

# MILWAUKEE REGION

# Drift



# Happy Holidays



## Annual Competition Meeting and January Board Meeting

Saturday, January 24, 2004  
8:30am

**Hilton Milwaukee River**

4600 N. Port Washington Road  
Just off I-43 at the Hampton Avenue Exit  
Directions from I-43

From the south – Take the Hampton Avenue exit off I-43.

From the north – There is no Hampton Avenue exit off I-43. The bridge just north of the Hilton is being reconstructed, so you will have to go past Hampton and exit on Capitol Drive. Exit Capitol Drive east and either follow the signs back to northbound I-43 or go a bit further east to Port Washington Road and turn left. (Note: Access to Port Washington Road is from the right lane of Capitol Drive)

All Region Specialty Administrators and Racechairs, or their designee(s), are expected to attend this meeting. All Region Specialty Administrators should be prepared to submit a list of their specialty chiefs for each of this year's events.

Any problems or questions, please contact Mark Knippel (414) 483-4144.

The restaurant at the hotel will be open for breakfast.

The January Board Meeting will follow the Competition meeting at approximately 12 noon.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To **Mike Engelke** who was elected to the SCCA Board of Directors to represent Area 5.

To **Mike Piotrowski** who was this year's recipient of the Wuestoff Award.



# 2004 CenDiv Road Racing Schedule

| DATE                | DRIVER'S SCHOOLS  | REGIONALS              | NATIONALS      | SCCA PRO EVENTS or OTHER EVENTS |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| March 6-7           | Spring Training   |                        |                |                                 |
| April 10-11         |                   |                        |                |                                 |
| April 17-18         | DET@WAT           |                        |                |                                 |
| <b>April 24-25</b>  | <b>QUAD @ BHF</b> | <b>QUAD @BHF(C)</b>    | INR@GM         | SAFETY DAY@NL                   |
| May 1-2             |                   |                        | BVR@BHF        | VSCDA@GM                        |
| May 8-9             | NEO@NL            | INDY @IRP (D)(C)       |                |                                 |
| May 15-16           |                   | FTW/DET@GRA            |                | SVRA@RA                         |
| <b>May 22-23</b>    |                   |                        | <b>Mil@BHF</b> |                                 |
| May 29-30           |                   | WMR@GRA (D)(C)         |                |                                 |
| <b>June 5-6</b>     |                   | <b>MIL@BHF (D) (C)</b> | OVR@MO         | AMA@RA CART@MIL                 |
| June 12-13          |                   | NEO@NL (D)(C)          |                |                                 |
| June 19-20          |                   |                        | CHI@RA         | F1@INDIANAPOLIS VSCDA@ BHF      |
| <b>June 26-27</b>   |                   | <b>MIL@RA (D) (C)</b>  |                | ALMS/WC @Mid Ohio               |
|                     | MICHIANA@GM       | MICHIANA@GM (C)        |                |                                 |
| July 3-4            |                   | CINCY@MO (D)(C)        | INDY @IRP      | CART@CLEVELAND                  |
| July 10-11          |                   | BVR @ BHF (D)(C)       |                |                                 |
| <b>July 17-18</b>   |                   |                        |                | <b>BRIC@RA</b>                  |
| <b>July 24-25</b>   |                   | <b>MIL@RA (R)</b>      | <b>Mil@RA</b>  |                                 |
|                     |                   | NEO@NL (R)ENDURO       |                |                                 |
|                     |                   | DET@WAT(C)             |                |                                 |
|                     |                   | FTW @MO (D) (C)        |                |                                 |
| July 31- Aug 1      |                   |                        | WMR/SBR@GRA    | CART @ RA GrandAm @MO           |
| Aug. 7-8            |                   |                        | NEO@MO         |                                 |
| Aug. 14-15          |                   | CHI@RA (D)(C)          |                | ALMS@ RA VSCDA@GRA              |
| Aug. 21-22          |                   |                        |                |                                 |
| Aug. 28-29          |                   |                        |                |                                 |
| Sept. 4-5 Labor Day |                   | WMR/LSR@GRA (D) C      |                |                                 |
| Sept. 11-12         |                   | OVR@MO(D)(C)           |                |                                 |
| <b>Sept. 18-19</b>  |                   |                        |                | <b>VSDCA@RA</b>                 |
| Sept. 25-26         | SCCA              | September 20-26        | Valvoline      | Runoffs                         |
| Oct. 2-3            |                   | WOR@MO (D)(C)          |                |                                 |
| Oct. 9-10           |                   | CHI@BHF(C)             |                |                                 |
| Oct. 16-17          |                   |                        |                | VSCDA@MO                        |
| Nov. 6-7            |                   |                        |                |                                 |
| Nov. 13-14          |                   |                        |                |                                 |

