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Rain Or Shine

SUNDAY – MARCH 23

Opening Day SOLO II

PRICE CUTTER PARK – Ozark, MO

(Exit U.S. Hwy 65 At Rts. CC/J. Go East To
Stoplight At *Lambert's Restaurant* And Turn Right.
Veer Right Onto Outer Road At Antiques Mall.)

**Entry Fee – \$20 – SCCA Members
\$25 – Non SCCA Entrants**

**10:00 To 11:30 AM – Registration & Tech
11:30 AM – Drivers Meeting
12:00 Noon – Timed Runs Begin**

Please Be On Time!

**Points Event No. 1
2003 OMR-SCCA SOLO II Championship**

**SCCA Entrants Must Show Current
Membership Cards At Registration**

**ALL Entrants Must Show Valid
Driver's Licenses at Registration**

**Vehicles Must Pass Pre-Event
Safety Inspections**

Helmets Required; Loaners Available

OMR/SCCA SOLO II Manager

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Lots Of Trophies! Lots Of Fun!

Autocross Season Starts Sunday

Here we go again....OMR's 2003 SOLO II season starts Sunday, March 23 with our *Opening Day* event at Ducks Stadium/Price Cutter Park north of Ozark, MO.

We've got a new SOLO II Manager this year - **Erik Anderson** - and we're going to ease into the new season by not starting timed runs until Noon. All the details are in the left hand column of this page. Why not try to be on site by 9:00 AM and help Erik and his associates get things rolling?

I hesitate to make a weather prediction because I missed badly on my forecast for the races at Memphis on March 15/16, but it looks like the Ozarks' dreaded rainy season may have begun by March 23. (Perhaps, if I suggest that, I'll be proved wrong again!) So be prepared for cool, damp weather and remember this: nothing short of a hurricane will cause us to abandon a SOLO II event.

The *Supplemental Regulations* for OMR's 2003 autocross series is much the same as last year's *supps*. Those rules appear on pg. 5 of this issue. One change this year: there will be two Fast Time Of Day trophies handed out at each event - one for FTD/race compound tires and one for FTD/street compound tires. Now before you STS/STX guys start salivating, be aware that STS/STX entrants are not eligible for the FTD/S trophy. Your PAX/RTP index already takes into account your street tires. The FTD/S trophy is for entrants running street tires in classes where R compound tires are the norm.

See you on the 23rd!

OMR/SCCA's Next Monthly Meeting

TUESDAY – APRIL 1 – 7:00 PM

Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant

**Clarion Hotel – 3333 S. Glenstone
SPRINGFIELD**

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OMR/SCCA MEETINGS

General Membership Meetings are scheduled on the first Tuesday of the month. Meeting locations are always noted on the first page of *The BLAT*. Guests are welcome.

Board of Directors Meetings are scheduled on Thursday of the second full week of the month. Meeting locations are always noted on the last page of *The BLAT*.

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Crash, Fire & Rescue School At Hallett

David Small - OMR's ace Flagging & Communications worker - has provided *The BLAT* with some info on the Crash, Fire & Rescue School for SCCA race workers at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett, OK on Saturday, March 22. David plans to attend as does **R.E. Dick Faxon**. (I guess Dick intends to race a lap, then flag a lap during his Spec Miata races this year!)

The CFR school at Hallett is MIDIV's third and final race worker training session of the pre-season. Holders of SCCA National F&C licenses are required to attend a school every two years because they are the workers called on by CART, F-1, ALMS, etc. to staff professional road races. However, a CFR school is valuable even for the once-or-twice a year race worker because no one wants to be flagging a race and - at the same time - hoping nothing goes wrong because he/she doesn't know how to react.

OMR/SCCA members interested in attending the school should contact David at 417-882-9337, 417-882-0930 (office) or gr8_teeth@hotmail.com. Or you can go right to the source and talk to Betty Martin in Tulsa - 918-744-6392 (10 AM to 10 PM) or btymartin@aol.com.

Fee for the school will be \$20.00 (refunded if you work an SCCA race at Hallett this summer,) and lunch will be provided. The training session will start at 8:00 AM, Saturday, March 22 in the tower at HMRC.

David says a lot of information will be covered: "flagging and race control systems, rescue of errant race drivers, extinguishing race car fires, and tips on preventing quickly spreading grass fires caused by dumb Alfa Romeo I.T. drivers who park hot cars on tinder dry grass at the track's edge." And David should know.....

100 Acre Wood ClubRally

John Gresham, Jeff Moore, and Terry Mitchell asked OMR's hard-working Editor to accompany them to the 100 Acre Wood SCCA ClubRally on Saturday, February 22, and - being the avid outdoorsman that I am - I eagerly agreed.

