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# The Observers Stand

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## The Latest News

Alan Stamper

### Welcome to Edition #20 of the Ohio Valley Regions Observers Stand.

Greetings, Everyone! It's January, Christmas and New Years have passed us by and all good (and bad) racecars should be huddled away in their garages. All of OVRs race series are complete for the year and plans are afoot for setting up our 2026 events.

In this issue we will review our latest election results and an unexpected change to our Board of Directors. We will also review and list the results from our Solo and Road Racing Events.

Also of note, our Awards Banquet date is fast approaching. It is being held on January 31<sup>st</sup> at Villa Milano. OVR will supply Appetizers, Food and Awards. There will be a cash bar. As always, there will be great door prizes.

- Registration Opens at 6:00
- Appetizers at 6:15
- Dinner at 7:00
- Awards around 7:45 PM

Please join us for the evening!  
The link to register is below.

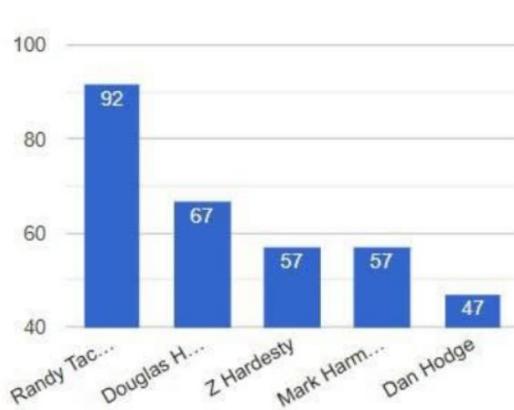
[Ohio Valley Region 2025 Awards Banquet](#)

# Election Results

## Results of the Election plus a surprise change to the Board or Directors.

Our election for this year has been completed, with the results being announced at our Election Socializer. The socializer was held on November 5<sup>th</sup> at Carfagna's at Polaris Parkway. A selection of wings, lasagna and meatballs were made available to members present, with a follow up of multiple styles of dessert pieces.

OVR had a total of 3 board of directors positions available. A total of 119 ballots were received with tallies from those counted to select the winners. Randy Tackett claimed the first spot with 92 Votes (2-year term). Next up, Douglas Houdeshell came in second with 67 Votes (2-year term). The results for third place were interesting, as both Z Hardesty and Mark Harmon tied with 57 votes. As per the region's bylaws, the members present at the socializer were tasked with breaking the tie. Matt Downing, our elections officer, first asked all non-members to move to a different area of the room before he went through the remaining group and verified that everyone had an SCCA ID card and that their membership was up to date. A vote was then called, and Z was selected as the winner for the third seat on the board (1-year term).



# But wait, there's more!

As many of you know, Dave Brown, our elected RE, was appointed as the Area 4 director to serve the remainder of Dayle Frame's term. As such, Dave has resigned his RE position for the OVR Board. You will find his resignation letter elsewhere in this newsletter.

Per the bylaws, the acting board members voted at the December Board Meeting to select a replacement. Two members nominated themselves for the position. Z Hardesty and Dan Hodge both raised their hands and volunteered to serve out the remainder of Dave's Term. After a vote, Z Hardesty was selected as our acting RE, and while Dave is leaving, he will stick around for a bit as an Assistant RE to help Z transition to the new position.

With Dave leaving and Z stepping up as RE, we then had an open position to fill. That position goes to Mark Harmon, who had the next highest number of votes in the previous election.

Congratulations, Z, and Dave, thanks to you for the service you have provided the region as our RE!



## Ohio Valley Region SCCA 2026 Board of Directors



Regional Executive
Z Hardesty
Assist Region Executive (temporary)
Dave Brown

Regional Director  
Jude Summers

Regional Director  
Randy Tacket

Regional Director  
Norm Murdock

Regional Director  
Alan Stamper

Regional Director  
Douglas Houdeshell

Regional Director  
Mark Harmon

# A Letter from Dave Brown

**David Brown**

Regional Executive

Ohio Valley Region, SCCA

December 10, 2025

**Ohio Valley Region, SCCA Board of Directors and all Members,**

I am writing to formally resign from my position as **Regional Executive** effective **December 10, 2025**. As most of you already know I have accepted the role as Area 4 Director of the SCCA. This was not an easy decision, but after thoughtful consideration, I believe it is the right step for me both personally and professionally.

