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Membership Secretary Needed

If you or anyone you know is interested in this position, please contact someone on the Board or drop us an e-mail.



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The Starting Line

REport by Pete Sedlak

Happy rainy and humid July to you all!

Sorry this month's *Blower* is late, but I wanted to include the Firecracker results from this past weekend, as well as the results from our first Solo event.

The Firecracker this last weekend was low in car count, but not in fun and enthusiasm! The drivers I talked to had nothing bad to say about the race itself; just about the format, doing a one day regional and then the Restricted National.

We also found out that we ran out of luck with the 4th of July weekend, so in the future, look for the July race to be on a different weekend.

Our Solo event last month was a HUGE success! We had 59 entries and 33 of those weren't SCCA members. Hopefully, we can get some new people for the region.

On to other business, with the end of his term in December, our membership Secretary, Bob Doernberg, will be stepping down. Bob's duties at work have him spending more and more time in China, thus he feels it's time to bid farewell to us. If you or someone you know might be interested in the position, please show up at one of our meetings and get to know Bob and find out what the job is about.

It may seem early, but remember that the Board of Directors election is in November. We will be filling 3 Trustee spots, Asst. R.E., Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and as mentioned earlier, Membership Secretary. Sorry to say, you have to put up with me for another year.

As always your humble servant,
Pete Sedlak

Street Survival

We were unable to get pavement at Lakeland Community College, so we are currently looking for a location to hold a Street Survival event.

If you have an idea or a location to hold this event, please contact Pete Sedlak for more information about site requirements. Pete can be reached by e-mail speedchaser43@yahoo.com or phone 216-289-0840.

Please remember to update your e-mail address with SCCA National office.

This will ensure that all communications regarding Neohio events are forwarded correctly.



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Monthly Meetings

Neohio Board meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. Any exceptions will be published in *The Blower*.

Meetings are held at 7:00 PM in the private room at Captains Club, 34820 Vine St., Eastlake, OH. Members and guests are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Membership meeting dates and times are published in *The Blower*.

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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. 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 17th 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.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY / AUGUST 2013

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
July 8	July 9 7 P Trustee Mtg /Comp Board Mtg, Captain's Club, Eastlake	July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14
July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21
July 22	July 23	July 24	July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28
July 29	July 30	July 31	August 1	August 2	August 3	August 4 Rally Cross at Nelson Ledges
August 5	August 6 7 P Trustee Mtg /Comp Board Mtg, Captain's Club, Eastlake	August 7	August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11
August 12	August 13	August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18
August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24	August 25

Obituary

Charles H. Dietrich
Sep 17, 1924 - Jul 7, 2013
Sandusky

Charles H. "Chuck" Dietrich, 88, of Sandusky, died Sunday evening, July 7, 2013, in Providence Care Center, Sandusky, following a lengthy illness.

He was born Sept. 17, 1924, in Sandusky and was a 1942 graduate of Sandusky High School. Chuck was a U.S. Navy veteran of WW II. He was owner and operator of Dietrich Motor Sales in Sandusky prior to his retirement.

Charlie was a race car enthusiast, having owned many race cars and driving them for many years. He was a member of Sports Car Club of America, where he held the honorary No. 1 license. He was also a member of Road Racers Drivers Club.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, the former Jane Kishler; one daughter, Holly (John) Liles, of Huron; one granddaughter, Sarah Bickley, of New York; and one brother-in-law, Jim (Mary) Kishler of Newark, Ohio.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles H. and Elizabeth (Wagner) Dietrich Sr.

At the request of the deceased, cremation has taken place. Memorial services will be announced at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Hospital for Children, 3229 Burnet Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45229-3095 or to the donor's favorite charity.

Pfeil Funeral Home, Sandusky Chapel, 617 Columbus Ave., Sandusky, is assisting the family with the arrangements. Condolences may be shared at pfeilfuneralhome.com.

