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OMR's 2003 SOLO II SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED

With six inches of snow on the ground (and more expected) it may seem unlikely, but OMR/SCCA's 2003 SOLO II season is scheduled to start in less than a month. **SOLO II Manager Erik Anderson** - after consulting with Regional Executive Dick Faxon and last year's Manager Sam Henry - has announced the following dates for this year's SOLO II regional championship.

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

Please note that April 20 is Easter. All dates posted so far are Sundays, and all events will be run at Ducks Stadium/Price Cutter Park in Ozark, MO. At the moment, the "fly in the ointment" is the May event. No May dates are available at Ducks Stadium. The May dates under discussion are Saturday the 10th or Sunday the 11th (Mothers' Day.) The matter should be settled shortly.

On a related matter, after consultation with Ozark city officials and the Christian County sheriff's office, **R.E. Dick Faxon** reports the noise issues which disrupted the final event of 2002 have been resolved.

AWARDS BANQUET WRAP UP

OMR's Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet was held on Saturday, Jan. 18 at the *Riverside Inn* north of Ozark, MO. Some 60 members and guests attended and everyone had a great time. After the delicious buffet dinner, **retiring R.E. Phil Fanning** got the ball rolling with a joke or two then the following members were recognized for their competition successes or service to the Region.

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JIM SCARBOROUGH

1943—2003

Jim Scarborough, OMR's first Regional Executive back in 1983, died at St. John's Regional Health Center on Feb. 5 from injuries suffered in a traffic accident the day before. Many of you newer members will remember Jim as the fellow who ran "the gate" - collecting waiver signatures and distributing wrist bands - at our autocrosses. Many of the Region's older members will remember him for a vast number of episodes better left unreported. Jim had been in ill health for several years, a factor which may have contributed to the accident and hindered his recovery.

He was born in Springfield on July 22, 1943 and graduated from Parkview High School in 1962. After a stint in the U.S. Navy, Jim went to work for the Frisco Railroad which eventually evolved into the Burlington Northern. After holding the Region's top office only one year, his duties as a train dispatcher took him first to Kansas City and later to Fort Worth. He retired from the BN in the mid 90s and moved back to Springfield where he resumed his association with our Region.

A memorial service was held at a Springfield funeral home on Saturday, Feb. 8 with several OMR members in attendance.

The Region's Board of Directors and Members offer their condolences to the families of Erik and Kori Anderson and Hugh and Marsha Sutton. Erik's mother passed away on Feb. 11, and Marsha's mother passed away on Feb. 13.

OMR/SCCA's Next Monthly Meeting

TUESDAY – MARCH 4 – 7:00 PM

Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant

**Clarion Hotel – 3333 S. Glenstone
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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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MORE Awards Banquet From Pg 1**Membership Pins**

25 Years - Joe Bass	5 Years - Jennifer Carr
20 Years - Forrest Tindall	Riley Carr
15 Years - Keith Maloney	Chris Chindlund
10 Years - Shane Bennoch	Ellen Chindlund
Beth Johnstone	Dick Faxon
Mark Rountree	Hugh Sutton
John Taliaferro	
Linda Taliaferro	
Nick Taliaferro	

Regional SOLO II Class Champions

SS - Sam Henry
 BS - T.C. Pistole
 CS - Pat Mitchell
 ES - Allen Woody
 GS - Nick Taliaferro
 HS - Forrest Tindall
 STS - Travis Tyler
 ASP - Jeff Herrmann
 BSP - Mark Rountree
 DSP - Rodger Grantham
 ESP - Bill Stewart
 FSP - Oren Goble
 DP - Dave Honea
 EM - Lester Henry
 FM - Robert Marsh

SOLO II 100 % Club

Gary Grantham - DSP & CSP
 Sam Henry - SS, EM & GS
 Robert Marsh - HS & FM
 Pat Mitchell - CS
 Mark Rountree - BSP & ES
 Chris Simons - HS & STS
 Bill Stewart - ESP
 Forrest Tindall - HS
 Travis Tyler - STS
 Allen Woody - ES

MIDIV National Points

Loren Moore - 2nd Place - Touring 1
 Chuck Leighton - 3rd Place - G Production

Mid-Am Road Racing Championship

Shane Bennoch - 1st Place - Formula Continental
 Chuck Leighton - 1st Place - G Production
 Loren Moore - 1st Place - Touring 1
 Dick Faxon - 2nd Place - Spec Miata
 Sam Henry - 2nd Place - American Sedan
 Forrest Tindall - 3rd Place - E Production

OMR/SCCA Autocrosser of the Year**Sam Henry**

Sam easily won the *Autocrosser of the Year* traveling trophy by scoring 85 out of a possible 90 points. Forrest Tindall (58 pts) just nipped Pat Mitchell (55 pts) for 2nd place, and Erik Anderson collected 52 pts in only five events.

OMR/SCCA Race Driver of the Year**Dick Faxon**

Dick scored 308 points in three road racing series - Mid-Am, I.T.Tour & PRO SpecMiata - to best Loren Moore who amassed 280 pts in Mid-Am & National SCCA races. Chuck Leighton was 3rd with 250 pts, and Forrest Tindall ended up 4th with 173 pts. Shane Bennoch collected 114 pts for 5th.

OMR/SCCA Rookie Race Driver of the Year**Sam Henry**

Sam ranked 6th (95 pts) on OMR's *Race Driver of the Year* list and, therefore, was our highest ranked *Rookie*.