The day dawned damp and chilly with strong northerly winds, but Gresham's Jeep Grand Cherokee was warm and comfortable enough, so - after a lengthy wait in Mitchell's driveway - we headed toward Salem, MO and various sections of the Mark Twain National Forest nearby. To guide us on our way, Jeff had borrowed Loren Moore's deluxe GPS unit, and soon enough a lady stationed in a satellite high above our heads was offering expert instructions on which roads to take and where to turn. She stuck with us all day (we got back to Springfield @ 1:00 AM Sunday) and only became agitated when Gresham left her prescribed route for a rest stop or visit to a convenience store....."you are off route, you are off route."

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SCCA designated the 100 Acre Wood as its "National ClubRally Championship" for 2002 - ClubRally is PRO Rally for Divisional competitors - and @ forty teams took the bait. There were a lot of little Mitsubishi sedans of various evos entered, but not many Subaru WRX's which surprised me. Oddities included a '72 Corvette (hardly the hot ticket,) a Mustang coupe, and - proving there will always be an England - a '66 Mini Cooper and a '68 MGB-GT.

The 100 Acre Wood actually was the second rally of the weekend. On Friday night, many of the teams had run Trespassers Wil.... - an event offering points for the 2003 championship - and among them was OMR's own **Robert Hamblin** of Hollister, MO. Robert was navigator for Shawn Teegarden in a '87 Dodge D-50 pickup, and they finished Sixth in Group 5 and 30th overall. Teegarden/Hamblin were not entered in the 100 Acre Wood.

But I digress....we missed the start in Salem (see lengthy wait in Mitchell's driveway) but soon caught up with the performance rallyists at various spectating areas suggested by the organizers. Most of these lacked drama, and all were extremely damp and muddy underfoot. (I eventually put on my boots when it became apparent the gray skies would not clear, but city-boy Gresham did the whole day in penny loafers.) Working our way towards the rally service area at Viburnum, MO High School (aided as always by the GPS lady,) we stumbled - not literally - across an excellent spectating venue NOT suggested by the organizers. We weren't alone; the highway was lined with spectator vehicles near a spot where a rally stage went through a giant culvert under the roadway. Excellent photo opportunities here, but I forgot to take a camera. Mitchell did not forget, but I may have jumped in front of his lens a few times....haven't seen the results yet.

The day ended with a much delayed night stage at an altitude of 1296 feet. (That's what the U.S. Forest Service marker I stood next to said anyway.) Lots of noise, lots of very bright head and spot lights, lots of mud...everything ClubRally is all about. All in all, a pretty good day of motorsport.

And the winners were.....John Drislane/Ronan Burke - Mitsubishi Lancer Evo VI, 1st Overall & 1st Open class; Mike Hurst/Rob Bohn - Ford Mustang, 6th Overall & 1st Group 5; Brian Scott/David Hackett - Mitsubishi Eclipse GSX, 7th Overall & 1st Prod/GT; Randy Bailey/Will Perry - Isuzu Impulse, 8th Overall & 1st Group 2; Phil Smith/Dallas Smith - MGB-GT, 16th Overall & 1st Historic Group 2; William Tremmel/Peter Coleman - VW Rabbit GTI, 18th Overall & 1st Production. 26 out of 43 teams finished the event.

April Fool's Day

Goodness knows OMR has plenty of fools, and, by coincidence, our Region's April meeting falls on a national holiday celebrated by these members - *April Fool's Day*. I encourage all fools to attend the monthly meeting on April 1st. Come and have some fun with the fools who regularly attend! You won't be disappointed!

MINUTES General Meeting 3-4-03

R.E. Dick Faxon called the meeting to order at Classic Sports Bar and Restaurant at 7:16 P.M. A motion was made and accepted to waive the reading of the Minutes. The Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Old Business:

Eric Anderson gave a report about the upcoming March autocross.

Dick Faxon gave a positive report about the noise issue. The city (Ozark) informed Dick that the county did not really have jurisdiction.

There was discussion about getting more safety stewards trained. Most of our current stewards are active road racers. This is another restriction when scheduling autocrosses.

New Business:

The upcoming Crash Fire Rescue (CFR) schools at Hallett and Iowa (MAM?) were discussed.

David Small gave a report about the benefits and fun of course working and crewing for the club racers. He encouraged members to give it a try.

T.C. Pistol gave a report of an upcoming Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) meeting and field trip to a Harley manufacturing plant.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary

MINUTES Board of Directors Meeting 3-13-03

R.E. Dick Faxon called the meeting to order at Schultz & Dooley's Too at 7:02 P.M. A motion was made and accepted to waive the reading of the Minutes. The Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

Old Business:

There was discussion about linking the national web site to the regional web site. Jeff reported that the information was sent to the national office and to the division office last month. Dick reported that the National link did not work. The link from the division web-site is working. Sam verified this. Dick will revisit the issue with the national office

Web-site software was briefly discussed.