Specialty Chief News

Solo

By Chairman Bill Snow

The June 9th Solo event was a success. We had 59 entries, 33 of which were non-SCCA members.

The day went fairly well with the only real glitch being that we had so many "day of" registrations that it took some time to get them entered into the system. We ran test and tune runs in the morning and then participants ran four runs in the afternoon for a total of seven runs. Not bad at all.

We were very lucky to have Raleigh and Velma Boreen, Regional Solo Development Chairs, join us for the weekend. On Saturday, Raleigh lead a Solo Safety Stewart training session. On Sunday, Velma showed us some great ideas on how to manage the trailer operations and Raleigh did the announcing. Both Boreens also ran their Miata. We are very grateful for their help.

We received many compliments regarding the event, including a few that said you'd never know that Neohio hasn't run an event in over three years. Compliments like these are the result of the hard work of the all of those who helped – Jeff, Tim, Fred, Scott, Betsy, Marie, Bill C., Bob, and Pete. We also learned quite a bit about what worked well and came up with some ideas to make our next event even better.

Our next event is August 11th at Lakeland Community College. Registration is open - <http://bit.ly/16BSDPv>.

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(Results on pages 8 and 9.)

Time Trial

By Chairman Denny Freeman

Our first Time Trial event has been confirmed for Saturday, August 17th at Nelson Ledges. This event will run with the normal fun day at Nelson Ledges.

If you really want to know how fast you are, come on out and play with us to find out.

For information, contact Denny at (440) 689-0991.

Photos of Submarine Races at Mid-Ohio

Courtesy of Jude Summers.



Information for Area 4 Members - July 2013

Dear Area 4 Members,

Here is more news to help you stay informed and make our Club better.

Runoffs® Coming Back to Mid-Ohio

Today, we announced the plan for the Runoffs for the next three years. In 2014, we will be at Laguna Seca. In 2015 it will be at Daytona, and for 2016, we will be back at Mid-Ohio! You remember what having the Runoffs meant to our entries during past years. Get ready, it will happen again. Moving the Runoffs each year is a challenge for the National Staff, but they are up to it. A portable model ensures more participation and access by all of our club members, and helps establish true National Champions – not just rewarding those with local track knowledge.

Updated GCR for 2014

To keep up with all the changes to National racing, Regional Racing, Divisional Championships and the “Majors”, a heavily revised GCR has been in the works. The Draft will be making the rounds beginning this week. The BOD will likely approve the fully vetted new GCR by our October meeting and we will have this ready for the 2014 season.

Bluegrass Motorsports Park

It is time to take the wraps off this one. We have been working in the background for many months trying to determine our best course of action regarding BMP. On June 20, 2013, there was supposed to be a Sheriff's sale of the property on the Gallatin County Courthouse steps. We communicated with many of the lawyers and principals involved with this sale, including Brad Poppell, the original owner, trying to see what the best fit would be for the SCCA. However, at the 11th hour, the sale was cancelled. We assume a deal

was struck between the current owners and the bank. But that is not the important part of the story.

While doing our due diligence, we uncovered two Covenant Restriction documents (we have copies of both) that make this property unusable for our kind of racing. There is a 55 dB sound limit at the property line with an allowance to 65 dB for short periods (the traffic from nearby I-71 registers over 70 dB). Also, there is an occupancy limit of 500 people on the grounds at any time; and there is a restriction of 20 cars on track at one time - great for track days and clubs; difficult for our type of racing. A quick call to the attorney representing the adjoining land owners confirmed that the locals would not renegotiate these

terms. That pretty much ends the discussion. The SCCA wants to race there, but our hopes are definitely looking dimmer right now.

John “JP” Peterson

Reminder - there will be a memorial service in JP's honor at the Cincy Region's IT 'Spectacular event at Mid-Ohio August 10th. We hope you will come out and join us.

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

Yours for a better SCCA,

Steve Harris

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Area 4-June (continued from page 3)

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 10th. 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,

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Membership Secretary Needed

Please consider running for Membership Secretary in November.

