

# THE BLAT



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*Rain Or Shine*

**SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 9**

## ***Last Chance 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**

**9:00 To 10:30 AM – Registration & Tech  
10:30 AM – Drivers Meeting  
11:00 AM – Timed Runs Begin**

***Please Be On Time!***

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**Points Event No. 9  
2003 OMR-SCCA SOLO II Championship**

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**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**

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***Lots Of Trophies! Lots Of Fun!***

## **No Volunteers = No Candidates = No Election**

After calls for volunteers in the September and October *BLATs*, only one member, **Solo II Manager Erik Anderson**, stepped forward as a candidate for the 2004 Regional Board of Directors. At least three current Board members had hoped to give up their seats at the end of the year, but all except Mike Eden will stay on. Erik will be appointed to replace Mike at the December Board Meeting.

Because there was only one candidate for as many as three openings, the Board sees no reason to print ballots. There's no point in printing/mailling ballots (and expecting members to return them) when there aren't enough candidates to fill the vacant seats.

The current Board members, other than Mike Eden, who had hoped to retire are Dick Faxon and Ted Wells. Both foresee changes in their lives in the coming year which will prevent them from giving as much time to the Region as they have in the past. Because of the lack of candidates, they have agreed to remain on the Board for the time being but cannot commit to a full year of service. One or both may leave the Board during the coming year.

Under the Region's *Bylaws*, each year's Board of Directors names those who serve as Regional Executive, Treasurer, Secretary, etc. Those appointees usually are members of the Board itself. The naming of next year's Regional Officers will be confirmed at the December Board meeting when the 2004 Board is officially determined.

## **OMR/SCCA's Next Monthly Meeting**

**TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 4 – 7:00 PM**

***Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant***

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

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Submissions to *The BLAT* must be in the Region's P.O., Box by the 1st of the month – or delivered to the Editor at a monthly meeting – to be included in the following month's issue.

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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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## Anderson On Autocrossing

By Erik Anderson, SOLO II Manager

Who would have thought at our second to last autocross in October that people would be talking about the heat!? It was a gorgeous, sunny, mid-70s fall day, which screamed "perfect racing weather". Combined with the fantastic weather, we set two records during this autocross! The first was a 2003 record of 66 drivers while the second was, yes, starting ON TIME. The first car left the line with a few seconds to spare on the clock before the stroke of 11am. I'd like to extend a hearty *thank you* to everyone at the event for their help in setup, tech, and startup. You did a fantastic job, and I didn't hear any complaints about getting six runs!

**Pat Mitchell** laid out a quick and challenging course for us on Sunday, Oct. 19. Starting on the South side with a nice slalom right out of the gate, the course broke left into a Peterson box. You may have seen Pat with his tape measure making absolutely sure that the minimum gate spacing was used. Remarkably, the cones remained standing for just about everyone. Heading counterclockwise into the turnaround, drivers were met with a long, but fast, offset, six-cone slalom. The phrase that paid in that section was "Don't lift!". Then a tight left-hander preceded a right-hand sweeper, which flowed into quick slalom to slow drivers before the finish line. The course received high marks even after claiming a WRX tranny and a Prelude clutch.

A Stock jumped in attendance as **Jeff Herrmann** and **Randy McCall** showed up in their Subaru WRX Sti's to claim 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> over the Corvettes of **Gregg McNabb**, **Andrew York** and **J Clark Fickle**. **Tannia Bobbins** ran Jeff's Sti to try her hand at the autocrossing thing and, from the smile on her face, appeared to be having a lot of fun!

A Street Prepared pitted newcomer **Danny Howard's** Z06 against **Zach** and **Robert McElwain's** C4 with Danny taking home a 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy at his first autocross. More Corvettes were found in BSP with **Dave Acuff** using his gorgeous gold 'Vette to just edge out **Mark Rountree** and his '78.

After several class bumps, **Robert Marsh** (FM Formula Vee) and **Gale Newlin** (Cobra Replica) came together in C Modified. Robert put his Vee on the podium again while Gale was doing his best to tame the horses that pushed his Cobra just about every direction except straight! Once Gale gets some reins, we should see that car climbing the PAX ladder, quickly!

In C Stock, Course Designer **Pat Mitchell** drove his Mazda Miata to 1<sup>st</sup> place and paxed 8<sup>th</sup> overall to best **Lloyd Smith** and his Miata. CSP pitted two RX-7s against a two driver Lancia Scorpion. **Bud Weeks** came up with 1<sup>st</sup> place in his RX-7 over **Rodger Grantham** in the Scorpion.