BHF-Blackhawk Farms      GM-GingerMan    NL-Nelson Ledges  
 BIR-Brainerd Int'l Raceway    IRP-Indianapolis Raceway Park    RA-Road America  
 GRA-Grattan      M-O-Mid Ohio    WAT-Waterford Hills  
 (T) TENTATIVE (D) DOUBLE (C) Champ Series (R) RESTRICTED

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# R.E. View – Angelo Gazzola

Well the season is over, and we have two new members of the Milwaukee Region Board of Directors, and a new SCCA National Director from Milwaukee Region. Yes, for those of you who have not yet heard, Mike Engelke was elected to the National SCCA Board of Directors by a 200–vote margin, out of the approximately 1,400 votes cast. I want to publicly thank the Milwaukee Board of Directors and the members of Milwaukee Region for their professional behavior through the entire national election process. The fairness and objectivity exhibited by all region officials and members says a lot about the class of our region. I did not want to say anything during the election, but I wish all regions had taken the same “High Road,” approach during the election.

Our two new Milwaukee Region Board members are, Jeff Cashmore and Cheryl Barnes. Jeff Cashmore has served on the Solo Committee for a couple of years, and I am sure he will bring the same excellence to the Board of Directors. Cheryl Barnes has served on the Marketing and Public Relations Committee, for the last year and like Jeff, will bring her level of excellence demonstrated on that committee to the board.

Milwaukee Region has a lot of accomplishments to be proud of in 2003. Road Racing, Solo, and Rally have all contributed to event and financial achievements that will be difficult to duplicate in future racing seasons. There will be very few changes in the staff that will carry out the programs in 2004, so I have no doubt that we have every chance to repeat with a strong showing in 2004.

We will have a reduced scope of operations in 2004, as we will not be responsible for the accounting and administration of the Quad Driver’s School/Regional in 2004, nor will we be handling the financial matters for the Area Five TRO Championship Series or

transponder activities. We will still be involved in the Drivers School/Regional event as a co–sponsor. In addition we will put on four Milwaukee Region SCCA races during 2004, two national races and two regional races.

We will start the season off with the Mueller National at Blackhawk Farms Raceway, on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, the season continues with the Rennen Double Regional at Blackhawk Farms Raceway, on June 5<sup>th</sup>. On June 26<sup>th</sup> we will move to Road America and present the Susie Bonneau Double Regional, followed by our showcase CAT National on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to the four SCCA races the region will put on, the region will provide support for two vintage races held at Road America. The BRIC will be held on July 17<sup>th</sup>, and the VSCDA Fall Festival will be held on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

As I pointed out during the Annual Meeting, this has definitely been the “Year of the Driver.” We have five Milwaukee Region members who have earned national championships, and a great number of competitors have earned significant honors in pro racing, national, divisional, and Area Five championship series. I have prepared summaries of those achievements, which appear in this copy of the DRIFT.

The 2003 season culminated with our Annual Meeting, which was one of the most well attended Annual Meetings in recent years. With the exception of some problems with dinner, the event went very smoothly, and honored our workers and competitors. An excellent speaker capped off the dinner itself. Mr. David Hobbs captivated the audience with his extremely interesting and witty stories about his racing career. It is no wonder he has done so well in motor sports commentating.

