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## Jeff & Clarissa Moore Win *Flight To The Moon* Rally

Barry and Kathy Shockley's "Flight To The Moon" gimmick rally on Saturday evening, July 12 drew fourteen entries, and **Jeff and Clarissa Moore** captured First Place with only one penalty point. The rally employed roads east and north of Springfield, and most of the problems faced by the rallyists were the work of Kathy Shockley. She, however, was "out of town" during the event and left Barry to field complaints at the rally's conclusion! Fourteen entries is a surprising number for one of OMR's rallies (they usually draw around ten teams,) so Barry's idea of an evening rally aimed at couples proved to be a good one.

Veteran rallyists **Chris and Ellen Chindlund** finished in Second Place and **Shelley Rice and Coy Hart, Jr.** were Third. The Moores won by a large margin, but the second through ninth placed teams were very close, separated by only five penalty points. The Chindlunds collected eight and one-half, while **Monica Tindall and Larry Beals** in Ninth had thirteen and one-half.

### Order Of Finish (Driver/Navigator)

1. Jeff Moore/Clarissa Moore
  2. Chris Chindlund/Ellen Chindlund
  3. Shelley Rice/Coy Hart, Jr.
  4. Justin Meyers/Morgan Crim
  5. Brad Wolfe/Jennifer Wolfe
  6. Forrest Tindall/Breanna Tindall
  7. Chris Simons/Stephanie Thornton
  8. Derek Gresham/Brad Johnson
  9. Monica Tindall/Larry Beals
  10. Rodney Brakeman/Christopher Cedar
  11. Mary Carey/Mark Carey
  12. Gale Newlin/Lana Newlin
  13. Pat Foster/Jody Carey
- Dnf Mike Eden/Marty Eden

OMR's next rally will be our annual Halloween Rally, but its date hasn't been set. November 1st is the obvious date, but the Mid-Am "bonus" race is scheduled for November 2nd at Memphis Motorsports Park. Check next month's *BLAT* for more info.

## Road Race Report

The National points race on August 31st at Heartland Park/Topeka marked the end of the season for those drivers hoping to win invitations to the *Valvoline*/SCCA "Runoffs," and it looks like five OMR road racers - our biggest contingent ever - will be heading for Mid Ohio Sports Car Course in mid-September.

Four more OMR competitors are in contention for Mid-Am championships as the Midwest Division's series for regional racers enters its home stretch.

Looking forward to the Club's National Road Racing Championship are: **Loren Moore**, MIDIV's top points winner in the Touring 1 class with his black Corvette Z06, **Chuck Leighton** who will find out if his "limited prep" MGB has any chance in G Production, **Sam Henry** who came on strong in the American Sedan class after early season problems with his Pontiac Firebird (*Butt Ugly*), **Tom Morrison** who was Third at the *June Sprints* with his GT2 Porsche 914-6, and old pro **Forrest Tindall** who will take on the E Production field with his Mazda RX7.

For Loren, Chuck, Tom, and Sam, it will be their first trip to the *Runoffs*. But Forrest competed at SCCA's very first "runoffs" (it was then called the American Road Race of Champions) at Riverside Raceway in California back in 1964. Good luck, gentlemen!

Last year, three OMR racers captured Mid-Am Road Racing Championship titles, and this year, as many as four championship clock-trophies may be headed our way. Regional Executive **Dick Faxon** has scored the maximum number of points in Spec Miata, but the class has so many competitors (nine already have qualified for championship consideration) that Dick will have to do well at the Mid-Am "bonus" race at Memphis on November 2nd to secure his crown.

**Shane Bennoch** has led the Formula Continental class with his Swift DB6 all summer and now has 57 points but hasn't yet out-distanced FC's other drivers. Tied in second place with 33 points are two other DB6 drivers, Kansas Region's Patrick Donnelly and Kansas City Region's Willard King. It looks like

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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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Shane's championship hopes also may hinge on the outcome of the bonus race.

After having the GT2 class lead all to himself most of the season, **Rick Carr** now finds himself in a first place tie with St Louis Region's Ward Herst. Both drivers have collected 36 points from three wins, Rick in his Porsche 911 and Ward in a Mazda RX7.