G Stock was nearly non-existent except for **Lester Henry** who turned up in a Nissan Maxima having retired his E Mod 260Z-

Chevy early for the season. Lester got bumped into DS and took 1<sup>st</sup> place with a 9<sup>th</sup> place PAX over **Matt Searing's** Audi S4 and **Nathan Fessenden's** 325i BMW.

D Street Prepared saw five entrants with **Dan Fischer** and his Dodge Shelby being the fastest with a 41.337. Just three tenths back was **Skyler Spartan** in his Honda Del Sol. **Robert McLaren**, **Nick Taliferro** and **Ben France** rounded out the class.

E Stock found **Sam Henry** and **Dick Faxon** deep in the quagmire of who'd beat whom this time around. With his tires, brakes, and hair still smoking, Dick pulled off the course after his third run with a 39.073. That would stand as FTD for the rest of the day and secure Dick's 1st place finish.

E Street Prepared was a showdown between Z28s, Mustangs, and Corvairs. **Opie Viets** left the pack behind with a 39.159 that also put him 7<sup>th</sup> in PAX. **Derek Gresham** piloted the Yenko Stinger to 2<sup>nd</sup> place while **Keith Jones** picked up 3<sup>rd</sup> in his '69 Z28.

F Stock was another muscle car showdown between **Chris Brannon's** Z28 and **Nick Roecker's** Mustang. Chris secured 1<sup>st</sup> place with a 42.147 on his fifth run.

H Stock shrunk considerably with **Joel Messina's** Focus putting up a good fight against the experience of **Forrest Tindall** and his Porsche 912. Joel pushed the Focus to it's best on his third run but wasn't able to catch the mysteriously smooth (and fast) Forrest who took 1<sup>st</sup>.

Street Modified was our biggest class, and, with margins of as little as 0.037 seconds, it produced some good racing! STS defector **Chris Simons** cranked out a 41.518 to take 1st while **David Quinonez** barely edged **Kelly Stoops**, driving **John McGraths** RSX-S, out of 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Ted Hollis** brought his Suzuki back in unusual form and captured 4<sup>th</sup> over the SS Camaro of **John Boiger**.

SM2 was flush with MR2s and **Raymond Talley** took his to 1<sup>st</sup> place with a 40.565. **Allen Woody** drove Raymond's car right behind him for 2<sup>nd</sup> while **Josef Welsh** took 3<sup>rd</sup> in a Prelude.

After a lull in attendance, STS swelled back to nine entrants with five of them taking spots in the top 10 PAX rankings. St. Louis Region visitors **Richard Wiese** and **Carl Hoffman** laid down the law in an LS Integra to the tune of 40.164 and 40.4, respectively. After a slipping clutch forced **Erik Anderson** to sideline his Prelude after only two runs, his friendly competitor **Bob Heisler** tossed the keys to his Neon ACR in Erik's direction. By some odd crosswind or ancient autocross voodoo, Erik was able to best Bob by 0.083 to take 3<sup>rd</sup> and tie up the 2003 championship for STS. **Tyler Travis** drove his Neon R/T into 5<sup>th</sup> and a 10<sup>th</sup> place PAX finish to round out the trophy spots.

STX had two WRXs vying for position until **Tony Wood's** transmission went South for the winter after two runs. **Andy Thompson** used his remaining runs to steadily improve and take 1<sup>st</sup> place.

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The record turnout included two kart drivers - the father-son team of **Randy and Quintin Dye** - and, when they closed the course with their sixth runs of the day, only two-tenths of a second separated their matched single seaters. Randy got the better of Quintin 39.167 to 39.364, the third and fourth fastest times of the day.

Last Chance on Sunday, November 9th will be our last event of the season, and, while some drivers can relax a bit with the full 90 championship points in their possession, some of us will have to work much harder! We'll see you at Ducks Stadium on the 9<sup>th</sup> of November!

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## Mid-Am Championship Concludes At Memphis

With the *2003 Mid-Am Road Racing Championship's* "bonus" race scheduled at Memphis Motorsports Park on November 2, one OMR driver already has clinched a title and three more head their classes.

