

# It's May And For Indy That Means R-Racing

"In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." Well, Tennyson didn't live in Indiana, because we all know that for some men and women, our fancy turns to racing! Here's a quick rundown of racing events to participate in or go watch for the merry month of May.

The Indy SCCA gets busy with its annual "Mothers Day Sprints" out at Raceway Park. Scheduled for the weekend of May 7-8, take Mom out to experience SCCA class racing. On May 21, the Solo II autocrossers head up to Anderson to avoid killing those pesky orange cones. Go to <http://www.indyscca.org> for more info.

The Columbus SCCA Club (CSCC) is offering a Solo II Drivers' School on May 14th. Here's your chance to test your car's handling and agility in a controlled environment and work with instructors on a set of skills. Go to <http://www.cscscca.org> for more info.

Most of us only think of drag racing at IRP when the big boys of NHRA come to town over Labor Day, but there's a lot going on out there all year! Want to see what your car can do? Head out for the "Tuesday Night Street Legals" series. It's \$15.00 to enter your car and only \$7.00 to watch the fun. IRP also has racing activities the Memorial Day weekend. There's more info at <http://www.irponline.com>.

There's activity out at Putnam Park almost every weekend in May. The Midwest region of NASA (National Auto Sport Association) is holding a HPDE (High Performance Driver's Education) school the weekend of May 21-22. If you're interested in participating more info can be found at [https://www.nasaproracing.com/nasa\\_event/show/?event\\_id=219](https://www.nasaproracing.com/nasa_event/show/?event_id=219). Watching is free, of course! For more car and motorcycle events out at Putnam, go to their website at <http://putnampark.com>.

Oh yeah, there's a race at that big track at 16th and Georgetown, too.

## Notice! Open Road Editor About To Be Abducted By Aliens! Again!

by Sara J McBride

Some of you may remember the famous "abducted by aliens" Open Road issue from September of 2004. I'm about to disappear back into the north woods of Canada and need your help.

Through the miracles of modern technology, I will be able to put together upcoming issues of the Open Road. This is where you come in. Since I will not be able to attend any events, it would be spiffy if one (or more!) of you could write a short report about the event. It doesn't have to be novel length, just write a story as if you were telling me about it in person. Remember the basics of writing an article? Who, what, when, where and why?

I will have internet access (it arrived up there two years ago!), so just drop me an email with an article or any questions. Pictures would be great, but since I'll be on a dialup connection (north woods broadband is still a few light years away from my pocketbook), let's keep those file sizes down!

Thanks, and as The Happenings sang, "See you in September"!

## Club Classifieds

**For Sale: Kumho Ecsta 711s - 195/50/15 85H and Rims** - Mounted on lightweight R1 "Motorsports Racing Wheels" and finished in 'stealth black'. Less than 2500 miles on them. \$400.00 firm. Can be seen at my shop or at [http://autopia.org/gallery/data/500/3628kumhotread\\_\\_large\\_-med.jpg](http://autopia.org/gallery/data/500/3628kumhotread__large_-med.jpg) or [http://autopia.org/gallery/data/500/3628kumhowheel\\_\\_large\\_-med.jpg](http://autopia.org/gallery/data/500/3628kumhowheel__large_-med.jpg). Call Jim Schliebner at 317-514-2659, or email [jimmybuffit1@comcast.net](mailto:jimmybuffit1@comcast.net)

**For Sale: Dash Topper for 90-97** - This item fits on top of your dashboard and protects it from sunlight. If it's already damaged, this is an easy fix to improve its appearance. I've had this Dash Topper several years, never used it. Still in original box. Email me if interested. [WileeKyot@aol.com](mailto:WileeKyot@aol.com)

**For Sale: 1992 Yellow** - Totally rebuilt and repainted with w/ 25 coats of "Sunburst Yellow" and 3 coats of clear sealer. Numerous extras. Original hard top and the original wheels with Toyo tires. Also have 16" chromed FLY wheels and Dunlop Sport 9000 tires. I can send pictures and list of items that were installed on car. History of car from Mazda, copies of sales brochures from Mazda and all receipts from aftermarket dealers is available. Car presently has 64,000 miles on it. Asking \$18,000.00 FIRM. If interested, please contact Conrad Serwatka by email at [c.serwatka@att.net](mailto:c.serwatka@att.net).

**Wanted: 15 X 6 wheels** - Looking for a set of good (unbent) 15 X 6 aluminium wheels for my son. Contact John Vernon Oaks at [jvoaks@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jvoaks@sbcglobal.net).

## Keep Magnets On Your Car?

One of our members sent in a clipping from the Hoosier Times about the long term effects of leaving a magnet on your car.

Mike Leonard wrote in his column about the "ribbon" magnets that people place on their cars and why it's not a good thing when they are on a vehicle for weeks at a time. Moisture gets trapped under the magnets and on a sunny day, that tiny bit of moisture can actually boil. As this happens over and over, it can eat through the finish and damage your car's paint.

If you want to show support for your favorite cause, be sure you have a good coat of wax on your car and move your magnets so they're not always in the same spot.