I am genuinely grateful for the trust placed in me and for the opportunity to lead **The Ohio Valley Region, SCCA** during this past. Working with such a dedicated and talented Board of Directors has been a very rewarding experience. Together, we have accomplished meaningful work, and I am proud of what we've achieved.

To ensure a smooth transition, I will fully support the handover process—whatever that entails. I will remain a member of the Ohio Valley Region and will stay involved both locally and nationally.

Thank you once again for the opportunity, guidance, and support. I sincerely wish the region continued success, and I stand ready to assist in whatever way I can in the future.

Warm regards,

**David Brown**

# OVR SCCA Member Anniversaries for 2025

These are the members who are celebrating anniversaries this year. As usual, this list will be read at this year's award banquet. Special thanks to Diane Tedeschi for generating this information!

## 10 Years

Michael Mulvaney  
Chad Freeman  
Andy Bennett  
Daryl Hileman  
Ava Hathaway  
Eli Hathaway  
Jay Chapman  
Jeffrey Marjarian  
Andrew Johnson

Andrew Johnson  
Jonathan Hsu  
Jeremy Swank  
Landon Swank  
Mark Miller  
Donald Nuckles  
Stehanie Nuckles  
Megan Orso  
Reno Lemmons

Gary Uhrick  
Joe Hayes  
Ron Acord  
Nathan Kratsas  
Norm Murdock

## 15 Years

Philip Tang  
Frank Todaro  
Nicholas Lawrence  
Kenneth Hibbitt II  
Paul Weber

John Jareo  
Steven Christopher  
Jim Reardon  
Susan Downs  
Aaron Johnson

Zachary Johnson  
Ryan Miles Brian Scheible  
Will Dodd

## 20 Years

Michael Wise  
Diane Packard  
ZB Lorenc  
Simi Ritch  
Patricia Rettich  
Michael Herbert  
Larry Born

## 25 Years

Roger Hostettler  
Matthew Brannon  
Yves Scemama

## 30 Years

Keith Wise  
Roger Merriman  
Jack Strahosky III  
John Schmitt  
David Brown  
Brian Flint  
Vince Massa  
Suren Tchobanian  
Linda Kirchman  
Thomas Kirchman

## 35 Years

Robert Andrews  
Michael Smith  
Michael Peery  
Robert Hengen  
Bart Morris

## 40 Years

Joel Topolosky  
Jude Summers  
Dale Kunze  
Conrad Humphrey  
Richard Giroux

Michael McKenna  
Bob Antoine  
Mike Workman  
Rhonda Fergus

**45 Years**

Randall Holton  
Gordon Galvy  
David Rupp

**55 Years**

Colby Hillman  
Mary Jane Berchak  
Earl Myers  
Douglas Ruth

**60 Years**

Daniel Furey



Photo Credit: Nich Carpenter

# Autocross

Our season is long over, and the Solo awards are set to be presented later this month at the OVR banquet. Our Solo Chairs are working with Fortress Obetz to set up or schedule for next year, and as always, we are looking for additional lots to run on.

As reminder, be sure to attend the Banquet later this month to pick up your awards! If you can't make the banquet, then you can pick them up at our first event of the season.