OMR's newest road racer may be our safest bet for a Mid-Am championship. **Chris Brannon**, an American muscle car enthusiast from Mountain Home, AR, has tallied four Mid-Am wins in a T2 Pontiac Firebird bought from Loren Moore in mid-July. Sam Henry knew the car was available and took Chris over to *The Automotive Archeologists* shop right after our July 13th autocross. Chris entered the July 19th racing school at Heartland Park, and the rest, as they say, is history. His four victories came at Heartland Park on July 20, Gateway Int'l on July 26, and Hallett, OK on August 16/17. Way to go, Chris!

Brannon's instant success may be "OMR's racing story of the month," but here's another tale which runs it a close second, and it's guaranteed to warm your heart. At the July 26th Regional Race at Gateway, **Forrest Tindall** still hadn't decided whether to make a late season run at the Mid-Am E Production title or shoot for an invitation to the *Runoffs*. Giving it all he had, Forrest not only won the EP class but also **finished first overall** in his race group which included the fast GT cars. In more than forty years (off and on) of SCCA racing, it may have been the first time the septuagenarian (look it up) ever finished First Overall.

Now that MIDIV's National racing season has come to a close, the 2003 *I.T. Tour* also has come to an end, and **Dick Faxon** has won the Spec Miata class. More than thirty racers battled it out in the Spec Miata class during the Tour's ten races this season. Dick entered the series' final contest at Heartland Park on August 31 needing to finish no lower than Seventh to claim the title.

## Autocross Notes

Elsewhere in this issue you'll find the results from our *August Scorchers* autocross, and, if you pay attention to such things, you'll probably wonder what happened to the results from our *Summer Sizzler* event in July. If you have visited the website in the past few weeks, you're probably wondering the same thing. It all boils down to "computer problems." **Solo II Manager Erik Anderson** reports he has been unable to acquire the July results in readable form. For some unexplained reason, the July results file emailed (more than once) to Erik from Robert Marsh is corrupted in transmission. The problem was unexpected because results from earlier events were transferred just fine. Erik and Robert will get the matter straightened out soon, and the July results will be published (and posted on the website) when available.

Also missing from this issue is Erik's monthly *Anderson On Autocrossing* column. Look for Erik's commentaries on our July and August events in next month's *BLAT*.

More than sixty drivers competed at both *Summer Sizzler* and *August Scorchers* autocrosses. Considering this summer's above normal temperatures, that's an astounding number of entries. In past years, participation has declined during July and August. The Region's Board of Directors and Solo II Manager want to thank all our entrants for supporting OMR's autocross program even in adverse conditions. (The August event even drew a surprising number of spectators.)

Erik and the Board want to specially commend the July and August entrants for willingly accepting work assignments despite the high temperatures. Both events moved along at a steady pace, and every entrant got a full allotment of timed runs.

Special thanks to Yenko Stinger driver (and Regional Treasurer) **Jeff Moore** for bringing out the "toter home" from Loren Moore's race car transporter on August 24th. The toter home provided electricity for a box fan near the timing and scoring trailer and air conditioned comfort when one of our course workers got a little light-headed due to the heat.

Special thanks also to whomever provided the *Krispy Kreme* doughnuts. **Josef Welsh** brought them to the trailer, but who fetched them is unknown. August 24th was not the first time this year a doughnut delivery has surprised those who hang out around the trailer. To whomever is responsible: the treats are much appreciated!

Entrants, associates, and spectators went through 192 bottles of water and more than 150 cans of soda pop on August 24th. Only a single can of *Diet Coke* remained when your faithful Editor left the lot at 4:30 PM; **T.C. Pistole**, who always stays to the bitter end, didn't want it so I drank it! We started the day with eight dozen bottles of water, and those were consumed so quickly that **Cheryl Faxon** was dispatched to round up another 96 bottles.

Because of the increased participation at our July and August events, autocross revenues for the year are better than expected. At the July Board meeting, Solo II Manager Erik Anderson requested upgrades to some of our autocross equipment - the p.a.