If you or anyone you know is interested in this position, please contact someone on the Board or drop us an e-mail.

Membership Address, Phone, E-mail Changes?

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Neohio Region, SCCA
Meeting Minutes | June 4, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pete Sedlak, Tara Oram, Jim Pracker, Pat Prill, Duane Harrington, Peggy Dietz, Dorothy Harrington, Dan Koplow, Bob Doernberg
EXCUSED MEMBERS: Denny Freeman, Jim Leagan, Roland Hahn, Stephanie Hahn
GUESTS: Welcome to all.

Pete Sedlak called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

MOTION to accept the Minutes as presented: *Jim Pracker/Dan Koplow – Approved.*

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- All issues with tax filing have been resolved. Looking into some missing membership monies from National office. They all of a sudden have a different routing and account number. Will advise Pete of status.
- **MOTION** to accept treasurer's report as presented. *Dorothy Harrington/Pat Prill – Approved.*

REPORTS & COMMITTEE REVIEWS:

COMPETITION COMMITTEE:

- All sanctions and insurance are in for CRX portion of event in July. Have spread the word out in multiple forums as well.
- **MOTION:** To refund \$50 to Denny and Debbie Mathias for the double entry discount, as a good will gesture from the region. *Du. Harrington/Peggy Dietz – Approved.*

MEMBERSHIP: Currently at 483 members. 9 new and 14 expired.

- Bob would like to note that he would like someone to take over the role of membership chairperson next year, if not sooner. His work and travel is not allowing him to fulfill duties as he sees fit. Please put the word out for this.

RALLY: No report.

SOLO: This coming Sunday is first event. Told people it would be a train and testing type for all to get the rust out.

- They have purchased the updated software and licensing.
- National people will be coming in and will help with event and future planning.
- Dorothy will get with Marie and Bill to get registration information and forms to them. Planning on attending to be able to assist with registration.

RALLYCROSS :

- Right now, no race for the 15th of month. Currently setting up the course, but we do not have a formal agreement yet with the track. Pete will continue to work on getting that handled as well as a more certain date of event.

TIME TRIALS:

- Flyers made and ready to be handed out at Porsche club event next weekend at NLRC. Hopefully will get Kerrie to put information and date on their website as well.
- Current "gentlemen's agreement" with NLRC (same for RallyCross) – need to get something in writing. Currently would be a 50/50 split again, after our expenses.

OLD BUSINESS:

- STREET SURVIVAL SERIES: Possible date in October? Work with surrounding regions for advertising and working together to build this event up. Need to get instructors (on course and classroom) lined up. Would like some people to attend a local event, if possible, to see how/what/where things required. National has good book of information to start.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Need to have Kerrie at NLRC put our Quad Regional Date on their site as well. Start promoting.
- Dorothy spoke about the 2013 Neohio Driver's Championship. Rules same and deadline is November 15th. If we want to change any of the participation information, we need, as a board, to make that happen in Nov. or Dec. of this year.
- Dorothy updated us on the Hall of Fame. She has a committee of five (5) people, of who are "older" members. Will ask for nominations around January, for committee review and presentation will occur at the banquet. Reminder that a name submitted must be supported with a paragraph describing the person's contributions, awards, recognitions, etc. Not just a name.
- **MOTION** to move next month's meeting to July 9th – *Du. Harrington/Koplow – Approved.* Meeting location may need to be adjusted but Pete will advise all when he finds out.
- **MOTION** to adjourn at 7:53 p.m. – *Vandersluis/Koplow – Approved.*