**Chris Brannon** of Mountain Home, AR didn't start racing until July but quickly collected seven *Mid-Am* wins in a row and locked up the Touring 2 class championship with his red and white Firebird. In fact, Chris has yet to lose a race, Regional or National, in a season most rookies just dream about. He can better his *Mid-Am* score at Memphis but doesn't need to go.

Such is not the case with **Dick Faxon**, Springfield, and **Rick Carr and Shane Bennoch**, both of Bolivar, MO. Dick heads up the Spec Miata class going into the twenty-second and final race of the season with a perfect score of 72 points. However, competition in Spec Miata is so tight that he needs to do well to hang onto his lead. (The double points "bonus" available at the last race of the season makes the *Mid-Am Championship* a craps shoot in closely contested classes.)

Rick Carr is in the same boat in the GT 2 class. He raced his Porsche 911 to six wins (72 points) this season, but St. Louis Region's Ward Herst and his Mazda RX 7 have collected 69 markers after picking up two wins at Gateway Int'l on Oct. 25/26. The racing grapevine says Rick isn't going to Memphis because of business commitments. Should Herst finish first, second, or third in the bonus round, he'll steal the title.

In Formula Continental, Shane Bennoch has tallied 69 points and leads his nearest challenger, Kansas City Region's Willard King, by six markers. Both drive Swift DB6 single seaters. King has come on strong late in the season and picked up 21 points (a 1st and 2nd?) at the Gateway double regional. Shane, who already had six finishes and 64 points going in, netted only five points because *Mid-Am* rules allow a driver to count only his best six finishes. Once again, the FC class final standings are very much uncertain pending the showdown at Memphis.

## Our Guys On TV?

Well, stranger things have happened! *Speed Channel* - available on many cable and satellite systems - will be televising the 2003 SCCA *Valvoline* Runoffs beginning Saturday, Nov. 22. Each of the 24 races gets a full hour of coverage spread over sixteen or seventeen days.

Four OMR drivers - **Loren Moore, Sam Henry, Chuck Leighton, and Forrest Tindall** - competed at the "40th Anniversary" Runoffs. Their races are scheduled to be broadcast on:

G Production - Chuck Leighton - 1:00 PM CST - Sat., Nov. 22  
 Touring 1 - Loren Moore - 1:00 PM CST - Sun., Nov. 30  
 American Sedan - Sam Henry - 12:00 Noon CST - Sat., Dec. 6  
 E Production - Forrest Tindall - 1:00 PM CST - Sat., Dec. 13

Tune in and see if our guys get any TV exposure! The full schedule of broadcasts can be found on pg. 4 of the Nov. *SportsCar*.

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## Car-Novel Opens In Springfield

Car-Novel, a bookstore "specializing in books about cars and motorcycles," has opened in Springfield at 1529 E. St. Louis St. Its owner is Tim Woodsome, a former police officer. He's taken over the old location of *Gene's Gallery*, the motorcycle accessory business owned by autocrosser Gregg McNabb.

Tim reports he stocks books, posters, and calendars on sports cars, trucks, motorcycles, Jeeps, hot rods, and gas stations. His inventory is still expanding, and he invites your suggestions.

The phone number is (417) 866-2020; the website is [car-novel@sbcglobal.net](mailto:car-novel@sbcglobal.net)

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## OMR/SCCA Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet

Our Region's Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet - usually more banquet than meeting - has been scheduled for Saturday evening, January 17, 2004. Once again, we will be using the wonderful facilities at the Riverside Inn on the Finley River north of Ozark, MO. It's not too early to make a note to yourself somewhere and plan to attend.

The *Awards Banquet* has become one of OMR's most popular events with seventy or more guests regularly attending. It's a great opportunity to enjoy an excellent buffet, catch up on post Christmas gossip, and help recognize/congratulate those OMR members who have won autocross and road racing championships. You'll have a good time even if you are not receiving an award...that's guaranteed.

Ticket prices haven't been set yet, but they'll probably be in the \$20 per adult range. The Region pays for a lot of incidental costs so banquet tickets ARE A GOOD DEAL! Plan now to attend.

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**SATURDAY – NOVEMBER 15**  
**HALLOWaylatEEN Rally**  
**& Bonfire Party**

4:00 PM – Registration

4:30 PM – First Car Starts

**US Bank Lot – 3230 E. Battlefield – Springfield**  
**(Battlefield & Ingram Mill)**

*(US Bank – formerly Firststar – is located two blocks west of the Battlefield Rd/Hwy 65 interchange.)*

**Entry Fee – \$10.00 Per Team**

Rally will be a 2 1/2 hour “hare and hounds” pathfinder type event which emphasizes route following and mileage computations.