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### OMR/SCCA Solo II Schedule—2003

MARCH 23  
APRIL 20  
MAY 24 (Sat.)  
JUNE 8  
JULY 13

AUGUST 24  
SEPTEMBER 28  
OCTOBER 19  
NOVEMBER 9

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**MINUTES General Meeting 7-01-03**

R.E. Dick Faxon called the meeting to order at Classic Sports Bar and Restaurant at 7:17 P.M. A motion was made and accepted to waive the reading of the Minutes. A Treasurer's report was not presented.

**Old Business:**

Erik Anderson reported on the June autocross. Results were on the website until the server crashed. Hopefully the website will be up in a couple of weeks.

Erik also reported on the Mazda "Rev It Up" competition at St. Louis in June where several OMR members - Pat Mitchell, Matt Searing, Erik Anderson - were near the top of the time charts.

Sam Henry reported on the regional/national races at Glenwood, IA on Father's Day weekend.

**New Business:**

Dick Faxon discussed possible locations for OMR's fall picnic.. Ted Wells indicated that our old location (Snow Bluff) had become an American Indian museum.

Ted Wells announced that Barry and Kathy Shockley were organizing a gimmick/social rally for Saturday evening, July 12.

Phil Fanning presented another trivia question even though June's "challenge" had not yet been published. Both will appear in the July *BLAT*.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary.

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**MINUTES Board of Directors Meeting 7-10-03**

R.E. Dick Faxon called the meeting to order at Schultz & Dooley's Too at 6:59 P.M. A motion was made and accepted to waive the reading of the Minutes. A Treasurer's report was presented and approved.

**Old Business:**

Board discussed the July 4th weekend races at Hallett, OK.

Plans for the July 12th rally were discussed.

Upgrading of the autocross p.a. system was discussed. Erik Anderson, Sam Henry, and Phil Fanning will investigate methods and equipment. An upgrade was approved at the end of 2002 but never completed due to power requirements and the lack of equipment sources.

**New Business:**

Erik Anderson as Solo II Manager led a group discussion on what upgrades would benefit the autocross program the most. Some of

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the topics included time boards, p.a. system upgrades, electrical generator, electronic time display equipment, laptop computer, and timing and scoring software. This was a lengthy discussion and Board agreed the following: p.a. system to come first, check with membership about availability of unused laptops, study power sources, i.e. solar cells vs. gas powered generator.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary

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**MINUTES General Meeting 8-05-03**

Assistant RE Phil Fanning called the meeting to order at Classic Sports Bar and Restaurant at 7:03 P.M. A motion was made and accepted to waive the reading of the Minutes. The Treasurer's report was also waived.

**Old Business:**

Erik Anderson gave a report on the July autocross. Results will be on the website soon. The website server is working again, and Erik is recreating the Region's site.

Erik also gave a report on a Porsche Club charity autocross in Springfield.

T.C. Pistole reported on the drivers school/regional race at Heartland Park in mid-July.

Ted Wells gave a brief report on the July 12th rally which was won by Jeff and Clarissa Moore and had fourteen entries, an increase of 40% from our average rally attendance.

**New Business:**

David Small mentioned an upcoming Italian car and bike show in Dallas. David can be contacted for details.

Shelly Rice brought up a topic she wanted the Board to discuss at its next meeting on Thursday, August 14, 2003. She suggested the Region make a donation of tools or money to Dennis Schneider, a SCCA racer in the St. Louis area. Dennis is the significant other of Mary Daly, former OMR Regional Executive, and recently lost his shop and plenty of equipment to a fire.

Erik noted that everything is on schedule for the August 24 autocross.

Phil Fanning led a discussion on possible dates for the fall picnic which will be held at Snow Bluff, the same site as last year.

Phil provided a new trivia question. "Who was the OMR/SCCA 2001 Solo II Driver of the Year?" There were no winners for his two previous trivia challenges.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary

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system, electrical power source, and computer/software.

An upgrade of the p.a. system was approved by the Board last year but never implemented. The need is obvious, but the solution is taking longer than expected. We can get an ac powered system for as little as \$200, but Board members don't know if it is powerful enough and then there's the problem of an adequate ac electrical source. Another option would be a system for @ \$500 which surely would be loud enough but, again, is ac powered.