The problem with dinner was created by the caterer running out of the main

course for the dinner, before all of the tables were served. The reason for the caterer running out of the main course was not a simple one. The reasons for the problem are shared by Milwaukee Region, some of the participants, and in a minor way the caterer.

Milwaukee Region contributed to the problem by:

- 1 — Allowing additional participants to join the event, without notifying the caterer.
- 2 — Not providing adequate crowd control and controlling who was seated and served.

Participants contributed to the problem by:

- 1 — Taking more food than they should have, in some cases more than they could eat.
- 2 — **Attending the event without registering or paying for their participation!**

The caterer contributed to the problem by:

- Recommending that participants be allowed to serve themselves, which led to a number of early diners over serving themselves.

I addressed the problem at the event by refunding the entry fees for the last two tables served, which did not receive any main course entrees. I was quite embarrassed and disappointed when at least three couples that I attempted to give refunds to, admitted that they had not registered or paid for the dinner.

After recognizing that we had non–registered participants at the event, it was determined that the caterer had provided a total of 240 seating positions for the dinner, 238 of which were inhabited. We only had 224 paid participants, so at least 14 of the

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attendees were not registered for the event. The non-registered participants were not the only cause of the problem, but represented the majority of the excess demand on the serving line.

I find it very disturbing that members of our region would engage in this kind of behavior, and hope that it would never occur in the future. Milwaukee Region refunded approximately \$500 in entry fees, because of the actions of a few.

In the final analysis, Milwaukee Region is responsible for the disappointment experienced by some of the participants at the Annual Meeting. As the Regional Executive that burden falls on me, and I apologize for the region to anyone whose experience was less than positive, on what should have been a pleasurable evening. On the pragmatic side, I hope that the refunds helped to soothe the disappointment. For those who felt that more attendees should have received refunds, I understand your positions, but I had to make a decision that was fair to both the participants and the region.

## CLASSIFIED AD

World Challenge Spec 2000 Mercury Cougar. This car has been in only 5 races and just finished being sorted. The car has never been bent or abused and is World Challenge eligible until 2008. New rules and tire package for 2004 will make this car very competitive. \$25,000 OBO to be part of the hottest Pro Series going! Can be seen @ <http://bbs.sccaproracing.com/ubb/Forum4/HTML/001164.html>

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# THE MAILBOX

To Milwaukee Region,

I'm not a great writer like B.S. Levy or a good chronicler like Steve Tupper. However, I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for making my 13 years in the Milwaukee Region SCCA memorable and enjoyable. I've worked with you on corners at Road America and Blackhawk, sharing in the boredom, thrill, chill, fun and terror. I've kept the party going or handing out trophies as assistant race chairman. I've registered you and your guests, answered the myriad of questions that come up, and hopefully sent you merrily on your way from registration. I've driven in a driver school, having fun waving to all the corner workers I knew, wincing as the white flag goes up as I pass by a corner, trying to keep the speed up on the spec racer, but knowing I really belong on the green side of the track. I've had a blast in timing and scoring, whether it was cracking jokes with Liz Gauper or harassing Ross Baalke, it was always fun. And everyone was always so welcoming; no matter what I did or how I did it. I have such fond memories. I will cherish them forever. And these memories are all wonderful, because of you. I have special friends from all these facets of racing. To list them all would be impossible, because I would invariably leave someone out unintentionally, so thank you to all.

Although Al & I have moved away from the region, please remember you're not losing a friend; you are gaining a vacation destination. Keep in touch.

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IF YOU ARE AS SAFE AS YOU THINK?  
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- **Dr. Bob Hubbard:** Creator of HANS®.
- **Mr. Hubert Gramling:** Safety Consultant for the FIA Foundation
- **Mr. Arnie Kuhns:** President, SFI Foundation

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- **Tires:** think they're just about the rubber? Think again.
- **HANS:** Pains in the Neck. How to keep yourself safe.
- **Seats:** are they just a place to put your backside?
- **PR/Marketing:** It make not make you go faster, but they'll know you're out there when you do.