A full tank of gas and a working odometer are a must!

**Trophies for both drivers and navigators of First, Second, and Third Place teams.**

**First Place Team also will receive OMR’s coveted “Traveling Tombstone.”**

Rally will conclude with **OMR’s annual Bonfire Party at The Automotive Archeologists - 6303 S. Fm Rd 189**  
 Join us around the bonfire even if you don’t run the rally!

**Rallymaster – Mike Eden – 417-887-8663**  
**Ozark Mountain Region - SCCA**

**Plan Now To Join The Fun On November 15**

***Don’t Miss This One!***

This year’s edition of OMR’s annual *Halloween Rally* will be run on Saturday, Nov. 15 - a date closer to Thanksgiving than Halloween, but the organizers (Mike Eden, Jeff Moore, and the other guys out at *The Automotive Archeologists* race shop) had racing commitments on earlier weekends.

Mike and the boys are planning a “pathfinder/hare & hounds” sort of event running on roads not used in the past. The rally will begin with an odometer check, and competitors will be scored on how well they estimate the “official car’s” mileage along the route. At stake, of course, is OMR’s coveted Traveling Tombstone trophy which has been in the hands of the Allen Woody family this past year but now has been returned to the Region.

As always, the rally will conclude with a bonfire party, and everyone’s invited whether they run the rally or not. The conflagration will be huge, the food will be tasty, and the women will be beautiful! The party is B.Y.O.B. but soft drinks and food will be provided.

DIRECTIONS *The Automotive Archeologists* shop (417-889-7125) is located on Farm Road 189 south of Highland Springs and east of Millwood. The easiest way to get there is to drive right through Millwood (the main drag is now open all the way to Fm Rd 189) but please drive slowly and cautiously. The entrance to Millwood is east of the U.S. Highway 65 & Evans Road interchange just south of Springfield.

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend OMR’s oldest event. The Traveling Tombstone was first awarded in 1982; be on hand Nov. 15 when this prestigious piece of marble is entrusted to the 2003 *Halloween Rally* winners for another year of safe-keeping. Remember: you are welcome to join us at the bonfire even if you don’t run the rally.

**Phil Fanning’s Trivia Challenge**

**In how many SCCA national road racing championship events has Forrest Tindall competed?**

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, November 3. The winner will be announced at OMR’s November 4th General Meeting. In case of multiple correct answers, a drawing will determine the winner.

As mentioned previously in *The BLAT*, Forrest competed at SCCA’s first “American Road Race of Champions” in 1964 and the “40th Anniversary *Runoffs*” just a six weeks ago. Phil wants to know how many of these events Forrest has competed in over the years. Of course, Forrest, himself, isn’t eligible for this *challenge*. Nobody won last month’s *challenge*. Sam Henry was OMR’s 2001 “autocrosser of the year.” How quickly they forget!

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

**NOVEMBER 4 - TUESDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Monthly Meeting - *Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant* - Clarion Hotel - 3333 S. Glenstone - Springfield**

**NOVEMBER 9 - SUNDAY - OMR/SCCA *Last Chance Solo II* - Ducks Stadium/Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO (*Details On Page 1*)**

**NOVEMBER 13 - THURSDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Board Of Directors Meeting - *Schultz & Dooley's Too* - 3512 S. National - Springfield**

**NOVEMBER 14-16 - MIDIV Annual Convention - *TanTarA Resort* - Lake of the Ozarks ([www.midiv.org](http://www.midiv.org))  
(*Deadline For Registration Is Monday, Nov. 10; See MIDIV Webpage For Details*)**

**NOVEMBER 15 - SATURDAY - OMR/SCCA *HALLOWaylateEN RALLY & Bonfire Party* (*Details On Page 5*)**

**NOVEMBER 29 - *RallySprint Oklahoma!* ClubRally - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK (918-865-7046)**

**DECEMBER 2 - TUESDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Monthly Meeting - *Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant* - Clarion Hotel - 3333 S. Glenstone - Springfield**

**DECEMBER 11 - THURSDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Board Of Directors Meeting - *Schultz & Dooley's Too* - 3512 S. National - Springfield**

**JANUARY 17 - SATURDAY - OMR/SCCA Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet - *Riverside Inn* - Ozark, MO  
(*Details In Next Month's BLAT*)**

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