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Rain Or Shine

SUNDAY - OCTOBER 19

Octoberfest SOLO II

PRICE CUTTER PARK – Ozark, MO

(Exit U.S. Hwy 65 At Rts. CC/J. Go East To
Spotlight 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!

**Points Event No. 8
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

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Lots Of Trophies! Lots Of Fun!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye

The election for our Region's 2004 Board of Directors is just around the corner; ballots will be mailed to all members with the November *BLAT*. We need volunteers to serve on next year's Board. Have you considered running for a seat on the Board? Now is the time to make your plans known.

Under the OMR/SCCA *Bylaws*, the seven members of the Board must decide in October which three members will "carry over" to the following year and which four members will retire or run for re-election. Those decisions will be made at the Oct. 16th Board meeting. It's likely that at least one current Board member will retire this year. That will create an opening you could fill.

To seek election you must have been a member of SCCA at least one year and be willing to attend most Board meetings on the second Thursday of the month. Obviously, you should have some desire to help with the scheduling and organization of Regional events. Here's your chance to help make the BIG DECISIONS like when to schedule autocrosses and the menu for the fall picnic. If Arnold can be Governor of California, you have enough smarts to serve on the OMR Board of Directors!

If you want to run for a seat on next year's Board of Directors, contact Regional Executive Dick Faxon or Regional Secretary Sam Henry as soon as possible. Don't make us come looking for you! Volunteers get off easy; draftees get the really dangerous assignments!

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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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

With a drastic change in weather (from 100+ to mid 60s!) we had a record turnout of 65 drivers at our *Remember September* autocross on the 28th. That bested August's attendance of 62. Despite all the helping hands, the event started 80 minutes late due to holding registration open to register latecomers. The Region enjoys holding the autocrosses and having so many drivers from the area participate. As the attendance numbers steadily grow, it becomes increasingly more important to arrive early so that registration can be completed by 10:30am. Several Regions have strictly enforced cutoff times, but we in the OMR region have always prided ourselves on being an open and friendly bunch. We would hate to see the current trend continue and force us to uphold precise deadlines.

As an example of the benefit of starting on time: at our September event, each heat could have had an extra two runs! I can't recall a time that anyone complained about receiving an extra two tries at the course. With that said, I issue the challenge to each OMR member and our guests to be at Duck's Stadium by 9:30am, get tech'd, registered, and set up so that we can start the event at 11am as indicated in *The Blat*. We look forward to seeing everyone on October 19th!

Stock Classes

Members of Springfield's Corvette club made their annual appearance and filled out A-Stock to battle it out with Jeff Herrmann and Tannia Dobbins in their WRX Sti. With a best time of 51.673 Jeff laid down the law to take 1st with B-Stock bump T.C. Pistole grabbing 2nd and Tannia in 3rd. Three Miata drivers showed up for C-Stock and Pat Mitchell had a triumphant return after being absent from several events. The battle for 2nd was hard fought between Dave Dugan (Red Miata) and Ryan Hofmeister (Black Miata). Ryan won out by just 0.6 seconds. D-Stock saw Nathan Fessenden and Malachi Stowe duking it out. Unfortunately, Nathans BMW 325i was no match for the turbocharged power of Malachi's new Dodge Neon SRT-4. E-Stock was once again a battle between Sam Henry and Dick Faxon (both in Dick's Miata). Dick will one day stop handing the keys to Sam who squeaked by (0.062 seconds) this time to take 1st place. F-Stock had Michael Imes, Johnathan Fessenden and Chris Brannon lining up against each other. Chris was able to pilot his 1LE Z28 fast enough to capture 1st while Johnathan took 2nd and Michael 3rd in his Mustang 5.0 (and unless I'm mistaken, it was Michael's first autocross with OMR). G-Stock had several familiar faces on the grid. Brian Acuff brought out an unlikely autocross candidate (Infiniti J30) but was able to finish 3rd in front of the Jettas of James Harmon and Tyson Scott. Ben Whitacre left his Geo Storm at home and aired out his Corvair convertible for a 2nd place finish, while David Small grabbed 1st place in his red, multicolor wheeled Neon. H-Stock shrank considerably with the absence of Josef Welsh; his New Beetle apparently didn't like the NO₂, but his mother still brought

Krispy Kreme doughnuts for the drivers' meeting. That left Joel Messina to defend our young guns' honor against veteran autocrosser and road racer Forrest Tindall, but Forrest's years of experience proved to be too much.

Non-Stock Classes

Damon Robison and Dave Acuff entered BSP only to find that Mark Rountree had returned with a freshly rebuilt Corvette. In tight competition, Damon finished 1st just 0.2 second ahead of Mark and just 1.1 seconds in front of Dave. CSP set Bud Weeks and his RX7 against Gary Grantham's Scorpion with Bud taking 1st. DSP continues to grow! Six drivers were on hand with Honda Del Sol's being the vehicles of choice. Jared Posey bumped Skyler Spartan to 2nd place by a mere 0.11 seconds! Nick Taliaferro returned after being on the DL and showed that he and his Saab were healthy enough to take 3rd. ESP was huge this event with eight drivers bringing Mustangs, Camaros, and Corvairs to vie for the 1st place trophy. First time autocrosser Kevin Fulks put on a good show in his bright yellow Trans Am. Keith Jones drove his Z28 to 4th just behind Opie Viets who experienced some problems with his own Camaro and had to share Mark Foley's classic Z28. Derek Gresham once again drove his dad's Yenko Stinger very well, but Foley was there to snatch 1st place from young Derek.

Street Mod (SM) again was a big class with eight drivers. The Arkansas F-body group came back up from "down under" to mix it up with the imports for a second time. Chris Simons and his newly repaired Cavalier took the 1st place trophy, knocking David Quinonez and his Talon TSi into 2nd. Korry Berger and his Camaro grabbed 3rd while Justin Myers slotted his Integra between Korry and just in front of Ben Dow for a 4th place finish.