CELEBRATE SCCA'S 60<sup>TH</sup> DIAMOND ANNIVERSARY IN KANSAS CITY ON  
FEBRUARY 4-7, 2004. WE'LL SAVE A SEAT FOR YOU.

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# **Annual Meeting Major Award Winners**

## **Wuestoff Award – Mike Piotrowski**

The Wuestoff Award is Milwaukee Region's highest honor, given annually to a member for long time meritorious service to the Region.  
The recipient is chosen by previous Wuestoff awardees.

## **Kopiske Award – Jason Berkeley**

A relatively new award, this award is presented to a driver who exemplifies what club racing is all about – entering at a variety of events, supporting a multitude of region events and driving for the pure joy of competition, a “true” grassroots driver.  
The recipient of this award is chosen by the Region Board of Directors.

## **Susie Bonneau Memorial**

### **Worker of the Year – Bill Rudolph**

The recipient of this award is chosen by the Region Board of Directors.

## **Janitor's Cup –**

A fun award, this is presented to the driver with the some of the most interesting, humorous, and sometimes embarrassing stories of the trials and tribulations of being a race car driver.

## **Specialty Workers of the Year**

Starters – Wayne Wasylo

Race Chair – Steve Tupper

Assistant Race Chair – Jackie Yahn

Paddock – Joyce Johnson

Registration – Cheryl Knippel

Stewards – Dick Eisenmann

Grid – Gary Soiney

Flagging and Communications – Karen Mattacotti

Timing and Scoring – Valerie Peterson

## **Solo**

**Earl Krause Hard Charger – Art Hodge**

**Dean Rohde Solo II Service Award – Sam Karp**

**Solo Rookie of the Year – Craig Mankiewicz**

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## ...AND ANOTHER THING

Mark your calendar: January 24 – Annual Competition Meeting, March 28 - Open House

The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual – and Final – Winter Party will be held in February. The planning is in process. Unfortunately, we haven't confirmed the date yet, but it will be either February 21 or February 28. More details next month. The theme is Roaring 20's/ Speakeasy, so start thinking about your costumes and polishing up your violin cases. Let's end this long running program with a bang!

If you live in the Milwaukee TV viewing area and were watching the 10pm Fox 6 News on November 4, you would have seen our own Bart Wolf in a story news reporter Joyce Garbaciak was doing on hydroplaning and why people shouldn't be using their cruise control in wet conditions. They showed Bart driving and then showed Bart giving instructions to Joyce. It looked like he was having entirely too much fun.

Sad News – Cornerworker Sue Ward was killed in an automobile accident on Saturday, November 1, in North Carolina. Sue and her husband Wayne were from Cedar Rapids, Iowa. If you've worked F&C for any amount of time, you probably knew Sue. She and Wayne worked many events at Blackhawk Farms, Road America and tracks throughout the country. Our sympathies go out to her family and friends.

## MILWAUKEE REGION CALENDAR

|       |                            |
|-------|----------------------------|
| Jan 6 | Competition Meeting        |
| 24    | Annual Competition Meeting |
| 24    | Board Meeting              |
| 27    | Solo Meeting               |
| Feb 2 | Competition Meeting        |
| 4-7   | SCCA National Convention   |
| 10    | Board Meeting              |
| 21    | ??? Winter Party ???       |
| 24    | Solo Meeting               |
| 28    | ??? Winter Party ???       |
| Mar 2 | Competition Meeting        |
| 6-7   | CenDiv Spring Training     |
| 9     | Board Meeting              |
| 23    | Editor's Birthday          |
| 28    | Open House                 |
| 30    | Solo Meeting               |