Below is a list of this year's winners:

- Street AWD
  - First Chris Yeager
  - Second Chance Moran
  - Third Brandon Stein
- Street RWD
  - First Ross Atwell
  - Second Ryan Niemic
  - Third Justin Herdman
  - Fourth Jeff Clark
  - Fifth Chris Rudy
- Street FWD
  - First Ryan Arthur
  - Second Richard Verret
  - Third Dale Kunze
  - Fourth Thomas Clark
- Street Touring
  - First Claude Lawrence
  - Second Christian Berardi
  - Third Jeremy Kuhn
  - Fourth Matt Haskins
  - Fifth Brian Suntay
- Xtreme Street
  - First Connor Ryan
  - Second Randy Tackett
  - Third Kameron Feola
- CAM
  - First Nick Ulliman
  - Second Tyler Willoughby
  - Third Daniel Michael
- Street Prepared
  - First Josh Beckman
  - Second Ryan Anderson
  - Third Tracy Flanagan
- Prepared
  - First Jeremy Rodgers
  - Second Darin Ellis
  - Third Jason Hughes
- Modified
  - First Andy Bennett
  - Second Nich Carpenter
  - Third Henry Kurek
- Ladies
  - First Tami Tackett
  - Second Valerie Hansen
  - Third Jennifer Arthur

**PAX Challenge Award**

- Top Ten
  - First Dan Howard
  - Second Julian Garfield
  - Third Robbie Roe
  - Fourth Fan Shen
  - Fifth Ryan Niemic
  - Sixth Richard Verret
  - Seventh Claude Lawrence
  - Eighth Chris Yeager
  - Ninth Yuven Sundaramoorthy
  - Tenth Todd Kunze

# A Special Thank You to all the 2025 Road Racing Participants

By Jude Summers.



A very special **Thank You** to the participants; drivers, crews, volunteers, families, and yes spectators on behalf of myself and the Ohio Valley Region, SCCA, for a successful 2025 road racing season at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Thank you also to all of the Mid-Ohio staff who assisted us throughout the season in making our events run smoothly. Even Mother Nature smiled down upon us this season as while we had one afternoon and evening with a bit of rain at our Super Tour in May, I don't believe it rained at all for the rest of the season.

OVR closed the season with our Autumn Classic event October 11th & 12<sup>th</sup>. Due to the time of the year with the weather always being unpredictable, The Runoffs the previous week, and a variety of other activities going on this time of year; this date is usually very unpredictable in terms of entries. We were pleasantly surprised as 160 drivers, and 87 plus volunteers actively participated. Of note 60 out of those 87 volunteers won door prize drawings! The weekend weather, was sunny, crisp (60's low 70's) fall like, dry and sunshine was abundant. There was a lot of competitive racing, and just like August many smiles from drivers and volunteers. *It was nice to receive so many thanks from folks attending our event, those smiles and comments made all the difference to those of us who put a lot of effort in planning our events.*

On Saturday evening, LEC held their season ending Whistle Ceremony, a toast remembering and commemorating those we have lost during the season. OVR also held our now annual Chili dinner at the Cooper Pavillion and thanks to the weather, the chili stayed warm from the time you received it at the serving table to the time you got to your dinner table! Bench racing was at it's finest at that party, which included a lot of laughs and season recap stories with a few giveaways being offered to those who wanted them. Sunday's racing went pretty much incident free and as a result we finished a little ahead of our schedule. The attached photo by Susan Downs of Driver Information shows the vacant paddock late in the afternoon Sunday Oct12th. OF NOTE: One would never know how busy it was earlier in the day by this photograph. **Thank you to ALL PARTICIPANTS for showing you care about the facility by picking up after yourselves and cleaning up your paddock areas. It's very much appreciated!!** Not just by OVR, but by Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Looking forward to 2026!!!

# Road Racing

Our Road Race Season is complete, and awards are set to be presented later this month at the OVR banquet. Our officials are diligently working with Mid-Ohio and will have this year's schedule posted up soon!

The following is a list put together by our Competition Chair, Norm Murdock. It's a list of OVR Drivers and their 2025 results from multiple series and classes.