Respectfully submitted: Tara Oram
June, 2013 – **Approved | Final**

Solo Results - June 9, 2013

NE Ohio SCCA						
Summary Results						
#1 - 20130609-solo1 - Sun 06-09-2013						
Timed Entries: 58						
SS AS BS CS DS ES FS GS HS SSP BSP CSP ESP						
FP AM FM STF STS STR STX STU SM SMF RTR						
Pos.	#	Driver	Car Model	Total	Diff.	From 1st
SS - 'Super Stock' Total Entries: 2						
1T	44	Dave Levey	2008 Chevrolet corvette zo6	31.687	[-]0.944	-
2	12	William Stewart	2012 Porsche Cayman R	32.631	0.944	0.944
AS - 'A Stock' Total Entries: 1						
1T	54	Earle Rogoff	2006 Porsche Cayman S	32.468	-	-
BS - 'B Stock' Total Entries: 3						
1T	111	Bruce Wesley	Honda S2000	31.957	[-]0.692	-
2 m	10	Matt Curry	2004 Honda S2000	32.649	0.692	0.692
3	42	Brian Blake	2010 Subaru WRX STI	34.12	1.471	2.163
CS - 'C Stock' Total Entries: 2						
1Tm	37	Kenneth Walker	2012 Nissan 370Z	33.252	[-]6.447	-
2	97	Robert Maurer	1997 Porsche Boxster	39.699	6.447	6.447
DS - 'D Stock' Total Entries: 3						
1Tm	66	Betsy McIntyre	2002 Mini CooperS	34.643	[-]0.288	-
2	0	Jeff Golden	2013 Subaru WRX	34.931	0.288	0.288
3	3	Armand Steigert	2010 Hyundai Genesis Coupe	39.117	4.186	4.474
ES - 'E Stock' Total Entries: 2						
1T	53	Brian Wetrich	1996 Mazda Miata MX-5	34.605	[-]0.724	-
2	153	Zach Ralston	1996 Mazda Miata MX-5	35.329	0.724	0.724
FS - 'F Stock' Total Entries: 5						
1T	174	Ro Janssen	2013 Ford Mustang	32.735	[-]0.373	-
2T	74	Steve Janssen	2013 Ford Mustang	33.108	0.373	0.373
3	12	Joe Murphy	2010 Chevrolet Camaro SS	34.74	1.632	2.005
4	1	Joanne Cotton	2003 Ford Mustang/Cobra	39.654	4.914	6.919
5	101	Rahul Pavanan	Ford Mustang/Cobra	44.441	4.787	11.706
GS - 'G Stock' Total Entries: 3						
1T	3	William Schubert	2002 Nissan Sentra	31.59	[-]1.628	-
2 m	5	Jeff Vickers	2001 Pontiac Grand Am	33.218	1.628	1.628
3	51	Drew Bickel	2012 Honda Civic Si	33.709	0.491	2.119
HS - 'H Stock' Total Entries: 2						
1T	52	Kevin Hines	2013 Ford Focus	36.684	[-]0.587	-
2	27	Rob Giffen	2010 Dodge Dart	37.271	0.587	0.587
SSP - 'S Street Prepared' Total Entries: 1						
1T	77	Michael Ripich	2008 Lotus S240 Exige	37.248	-	-
BSP - 'B Street Prepared' Total Entries: 1						
1T	48	Frederick Sigarto	1972 Datsun 240z	34.371	-	-
CSP - 'C Street Prepared' Total Entries: 2						
1Tm	87	Raleigh Boreen	1996 Mazda Miata	30.256	[-]2.046	-
2 m	187	Velma Boreen	1996 Mazda Miata	32.302	2.046	2.046
ESP - 'E Street Prepared' Total Entries: 1						
1T	417	Matt DeLacy	1998 Chevrolet Camaro	35.102	-	-
FP - 'F Prepared' Total Entries: 3						
1Tm	79	marc porschke	1979 Mazda RX-7	31.665	[-]0.369	-
2	138	Pablo Chois	2003 Mazda Speed Protege	32.034	0.369	0.369

Solo Results - June 9, 2013

(Continued)

