed away Saturday night, Memorial Day weekend, during our Majors event at MIS. John was a dear friend to many of us, a leader of our Division, and a guy who would do anything to help the club without ever craving the credit or spotlight he deserved. He will be missed. We are planning a memorial service in JP’s honor at the Cincy Region’s IT ‘Spectacular event at Mid-Ohio August 10<sup>th</sup>. Executive Steward Dan Hodge, Deputy Executive Steward Andy Welden, Cincy’s Todd Cholmondeley, OVR’s Jude Summers and I are planning this tribute. You are invited to take part; details will follow in July.

As always, let me know if there is anything you need.

Yours for a better SCCA,

*Steve*



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