**Milwaukee Region  
Area Five Regional Championship Series**

1st Place

| Driver            | Place | Class |
|-------------------|-------|-------|
| Jim Roemer        | 1st   | CFC   |
| Wm Kuckenbecker   | 1st   | DSR   |
| Michael Weyenberg | 1st   | EP    |
| Kenneth Holzer    | 1st   | F500  |
| Mark Kolell       | 1st   | FF    |
| Douglas Gehrke    | 1st   | GP    |
| Justin Rupp       | 1st   | ITC   |
| Niki Coello       | 1st   | SM    |
| Chris Griswold    | 1st   | SP    |
| Bill Douglas      | 1st   | SRF   |
| David Dewhurst    | 1st   | SRX-7 |

|               |     |      |
|---------------|-----|------|
| Greg Olson    | 2nd | F500 |
| Anders Graff  | 2nd | FF   |
| Kevin Alenius | 2nd | FV   |
| Timothy Burns | 2nd | ITA  |
| Dan Meller    | 2nd | ITC  |
| Doug Turnbull | 2nd | ITE  |
| Ken Bonneau   | 2nd | ITS  |

|                 |     |     |
|-----------------|-----|-----|
| Michael Froh    | 3rd | EP  |
| Bill Schley     | 3rd | ITA |
| David Kittelson | 3rd | ITC |
| Adam Malmquist  | 3rd | ITE |
| Tony Coello     | 3rd | SM  |

**Certificate Awards for Participation Level in the Series**

| Name              | Certificate Amount | Number of Races Entered |
|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Bill Douglas      | \$200.00           | 10                      |
| Justin Rupp       | \$200.00           | 10                      |
| Mike Stagl        | \$200.00           | 10                      |
| Mark Kolell       | \$100.00           | 9                       |
| Anders Graff      | \$100.00           | 9                       |
| Michael Weyenberg | \$50.00            | 8                       |
| Greg Olson        | \$50.00            | 8                       |
| Kenneth Holzer    | \$50.00            | 8                       |
| Ken Bonneau       | \$50.00            | 8                       |

**Milwaukee Region Drivers  
CenDiv Championship Series**

**Central Division Champions**

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Kenneth Holzer | F500 |
| Anders Graff   | FF   |
| Bill Douglas   | SRF  |

**Area Five Finishing Position**

**1st Place**

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Kenneth Holzer | F500 |
| Anders Graff   | FF   |
| Bill Schley    | ITA  |
| Tony Coello    | SM   |
| Bill Douglas   | SRF  |

**2nd Place**

|                |     |
|----------------|-----|
| Gerald Ruehlow | GT1 |
| Ken Bonneau    | ITS |
| Robert Noe     | SSC |

**4th Place**

|            |    |
|------------|----|
| J.R. Smart | FC |
|------------|----|

**Milwaukee Region Members Pro Racing**

**Speedvision World Challenge**

|                  |               |
|------------------|---------------|
| Peter Cunningham | 4th - Touring |
|------------------|---------------|

**Spec Miata North America Championship**

**Presented by Hancock Tire**

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Nicki Coello   | 1st  |
| Mark Greenisen | 13th |
| Tim McQuisten  | 14th |

**Spec Miata Atlantic Tour**

**Presented by Hankook Tire**

|                |      |
|----------------|------|
| Nicki Coello   | 2nd  |
| Mark Greenisen | 12th |
| Tim McQuiston  | 14th |
| Jimmy Crawford | 22nd |
| Tony Coello    | 30th |
| Lyle Longley   | 37th |