New Business:

The contract for use of the Ducks lot was reviewed and approved.

There was discussion about conducting our annual autocross

trailer inventory. This led a discussion about wristbands and confirming the details of our first Autocross. Sam is going to conduct a conference call with Erik Anderson and Dick Faxon on Thursday, March 14, 2003.

There was discussion about the Region's first rally, and other possible sites for autocrosses.

The board nominated Dick and Sam to approve the autocross supplemental regulations for 2003 after getting a copy from Erik.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary

MEMO To OMR/SCCA Road Racers**Subject: ANNUAL TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS**

This year's MIDIV racing schedule is front-loaded. Six (out of ten) National races and ten (out of twenty) Regional races will have been run by sundown June 1st. Obviously, some racers will have secured *Runoffs* invitations, *I.T. Tour* championships, and *Mid-Am* bonus eligibility before the summer solstice.

MIDIV's road racing season is underway! Are you ready? Is your driver's gear still usable? Is your race car together? Has your car received its SCCA mandated "annual technical inspection?" Do you have a copy of the 2003 GCR? Do you need new decals or suit patches?

Don't wait until the last minute!

TO SCHEDULE A RACE VEHICLE "ANNUAL TECH"**Contact:**

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OR

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Jeff also can supply you with novice permits, logbooks, GCRs, patches, and decals. Don't forget to take your driver's gear to the annual inspection. You'll need a current "helmet sticker." - as well as a logbook endorsement for your car - to get on the race track.

SUNDAY - MARCH 23

Opening Day SOLO II

Ducks Stadium/Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO

OMR/SCCA Solo II Schedule—2003

| | |
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| MARCH 23 | AUGUST 24 |
| APRIL 20 | SEPTEMBER 28 |
| MAY ?? | OCTOBER 19 |
| JUNE 8 | NOVEMBER 9 |
| JULY 13 | |

SOLOTIME-MIDIV Solo II Series—2003

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| MAY 3/4 | - East Crawford Recreation Area - Salina, KS |
| MAY 25/26 | - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL |
| JUNE 21/22 | - K.C. Royals Stadium Lot L - Independence, MO |
| AUGUST 2/3 | - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS |

OMR Solo II Supplemental Regulations 2003**Classes:**

Classes will be per SCCA 2003 Solo II Rulebook (kept current per *Fast Tracks*), plus any regional classes that may be implemented by the OMR board. Prepared and Modified classes may be combined if there are an inadequate number of drivers.

Drivers may not enter more than one car.

There shall be no more than two drivers per car unless approved by the event organizer.

Single car classes will be "bumped."

The best (quickest) of all runs will count for position.

Late entries may be accepted by the event organizer, however, no make up runs are allowed.

If a car is deemed too loud by 2/3rds of the following officials: Tech Inspector, Safety Steward, and Event Chair, the driver/drivers may be required to correct the noise level before being allowed to compete/drive. This enforcement is required to maintain our current sites.

If a driver bumps more than 2 classes, that class becomes a "pax" class.

Ladies class is a "pax" class, unless there are more than 7 drivers.

Event Awards:

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| 1-2 entrants: | 1 st |
| 3-4 entrants: | 1 st , 2 nd |
| 5-6 entrants: | 1 st , 2 nd , and 3 rd . |
| 7+ entrants: | 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , and 4 th . |

Fastest Time of the Day (FTD) Trophies

At each event there will be two FTD trophies in addition to the class trophies. Any driver whose car is equipped with racing compound tires or competes in the STS/STX class is eligible for FTD-R. Any driver whose car is equipped with street compound tires and not in the STS/STX class is eligible for FTD-S.

Class Champions:

At each event a competitor will earn class points based on finishing position in the class as follows:

1st = 15, 2nd = 12, 3rd = 10, 4th = 8, 5th = 6, 6th and lower = 5 pts.

The best 6 events for each driver will count towards class championships.

The winner must compete in at least 4 events "in that class".

Drivers must be an OMR SCCA member or join by the start of the 4th Solo II event to receive points.

A driver may win two class championships if they meet the minimum requirements in each class.

Drivers will be responsible for working their shift. Failure to work will result in disqualification and/or loss of points.

Autocrosser of the Year award:

This award will go to the driver receiving the most points based on adjusted PAX (RTR) times.

The best 6 events for each driver will count towards Driver of the Year.

Points awarded as follows (OMR members only):

1st = 15, 2nd = 12, 3rd = 10, 4th = 9, 5th = 8, 6th = 7, 7th and lower 6 pts.

If drivers have the same # of points at end of season, winner is the driver with most "1sts" if still tied, the most "2nds", etc.