OMR/SCCA Racing Crew Member of the Year**Charles & Lorraine Miller**

Charles & Lorraine - who crew for son-in-law Dave Pistole's Spec Racer/Ford effort - are the kind of people who make SCCA the family oriented organization everyone appreciates. They were nominated by their grandson, B Stock autocrosser T.C. Pistole.

J.D. Rice Memorial Award**Robert Marsh**

Robert is OMR's *Member of the Year* for his contributions to our SOLO II program. He provided the equipment and expertise to computerize registration and timing & scoring thus allowing our events to start on time and run smoother.

"Last Of The Great Ones" Award**Shelley Rice**

For many years now, Shelley has worked the tech shed at SCCA races across the Midwest Division and also has served as OMR's chief technical inspector. Because of her efforts, "annual inspections" are available to OMR's road racers within their home Region.

"Skroo Up of the Year" Trophy**Martin & Sam Henry**

Enough said! No explanation needed! But if you insist...Martin lost the 2002 *SOLOTIME* Divisional SOLO II Championship in the Super Stock class by .013 second, and Sam lost the Mid-Am American Sedan Championship when he decided to use rain tires on a drying track. Either brother might have won the trophy acting alone, but as a team they were absolutely unbeatable!

MINUTES General Meeting 2-4-03

R.E. Dick Faxon 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 presented and approved.

Old Business:

There was discussion about the awards banquet. Everyone felt the banquet was a huge success. The same room and location will be reserved, Dick Faxon, for next year's event.

Autocross noise at Ducks Stadium was discussed. The schedule and alternate locations were also discussed. The Board has still been unable to visit with the correct authorities. The Ozark Mayor is currently recovering from surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery. This is one of the Board's top priorities.

New Business:

Dick announced that a tentative autocross schedule has been developed. It will be posted on our new official web site: www.omrscga.org

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary.

MINUTES Board of Directors Meeting 2-13-03

R.E. Dick Faxon called the meeting to order at Schultz & Dooley's Too at 7:09 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 getting the autocross awards to the members who were not at the Awards Banquet. Sam Henry currently has those awards. According to the Board's records, Nick Taliaferro, Bill Stewart, Oren Goble, and Dave Honea still have a "class champion" shirt due to them. Bill Stewart has a "100% club" award due him.

The autocross schedule was discussed and approved. It will include one Saturday event in May. The approved schedule is March 23, April 20, May 10 (Saturday), June 8, July 13, August 24, September 28, October 19, and November 9.

Autocross noise at Ducks Stadium was discussed, again. Due to the Board's difficulties getting information from the City of Ozark, no action is planned at this time. The Board also believes that now is not the best time to approach the county/city due to recent office changes.

New Business:

The Board send its deepest sympathies to the family of Erik

Anderson for the loss of his mother, Theresa Anderson. In lieu of flowers, the Board will make a contribution to the "Children's Caring and Sharing Fund" at the Rogersville elementary school as requested by the family.

There was discussion about supplying Erik Anderson with the correct software to continue hosting our new official web site. The board pre-approved \$250.00 for purchase of software to aid communication between "Blat" and web-site software.

Phil Fanning gave a report of the SCCA national convention which was recently held in Kansas City.

The Region's charter renewal application is expected in the next couple of the months. Jeff Moore will complete and return to the National Office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary.

MIDIV Racing Season Begins In March

With six inches of snow on the ground (and more expected,) it may seem unlikely, (sounds familiar, doesn't it?) but the 2003 road racing season opens in just two weeks at Memphis Motorsports Park. Your humble Editor - a former TV weekend weatherman - predicts no snow but chilly and wet conditions on Mar. 15/16. (Sam, you may need your rain tires if they have any tread left.)

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.

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

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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.

2003 SCCA Midwest Division Calendar

MARCH

- 8 - Crash, Fire & Rescue School For Race Workers - West Des Moines, IA
 15/16 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Memphis Motorsports Park - Millington, TN
 22 - Crash, Fire & Rescue School For Race Workers - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK
 28-30 - Double Racing Schools/Regional Race - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL

APRIL

- 5/6 - Double Regional Races/Performance Car Control Clinic - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
 12/13 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK
 26/27 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - MidAmerica Motorplex - Glenwood, IA
 26/27 - SCCA *ProSolo* - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS

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MAY

- 3/4 - *SOLOTIME/MIDIV* Solo II Series Event #1 - East Crawford Recreation Area - Salina, KS
 3/4 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL
 17/18 - Racing School/Regional Race/Performance Car Control Clinic - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit
 24/25 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Memphis Motorsports Park - Millington, TN
 25/26 - *SOLOTIME/MIDIV* Solo II Series Event #2 - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL
 31/1 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS

JUNE

- 14/15 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - MidAmerica Motorplex - Glenwood, IA
 21/22 - *SOLOTIME/MIDIV* Solo II Series Event #3 - Arrowhead Stadium - Independence, MO

JULY

- 5/6 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK
 19/20 - Racing School/Regional Race/Performance Car Control Clinic - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
 26/27 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL

AUGUST

- 2/3 - *SOLOTIME/MIDIV* Solo II Series Event #4 - "MIDIV Solo II Championship" - Topeka, KS
 30/31 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS

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 - *Mirrorskhana XXIX* - East Crawford Recreation Area - Salina, KS

OCTOBER

- 4/5 - Double Regional Races - MidAmerica Motorplex - Glenwood, IA
 11/12 - Restricted Regional Races - 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 - Lake of the Ozarks - MO

NOTE *SOLOTIME/MIDIV* Solo II Series schedule has changed; dates/locations above are most recent (2/24/03) postings. Disregard previous schedules.