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## Milwaukee Region Central Division National Standings

|            |                 |       | Run-Offs<br>Eligible | Competed<br>in Run-Offs | Qualifying<br>Position | Finishing<br>Position |
|------------|-----------------|-------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1st Place  |                 |       |                      |                         |                        |                       |
|            | Jeff Miller     | CSR   | Yes                  | Yes                     | 2nd                    | 8th                   |
|            | Bill Wessel     | GP    | Yes                  | Yes                     | 7th                    | 5th                   |
| 2nd Place  |                 |       |                      |                         |                        |                       |
|            | Michael Gnadt   | FP    | Yes                  | No                      |                        |                       |
|            | Jamie Bach      | FM    | Yes                  | No                      |                        |                       |
|            | Cliff Ebben     | GT1   | Yes                  | Yes                     | 1st                    | 1st                   |
|            | Harry Manning   | SSB   | Yes                  | Yes                     | 3rd                    | 1st                   |
| 3rd Place  |                 |       |                      |                         |                        |                       |
|            | Ken Kannard     | EP    | Yes                  | Yes                     | 3rd                    | 3rd                   |
|            | Robert Root     | HP    | Yes                  | No                      |                        |                       |
| 4th Place  |                 |       |                      |                         |                        |                       |
|            | Jason Miller    | DSR   | Yes                  | Yes                     | 4th                    | 5th                   |
|            | William Cobb    | F500  | Yes                  | Yes                     | 18th                   | DNF                   |
|            | Thomas Christ   | FF    | Yes                  | No                      |                        |                       |
|            | Gregory Gauper  | GP    | Yes                  | Yes                     | 34th                   | 25th                  |
|            | Jason Berkeley  | T1    | Yes                  | Yes                     | 19th                   | 11th                  |
| 5th Place  |                 |       |                      |                         |                        |                       |
|            | Brian French    | FA    | No                   | No                      |                        |                       |
| 6th Place  |                 |       |                      |                         |                        |                       |
|            | Michael Lord    | CSR   | Yes                  | Yes                     | 8th                    | 12th                  |
|            | Michael Reupert | DSR   | Yes                  | Yes                     | 23rd                   | 21st                  |
|            | Gerald Lamb     | FP    | Yes                  | No                      |                        |                       |
|            | Darrel Greening | F500  | Yes                  | Yes                     | 25th                   | 19th                  |
|            | Thomas Putz     | SSC   | Yes                  | Yes                     | 20th                   | DNF                   |
| 7th Place  |                 |       |                      |                         |                        |                       |
|            | Justin Gaver    | F500  | Yes                  | Yes                     | 12th                   | 9th                   |
|            | Thomas Jageman  | FA    | No                   | No                      |                        |                       |
|            | John Vlasis     | FF    | Yes                  | Yes                     | 24th                   | 17th                  |
| 8th Place  |                 |       |                      |                         |                        |                       |
|            | David Venhaus   | AS    | Yes                  | No                      |                        |                       |
|            | Robert Geisen   | F500  | Yes                  | Yes                     | 13th                   | 4th                   |
|            | Michael Beaumia | FV    | Yes                  | Yes                     | 30th                   | 22nd                  |
|            | Randall Herman  | GT2   | Yes                  | No                      |                        |                       |
| 9th Place  |                 |       |                      |                         |                        |                       |
|            | James Simaras   | EP    | Yes                  | Yes                     | 25th                   | DNF                   |
|            | Dennis Marklein | FM    | Yes                  | Yes                     | 13th                   | DNF                   |
|            | Daryl Wessel    | GT4   | No                   | No                      |                        |                       |
|            | James Ebben     | SSB   | Yes                  | Yes                     | 28th                   | 18th                  |
|            | Bart Wolf       | S2000 | Yes                  | Yes                     | 14th                   | 12th                  |
| 10th Place |                 |       |                      |                         |                        |                       |
|            | Robert Hoover   | CSR   | No                   | No                      |                        |                       |
|            | Filippo Reina   | EP    | Yes                  | Yes                     | 40th                   | 25th                  |
|            | James Gustafson | FA    | No                   | No                      |                        |                       |
|            | James Simaras   | GT3   | No                   | No                      |                        |                       |
|            | Jim Dentici     | GT5   | No                   | No                      |                        |                       |
| 11th Place |                 |       |                      |                         |                        |                       |
|            | Brian Belardi   | FC    | Yes                  | No                      |                        |                       |

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