3	51	chris needham	1988 Mazda RX7	34.351	2.317	2.686
AM - 'A Modified' Total Entries: 5						
1T	2	Marlin Bailor	Jedi Mk4	28.282	[-]0.879	-
2T	1	Sean Lazor	Jedi Mk4	29.161	0.879	0.879
3	12	Mark Lazor	Jedi Mk4	29.659	0.498	1.377
4	2882	Brian Nutter	2002 Chevrolet Corvette	32.538	2.879	4.256
5	47	Steve Pendleton	1947 Hudson	45.138	12.6	16.856
FM - 'F Modified' Total Entries: 2						
1Tm	196	Scott Hearne	1995 KBS Mk7	30.132	[-]2.209	-
2 m	96	Jeff Blumenthal	1995 KBS Mk7	32.341	2.209	2.209
STF - 'Street Touring FWD' Total Entries: 4						
1T	11	Ben Rausch	2011 Mazda Mazda 2	34.74	[-]0.197	-
2Tm	87	Nicholas Schneide	2008 Mazda Mazda3	34.937	0.197	0.197
3	35	Michael Wyban	2005 Ford Focus	35.165	0.228	0.425
4	987	Keith Schneider	2008 Mazda Mazda3	35.86	0.695	1.12
STS - 'Street Touring S' Total Entries: 2						
1T	11	Jon Rausch	1985 Toyota MR2 N/A	33.05	[-]2.447	-
2	111	israel vosburg	1985 Toyota MR2	35.497	2.447	2.447
STR - 'Street Touring R' Total Entries: 2						
1T	11	Matt Step	2000 Honda S2000	31.512	[-]1.757	-
2	95	Tom Martin	2006 Honda S2000	33.269	1.757	1.757
STX - 'Street Touring X' Total Entries: 2						
1Tm	41	William Crowe	2002 Mini Cooper S	33.372	[-]1.243	-
2 m	51	Bob Poling	2002 Subaru Impreza WRX	34.615	1.243	1.243
STU - 'Street Touring U' Total Entries: 2						
1Tm	10	Will Dodd	2013 Subaru Impreza WRX ST	31.6	[-]1.144	-
2	33	Steve Kozel Jr.	2012 Subaru WRX STi	32.744	1.144	1.144
SM - 'Street Modified' Total Entries: 3						
1T	19	David Howell	1966 Dodge Charger	33.067	[-]0.575	-
2	21	Jeff Britton	2007 Subaru STi	33.642	0.575	0.575
3	37	Evan Lewis	2006 Mazda Mazdaspeed 6	34.634	0.992	1.567
SMF - 'Street Modified F' Total Entries: 2						
1Tm	35	Nick Simon	2006 Volkswagen GTI	31.655	[-]3.602	-
2	21	Forde Ripier	2010 Volkswagen GTI	35.257	3.602	3.602
RTR - 'Road Tire RWD' Total Entries: 3						
1T	4	Tom Hall	2007 Pontiac Solstice	31.939	[-]1.113	-
2 m	43	Dave Martin	2003 Chevrolet Corvette C5 Z0	33.052	1.113	1.113
3	56	John Neumann	2004 Chevrolet Corvette Z06	35.072	2.02	3.133
Top Times Of Day						
	Class	Driver				
Raw time	AM	Marlin Bailor				
Pax	GS	William Schubert				
Stock	GS	William Schubert				
Street Prepared	CSP	Raleigh Boreen				
Prepared	FP	marc porschke				
Modified	AM	Marlin Bailor				
Touring	STR	Matt Step				
Street Modified	SMF	Nick Simon				
Road Tire	RTR	Tom Hall				

50th SCCA National Championship Runoffs

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The iconic SCCA National Championship Runoffs celebrates its 50th running in 2013. Celebrated throughout the racing world as one of the truly unique events, the Runoffs crown the Champions of amateur road racing in the United States. The week-long event (Sept. 16-22) features practice, qualifying and three days of racing, Friday through Sunday.