OVR Majors Drivers Mid-States Conference Standings			
Driver	Class	Place	Points
Kamden Hibbitt	SMX	4th	39
Ayrton Grim	SMX	8th	26

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Driver	Class	Place	Points
Kamden Hibbitt	SMX	4th	39
Ayrton Grim	SMX	8th	26

OVR Majors Drivers Northeast Conference Standings			
Driver	Class	Place	Points
Jeremy Hill	FA	1st	68
Bryan Scheible	GT1	13th	25
Ray Mason	GT2	3rd	61
Jeremy Lucas	EP	4th	50
Mason Workman	FP	5th	50
Kevin Ruck	FP	10th	35
Matthew Brannon	HP	4th	89
Brayden Connolly	HP	6th	73
Jeremy Lucas	STU	9th	46
Philip Smith	AS	10th	15
Will Dodd	SM	11th	65
Ayrton Grim	SMX	11th	26
Kamden Hibbitt	SMX	14th	24
Austin Hill	STL	24th	17
Greg Miller	SRF3	74th	5

OVR Majors Drivers Northern Conference Standings			
Driver	Class	Place	Points
Jeremy Hill	FA	10th	36
Jeremy Swank	FC	19th	25
Brandon Lavender	FF	2nd	35
Connor Loughead	FV	8th	97
Jeffrey Loughead	FV	26th	18
Dan Zoretic	FV	28th	15
Richard Jones	F6	15th	10
Bryan Scheible	GT1	14th	0
Ray Mason	GT2	13th	35
Jeremy Lucas	EP	16th	21
Mason Workman	FP	11th	50
Kevin Ruck	FP	9th	68
Matthew Brannon	HP	5th	78
Brayden Connolly	HP	11th	36
Doug DeRonne	HP	12th	36
Scott Hileman	HP	16th	14
John Schmitt	STU	16th	25
Philip Smith	AS	9th	35
Will Dodd	SM	15th	58
Kamden Hibbitt	SMX	20th	24
Ayrton Grim	SMX	22nd	20
Rich Grunenwald	STL	35th	0
Blake Korth	T2	12th	0
Trenton Kramer	BSPEC	19th	39
Matt Downing	BSPEC	23rd	31
Tom Hopson	BSPEC	30th	22
John Allen	BSPEC	33rd	18
Greg Miller	SRF3	17th	43
Jeremy Swank	SRF3	81st	0
Larry Morris	SRF3	92nd	0

OVR Majors Drivers Southeast Conference Standings			
Driver	Class	Place	Points
Ray Mason	GT2	1st	33
Mason Workman	FP	12th	37
Matthew Brannon	HP	16th	32
Brayden Connolly	HP	17th	28
Blake Korth	STU	22nd	14
Ayrton Grim	SMX	5th	2
Kamden Hibbitt	SMX	8th	75
Austin Hill	STL	29th	17
Greg Miller	SRF3	66th	0

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OVR Majors Drivers Southern Conference Standings			
Driver	Class	Place	Points
Kamden Hibbitt	SMX	6th	39
Ayrton Grim	SMX	10th	26

OVR RunOffs Standings		
Driver	Class	Place
Jeremy Hill	FA	DNF
Brandon Lavender	FF	5th
Mason Workman	FP	4th
Kevin Ruck	FP	DNF
Connor Loughead	FV	20th
Ray Mason	GT2	2nd
Matt Brannon	HP	3rd
Braydon Connolly	HP	4th