Erik would like to acquire a gasoline fired generator, but the quiet and powerful ones (like Honda or Kawasaki models) run into real money. Forrest Tindall recently acquired a unit for very little money on behalf of the Region, but it hasn't been tested yet. A p.a. system's power requirements are one thing; providing surge free power for a computer system likely is more complicated.

Erik also would like to acquire a laptop computer to simplify things for registration and timing & scoring. A laptop would take up less space and could run autocross T & S software.

The electrical power source (a solar panel/charger/battery/inverter system) we now use is the property of **Robert Marsh**, and he has to transport it to and from every autocross, not to mention setting it up and taking it down. Likewise, the Apple computer we use is Robert's property. Providing this equipment at every event is a lot to ask of any member although Robert has been willing to do that, and the Region appreciates his effort. It should be noted that Robert is a firm supporter of solar power and believes it can provide us with an adequate supply of electricity.

As you can see, all the requested upgrades are related. All are doable, but we don't want to spend more money than we have to. Here's where you come in. If you are familiar with p.a. systems - their electrical requirements, local sources of equipment, the amount of power we need - contact Erik Anderson or Dick Faxon. If you are acquiring a new laptop and have an older, reliable unit the Region might buy from you, contact Erik or Dick. If you have an opinion on the solar panel versus gas fired generator question, contact Erik or Dick.

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### Dates Set For Picnic and Banquet

The Region's Board of Directors has announced the dates of OMR's Fall Picnic and Awards Banquet.

The picnic (and go kart mayhem) is scheduled for Sunday, October 12th. As in past years, we will gather at the former "Snow Bluff" recreation area, 13 miles north of Springfield on HWY 13.

Our annual Awards Banquet is set for Saturday evening, January 17, 2004. Once again, it will be held at the historic *Riverside Inn* north of Ozark, MO. Mark your calendars now!

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### How Much Horsepower Do You Really Have?

Expert autocrosser and fair-to-middlin' race driver **Sam Henry** can help you find out how much of your motor's horsepower is getting to the pavement. Sam has installed a chassis dyno in his new race shop northwest of Springfield. If you are interested, check out his website - [www.SpringfieldDyno.com](http://www.SpringfieldDyno.com).

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### For Sale

'81 Mazda RX7 GSL Reliable daily driver & autocrosser, low mileage motor, fresh silver paint, many new components, *Racing Beat* exhaust & flywheel, A/C, cruise, & power windows all work. CSP winner at OMR's August autocross. Price coming down to \$3500.  
**Bud Weeks - 620-231-6977**

'79 Chevrolet Camaro Berlinetta One owner, 79,000 miles, glass T-tops, 350 ci V8, automatic, A/C, perfect body, like new tires, light blue paint & matching interior.

**Bill Abney - 417-887-0175 office**

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### Rallycross Planned For Viburnum, MO

Here's something for you Subaru WRX owners. St. Louis Region has scheduled a rallycross (autocross on dirt) on Saturday, October 4 at Viburnum up in Iron County. The event is being run in conjunction with the Old Miners Days Club Rally, and the site just outside of town will double as the Club Rally's first special stage.

Viburnum is in the Mark Twain National Forest east of Salem and south of Steelville. That's a good drive from the Springfield area but not so far from our members in the Rolla-Fort Wood-Lake of the Ozarks region.

Over the past few months, St. Louis Region has developed an active rallycross program, but most of the competitions are held at a site in southern Illinois. For more info on the Viburnum event, go to [www.rallycross.us](http://www.rallycross.us) or [www.stlscca.org](http://www.stlscca.org)

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### MIDIV Convention Room Reservations

This year's Midwest Division Convention will be hosted by Kansas City Region at the *Tan-Tar-A* resort at Lake of the Ozarks. The dates are November 14-16.

KCR officials urge those planning to attend to make room reservations a.s.a.p. and suggest you stay in the "resort complex" where rates are \$80 a night for 1-4 people. The number to call is **573-348-3131** and be sure to mention "SCCA Midwest Division Convention." If you have any trouble getting the \$80 rate, ask for Ryan Galvin.