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Neighboring Regions' SOLO II Schedules

Arkansas Region www.arscca.org

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| MARCH 29 | - Site T.B.A. |
| MAY 18 | - Petit Jean State Park Airport |
| JUNE 21/22 | - War Memorial Stadium, Little Rock |
| JULY 27 | - War Memorial Stadium, Little Rock |
| AUGUST 17 | - North Little Rock Airport |
| SEPT. 27 | - Petit Jean State Park Airport |
| OCT. 11/12 | - Almyra, AR Airport |
| NOV. 9 | - Walnut Ridge Airport |
| DEC. 7 | - War Memorial Stadium, Little Rock |

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NEOkla Region www.neokla-scca.org

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| MARCH 30 | - Tanger Outlet Mall, Stroud, OK |
| APRIL 27 | - Tanger Outlet Mall, Stroud, OK |
| JUNE 1 | - Davis Field, Muskogee, OK |
| JUNE 22 | - Davis Field, Muskogee, OK |
| JULY 27 | - Davis Field, Muskogee, OK |
| AUG. 23/24 | - Davis Field, Muskogee, OK |
| SEPT. 28 | - Davis Field, Muskogee, OK |
| OCT. 19 | - Tanger Outlet Mall, Stroud, OK |
| NOV. 16 | - Tanger Outlet Mall, Stroud, OK |

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| MARCH 23 | - UMB Pavilion, Maryland Heights, MO |
| APRIL 6 | - UMB Pavilion, Maryland Heights, MO |
| APRIL 13 | - Gateway Int'l Raceway, Madison, IL |
| MAY 4 | - UMB Pavilion, Maryland Heights, MO |
| MAY 25/26 | - (Divisional) Gateway Int'l Raceway |
| JUNE 8 | - UMB Pavilion, Maryland Heights, MO |
| JUNE 22 | - UMB Pavilion, Maryland Heights, MO |
| JULY 13 | - UMB Pavilion, Maryland Heights, MO |
| JULY 27 | - UMB Pavilion, Maryland Heights, MO |
| AUG. 17 | - Gateway Int'l Raceway, Madison, IL |
| AUG. 24 | - Gateway Int'l Raceway, Madison, IL |
| SEPT. 21 | - UMB Pavilion, Maryland Heights, MO |
| OCT. 12 | - Gateway Int'l Raceway, Madison, IL |
| OCT. 26 | - Gateway Int'l Raceway, Madison, IL |

(UMB Pavilion is former Riverport Amphitheater)

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Kansas City Region www.kcrscca.org

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| MARCH 23 | - Lot A, KC Royals Stadium, Independence, MO |
| APRIL 13 | - Lot A, KC Royals Stadium, Independence, MO |
| MAY 4 | - Lot A, KC Royals Stadium, Independence, MO |
| JUNE 21/22 | - (Divisional) Lot L, KC Royals Stadium |
| JULY 13 | - Lot A, KC Royals Stadium, Independence, MO |
| AUG. 10 | - Lot A, KC Royals Stadium, Independence, MO |
| AUG. 17 | - Lot L, KC Royals Stadium, Independence, MO |
| SEPT. 1 | - Lot A, KC Royals Stadium, Independence, MO |
| OCT. 26 | - Lot A, KC Royals Stadium, Independence, MO |

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Crown Autocross Club www.crownautocross.org

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| MARCH 30 | - Lot A, KC Royals Stadium, Independence, MO |
| APRIL 27 | - Lot A, KC Royals Stadium, Independence, MO |
| MAY 18 | - Lot L, KC Royals Stadium, Independence, MO |
| JUNE 8 | - Lot A, KC Royals Stadium, Independence, MO |
| JULY 27 | - Lot A, KC Royals Stadium, Independence, MO |
| AUG. 24 | - Lot A, KC Royals Stadium, Independence, MO |
| SEPT. 21 | - Lot A, KC Royals Stadium, Independence, MO |
| OCT. 12 | - Lot A, KC Royals Stadium, Independence, MO |

(Crown is an independent autoX club in Kansas City area)

Notes

Looks like *Royals Stadium* may draw more autocrossers than baseball fans this season!

Remember to confirm event details before traveling to distant autocrosses. Schedules change...events are sometimes moved, postponed, or cancelled.

All Regions have pretty much the same worker rules; be prepared to volunteer.

If you plan to run out-of-region events, buy a couple of those round, greenish OMR decals from Dick Faxon and put them on your car. Show our colors and let everyone know where you're from.

Don't tell them "Sam said it was okay" if you're questioned about modifications or equipment!

Tell any attractive women you meet that Ozark Mountain Region hands out "really big trophies." (They'll know what you mean.)

Brush your teeth and wear clean underwear; you might be involved in a horrible traffic accident and be taken to a hospital.