OVR Majors Drivers Hoosier Super Tour Standings						
Driver	Class	Place	Points			
Jeremy Hill	FA	30th	18	Matt Downing	BSPEC	188
Jeremy Swank	FC	23rd	25	Darin Ellis	GT2	17
Brandon Lavender	FF	19th	0	Jeff England	T3	46
Bryan Scheible	GT1	24th	0	Steve Escoffi	SM	36
Ray Mason	GT2	3rd	5	Steve Escoffi	STL	38
Jeremy Lucas	EP	35th	21	Ayrton Grim	STU	25
Mason Workman	FP	1st	37	Rich Grunenwa	STL	86
Kevin Ruck	FP	32nd	18	Kamden Hibbit	SMX	50
Connor Loughead	FV	30th	0	Kamden Hibbit	STL	50
Matthew Brannon	HP	3rd	10	Ken Hibbitt	ITA	34
Brayden Connolly	HP	7th	64	Daryl Hileman	HP	81
Scott Hileman	HP	30th	14	Scott Hileman	HP	76
Blake Korth	STU	37th	14	Austin Hill	STL	21
John Schmitt	STU	41st	0	Tom Hopson	BSPEC	144
Philip Smith	AS	9th	50	Alex Jensen	SRF	85
Will Dodd	SM	78th	16	Griffin Jones	F6	25
Kamden Hibbitt	SMX	14th	95	Richard Jones	F6	50
Ayrton Grim	SMX	19th	75	Jason Kandale	ITA	181
Austin Hill	STL	52nd	17	Brad Kitchen	ITA	31
Rich Grunenwald	STL	62nd	0	Brad Kitchen	SM	81
Trenton Kramer	BSPEC	23rd	39	Brad Kitchen	STL	53
Matt Downing	BSPEC	28th	31	Trenton Kramer	BSPEC	150
Tom Hopson	BSPEC	41st	22	Trenton Kramer	T4	59
John Allen	BSPEC	48th	18	Robert Krumdi	SRF3	8
Greg Miller	SRF3	88th	12	Elliott Langa	SRF3	35
Jeremy Swank	SRF3	137th	0	Brandon Laven	FF	38
Larry Morris	SRF3	169th	0	Jeff Loughead	FV	27

Great Lake Championships						
Driver	Class	Place	Points			
Michael Allen	ITS	42	6th	Thomas Metcal	FX	150
Michael Allen	SM	39	30th	Greg Miller	SRF3	149
Michael Allen	STL	90	1st	Bart Morris	SRF3	52
Michael Allen	SM	18	49th	Larry Morris	SRF3	66
Alan Barr	F6	18	8th	Norm Murdock	GTL	50
Charley Barut	STU	230	1st	Norm Murdock	T1	217
Jack Baruth	ITA	15	28th	JT Murray	FP	25
Jack Baruth	GTX	225	1st	Andrew O'Donn	T1	63
Jack Baruth	P2	175	1st	Eric Pickerin	S2	36
Gary Blanarik	SM	40	29th	Bill Pintaric	T2	25
Mamie Brannon	SRF3	25	24th	Bill Pintaric	T3	135
Matt Brannon	HP	50	7th	Ray Rivard	FF	56
David Brown	ITA	58	10th	John Robertso	AS	15
Zane Brown	ITA	30	23rd	Jeffrey Robin	GT1	21
Zane Brown	STL	16	21st	Bryan Scheibl	GT1	75
Kevin Bus	ITA	242	1st	Erika Scheibl	SRF3	19
Kevin Bus	T3	46	4th	John Schmitt	STL	43
Bryan Casey	SRF	50	10th	John Schmitt	STU	81
Braydon Conno	HP	42	9th	Olivia Shelbo	T4	50
Ron Copeland	ITC	17	9th	Jon Shevel	EP	50
Doug DeRonne	HP	119	1st	Jon Shevel	T3	25
Tim DeRonne	STL	42	13th	Denny Sideri	FX	50

Eric Stoler	SM	17	52nd
Jeremy Swank	FC	118	3rd
Jeremy Swank	FE2	25	5th
Jeremy Swank	SRF3	70	15th
Rodney Taylor	SRF3	13	28th
David Trivett	ITA	26	26th
Chip Vance	S2	46	4th
Duane Ward	ITC	135	2nd
Kyle Webb	SM	42	27th
Parker Willis	FE2	50	3rd
Parker Willis	SRF	201	2nd
Keith Wise	HP	20	15th
Madin Workman	STL	42	13th
Madin Workman	T4	242	1st
Dan Zoretic	FV	24	13th

# Closing

Thank you for reading!

If you have questions or comments or would like to submit to future issues then please e-mail us at [observerstand@ovr-scca.org](mailto:observerstand@ovr-scca.org).



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