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## Phil Fanning's *Trivia Challenge*

### Who was the OMR/SCCA 2001 Solo II Driver of the Year?

Mail your answer to Phil Fanning, 26542 Poppy Dr., Stella, MO 64867 or phone him at 417-638-5575 or e-mail him at fanning@mo-net.com. Deadline for entries is 10:00 PM, Monday, October 6. The winner will be announced at OMR's October 7th General Meeting. In case of multiple correct answers, a drawing will determine the winner.

Phil has upped the ante for his *trivia challenges* this year. At the end of the year, all the *challenge* winners in 2003 will be eligible for a contest - perhaps a drawing, perhaps a *trivia* "runoff" - in which the victor will receive a club jacket! Put your thinking caps on and watch for future *trivia challenges*! There were no winners in Phil's last two challenges, but here are the answers: June - the legendary Barney Oldfield drove his "Green Dragon" racer to four "world records" at Joplin's half-mile Barbee Park track on his birthday, April 15, 1905; July - the "Mormon Meteor" was built by the Duesenberg brothers for Ab Jenkins, a devout Mormon, who drove the car to a 24 hour land speed record of 161.18 mph. The record still stands!

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## 2003 SCCA Midwest Division Calendar

### SEPTEMBER

- 6/7 - **SCCA ProSolo** Finale - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS
- 9-12 - **Tire Rack/SCCA Solo II National Championship** - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS
- 15-21 - **Valvoline/SCCA "Runoffs"** - National Road Racing Championship - Mid Ohio Sports Car Course
- 27/28 - **Mirrorkhana XXIX** - East Crawford Recreation Area - Salina, KS

### OCTOBER

- 4/5 - **Double Regional Races** - MidAmerica Motorplex - Glenwood, IA
- 17-19 - **SCCA PRO Spec Racer, Miata Cup, Am. Cities Racing League, Formula SCCA Pro Racing Championships**  
Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
- 25/26 - **Double Regional Races** - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL

### NOVEMBER

- 1/2 - **Racing School/MidAm Bonus Regional Race** - Memphis Motorsports Park - Millington, TN
- 15/16 - **MIDIV Annual Convention** - *TanTarA Resort* - Lake of the Ozarks - MO
- 29 - **RallyeSprint Oklahoma! ClubRally** - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK

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## **Events & Meetings In The Weeks Ahead**

- SEPTEMBER 2 - TUESDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Monthly Meeting - *Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant* - Clarion Hotel - 3333 S. Glenstone - Springfield
- SEPTEMBER 6/7 - SCCA ProSolo "Finale" - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS
- SEPTEMBER 9-12 - *Tire Rack*/SCCA Solo II National Championship - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS
- SEPTEMBER 11 - THURSDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Board Of Directors Meeting - *Schultz & Dooley's Too* - 3512 S. National - Springfield
- SEPTEMBER 15-21 - *Valvoline*/SCCA "Runoffs" - National Road Racing Championship - Mid Ohio Sports Car Course - Lexington, OH
- SEPTEMBER 28 - SUNDAY - OMR/SCCA Solo II - Ducks Stadium/Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO (*Details In The Sept. BLAT*)
- SEPTEMBER 27/28 - *Mirorkhana XXIX* - East Crawford Recreation Area - Salina, KS ([www.salinascga.org](http://www.salinascga.org))
- OCTOBER 4/5 - Double Regional Races - MidAmerica Motorplex - Glenwood, IA (402-553-3081)
- OCTOBER 7 - TUESDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Monthly Meeting - *Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant* - Clarion Hotel - 3333 S. Glenstone - Springfield
- OCTOBER 12 - SUNDAY - OMR/SCCA *Fall Picnic* (*Details In The September BLAT*)
- OCTOBER 16 - THURSDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Board Of Directors Meeting - *Schultz & Dooley's Too* - 3512 S. National - Springfield
- OCTOBER 19 - SUNDAY - OMR/SCCA Solo II - Ducks Stadium/Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO (*Details In The October BLAT*)
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