Saturday

Class	Place	Name
E Prod	11 th	Gary Martz
GTL	1 st	Joel Hipp
GT1	2 nd	Al Guardino
F Prod	5 th	Ken Alderson
FV	8 th	Guy Bellingham
H Prod	4 th	Mike Setili
T2	1 st	Tom Sloe New track record
T4	1 st	Greg Vandersluis
Spec Miata	20 th	Bob McDonald

Sunday

Class	Place	Name
E Prod	3 rd	Gary Martz
GTL	1 st	Joel Hipp
GT1	2 nd	Al Guardino
F Prod	7 th	Ken Alderson
H Prod	5 th	Mike Setili
T2	1 st	Tom Sloe New track record
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AJ

Daytona. July 4th. Firecracker 400. 49 years ago AJ Foyt won his first NASCAR race, an All American original on an All American day. To people of a certain age, those of us with naturally gray or naturally bald heads, AJ will always mean Foyt. Whether in a dirt car at DuQuion, a stock car at Riverside, or an Indy Car at, well, Indy, Foyt was a winner. The first 4 time winner of the Indy 500 and record 7 time IndyCar Champion was versatile and as tough as he was fast. AJ raced for over 40 years despite many serious injuries.

AJ was awesome in sports cars, too. He won in Nassau, Daytona,

and Sebring. In 1967, he wore the Champagne in the winners circle at 24 Hours of LeMans with co-driver Dan Gurney racing a Ford GT Mark IV, another All American victory. AJ continues to be involved in IndyCar with AJ Foyt Racing and his current driver Takuma Sato recently won at Long Beach.

But for newer race fans, a driver named after Foyt, AJ Allmendinger is AJ or the Dinger. A versatile driver like the original, Allmendinger burst on the ChampCar scene in 2004 and collected 5 wins before moving to NASCAR. AJ managed limited success, but Roger Penske saw the potential and hired him in 2012. It started well with a win at the Rolex

24, but fell apart when he failed a random drug test and was released by Penske. After completing the Road to Recovery program, AJ returned to NASCAR in a smaller team.

Then, the totally unexpected happened. Roger Penske offered AJ a second chance. Back to IndyCar, AJ lead the 500 before a pit stop for a loose seat belt dropped him to 7th. Then, at the Road America Nationwide race, AJ rewarded Penske with a win.

Our God is a God of second chances. Will you take His offer?

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The Last Shall Be First

This year's IndyCar Series has sure been a surprise. It is very, very doubtful that anyone would have predicted it would be the seventh race in the series before a Penske or Ganassi car would grace victory lane. What a weekend Detroit was! Dale Coyne Racing placed 1st and 3rd in race one with Mike Conway in his first drive with the team taking the W. In fact, he had never met the crew or sat in the car until the Thursday before the race. Teammate Justin Wilson clinched the podium spot.

Car owner Dale Coyne started as a driver/owner in the Championship Auto Racing Teams Series (CART) in 1984. Leaving the driving to us (we can only dream) in 1990, I mean to young rising talent, Dale continued

to search for that elusive first win until July 2009 when Wilson scored at Watkins Glen for the onetime backmarker.

Detroit 2 also was a shock. Starting 6th, Simon Pagenaud benefited from multiple cautions to claim victory one for Schmidt-Hamilton Motorsports. Both owners are survivors of devastating IndyCar crashes. Davey Hamilton made a miracle return to the IndyCar Series in 2007 after experiencing traumatic foot injuries in 2001.

Sam Schmidt was a successful SCCA career, who chased his dream to IndyCar in 1997 where a pole and win followed in 1999. A terrific impact against the turn two wall at Orlando left Sam in extremely critical condition and ultimately a

quadriplegic. Sam's strong faith in Jesus Christ and the support of his family and friends helped he him to make it through. Fourteen months later he founded Sam Schmidt Motorsports. Later, he founded the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation to assist others. I had the chance to spend a little time with Sam and his wife Sheila at a Christian Motorsports Conference a number of years ago and it is wonderful to see a man who has been through so much be successful at the top level. Sam certainly lives the book of James Chapter 1, verses 2-3. "Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance."

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