



## CenDiv to Host 9 Championship Race Weekends in 2017

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Continuing a rich history of club racing for over 50 years, CenDiv is proud to announce the 2017 CenDiv Divisional Championship Series, that will race at some of the worlds most famous and spectacular tracks including Road America, Blackhawk Farms and Brainerd International.

CenDiv is hosting a total of nine race weekends during 2017 and there will be 15 races spread across those weekends counting toward series points. Six Divisional Championship Series weekends, plus three Northern Conference US Majors Tour event weekends, comprise the CenDiv Divisional Championship Series for 2017. The series welcomes over 38 national and regional classed cars and an additional 12 CenDiv regionally classed cars. Participants in the series will experience the now familiar series graphics for their race cars, Class Winner decals for each event, three **cash drawings for worker volunteers**, one **cash drawing for a driver** and **End-of-Year class trophies**.

**Again for 2017**, a driver will be selected at each of the six CENDIV Championship Events, (April 22-23 CENDIV Double Divisional Race at BHF, May 27-28 Land O' Lakes Double Divisional Race at BIR, July 15-16 Blackhawk Valley/Milwaukee Firecracker Double Divisional Race at BHF, August 19-20 Chicago Kettle Double Divisional Race at RA, September 2-3 Land O' Lakes Double Divisional Race at BIR and October 21-22 Chicago Double Divisional) to receive a **\$375 cash award** to defray entry and other costs. It is the hope of our sponsors that this cash award will encourage additional drivers to attend our local events.

Over the past several years we have enjoyed and continue to enjoy the fortune of having two sponsors to the CenDiv road racing series; **TRO Manufacturing and C&P Installations**, both of whom have a long family tradition in the club and currently participate in road racing. The intent of the Championship Series, and our sponsors Scott and Chris, is to support and build the Divisional racing program. To those ends, there are no extra fees in the entrant's entry for the Divisional Series races, and only a small fee is collected from the Major's events to fund the 2017 CenDiv Divisional Championship Series.

A few words about our CenDiv Divisional Championship Series Sponsors;

TRO Manufacturing is an industry leader in progressive, deep draw, and transfer press technology founded in 1964. Its advanced engineering, design, and manufacturing capabilities help customers such as Robert Bosch and TRW realize consistent cost reductions and quality improvements. TRO President Scott Sanda is currently a Director of the Chicago Region and has served as Regional Executive in the past. He competes regularly in American Sedan in his black #73 Cadillac CTS-V and won the Sunoco hard-charger award at the 2013 RunOffs. He may also run a few races in a Spec Racer Ford this year.

C&P Installations installs materials handling equipment such as the retail storage racks seen at stores like the Home Depot and pre-fabricated buildings. Founded in 1984, C&P has approximately 60 employees and 200 customers across the country. C&P President Chris Pedersen has had a lifelong interest in auto racing. Chris first attended races with his father, who was a race official, in 1963. He started racing in GT-1 in 1980, but stopped in 1986 to concentrate on growing his business. He resumed racing in GT-1 in 1997 and currently competes in American Sedan in his orange #67 Mustang. In addition to racing his Mustang in SCCA Majors this year, Chris plans to compete in vintage events with an orange Formula 5000 car previously raced by Jerry Hansen.

We would also like to acknowledge our appreciation to TNT Rescue System Inc., the premier manufacturer of powered hydraulic rescue tools, who generously provides tools for our rescue trucks.

If you see Scott or Chris in the paddock, please stop by and thank them for supporting the series.