SM2 saw Scott Goble show up with his road racing RX7. Geared for a longer track, he looked fast, but Brad Eldred, Gene Rountree, and Raymond Talley ran faster. Raymond finished 1st, Gene 2nd, and Brad 3rd.

Lester Henry/Datsun 260Z-Chevy was all alone in E-Mod until Herb Faulstich/BP Corvette endured several class bumps to form a PAX class and give Lester the 1st place trophy. Robert Marsh found a co-driver, Brad McCollum, for his F-Mod Solo Vee and actually got to compete in a real class for a change.

STS shrank quite a bit with several Arkansas entrants being AWOL. Brad Romans, Max Cantrell, Justin Campbell, and Erik Anderson

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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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all drove Honda/Acura products in an attempt to intimidate the only non-Honda driver, Travis Tyler, in his Neon R/T. Justin finished 3rd in his Integra just behind Travis while Erik, who thinks he's finally sorted out his new tires and suspension setup, was able to fend off the mighty Neon to take 1st place. We'll see how that suspension fares when hotshoe Bob Heisler returns for our last two events. Finally, STX has two WRXs entered. Andy Thompson brought out his new blue one for the first time and grabbed the win over Tony Wood and his black WRX.

MINUTES Board of Directors Meeting 8-14-03

Regional Executive Dick Faxon called the meeting to order at Schultz & Dooley's Too at 7:15 PM. A motion was made and accepted to waive the reading of the Minutes. The Treasurer's report was presented by Jeff Moore and approved. Jeff also announced that the annual reports have been filed with the state.

Old Business:

Phil Fanning gave a report on sound systems. In particular, he discussed FM bandwidth systems that have no speaker wires and run on batteries. The officers decided that additional research was needed on this topic. The board did agree that our current sound system is not up to the task.

There was discussion on generators. Jeff plans to check on a generator that may be available. Forrest conducted some research on solar power cost. There was also a brief discussion about the items that would eventually be powered by our future power source.

New Business:

SCCA (OMR) picnic scheduled for Oct. 12, 2003 was approved.

SCCA (OMR) awards banquet scheduled for Jan 17, 2004 was approved.

Short discussion about the August Solo II event.

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

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary

MINUTES General Meeting 9-2-03

Regional Executive Dick Faxon called the meeting to order at Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant at 7:15 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:

Solo II Manager Erik Anderson reported on the August autocross.

Results are on the web site which has been repaired. There was also discussion about helping new drivers so they don't have as many frustrating DNF's etc., and recruiting new members.

There was discussion about a survey to see what our members are thinking.

New Business:

The picnic date was discussed. The picnic will be on October 12, 2003 @ Fun Valley with go karts and the food/drinks provided by the Region..

The awards banquet date was announced. It is January 17, 2004 at the Riverside Inn. This is the same location as the last few years.

Forrest Tindall gave a report on the race @ HPT.

There was a brief discussion about the Solo II national championship event in Topeka.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary

MINUTES Board Of Directors Meeting 9-11-03

Regional Executive Dick Faxon called the meeting to order at Schultz & Dooley's Too at 7:06 PM. A motion was made and accepted to waive the reading of the Minutes. The Treasurer's report was presented by Jeff Moore and approved.

Old Business:

The board approved a motion to test a \$140.00 generator discovered by Forrest.

The board approved a motion to purchase a 100W amp and two 30W horn style speakers for the autocross program. This equipment is the same equipment that is used in industrial PA systems.

There was a brief discussion about laptop computers for autocross timing and scoring.

There was a discussion about the picnic starting times on Sunday, Oct. 12.

New Business:

Rally Manager Mike Eden led a discussion on possible dates for our annual Halloween Rally. Board set the date for Saturday, November 15, 2003.

There was discussion of having a General Meeting in Mt. Vernon Missouri to accommodate our members who live west of Springfield. Secretary Sam Henry would be able to secure a restaurant. Members interested in this concept, should let a board member know.

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Shelly Rice brought up the topic of a survey to be mailed to OMR members. This topic was discussed at length. The board is not opposed to sending out a survey if one is presented to the board for approval. At this point in time, the board is not interested in "generating" the questions.

The board approved a motion to pay for room and board for Dick Faxon when he attends the Divisional Convention to represent the OMR.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary

MINUTES General Meeting 10-7-03

Regional Executive Dick Faxon called the meeting to order at Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant at 7:18 P.M. A motion was made and accepted to waive the reading of the Minutes and the Treasurer's report.

Old Business:

Solo II Manager Erik Anderson gave a report on the September autocross which drew 65 entries. Results are on the web site.

Dick reminded the meeting attendees about the picnic scheduled for October 12.

David Small gave a report on the races at Glenwood, Iowa with contributions added by Dick Faxon.

Sam Henry gave a *Valvoline* Runoffs race report with contributions added by Forrest Tindall.

New Business:

Erik mentioned digital photos of autocross participants available for purchase. We also discussed these as possible awards for class champions. Please contact Erik for details.

Dick asked for input regarding the upcoming Divisional Convention. Attention racers: if you don't want transponders, let Dick know.

Phil Fanning provided more picnic information about food!!! Dick Faxon and Ted Wells will cook. Region will pay for go kart tickets

Quick discussion about the success of the region's new PA system at the September autocross.

The next autocross is October 19, 2003.

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

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary

Forrest Tindall At The Runoffs

When last month's *BLAT* went to press, the E Production race - featuring our own Forrest Tindall - at the 40th Anniversary *Valvoline* Runoffs had not yet been run. Forrest was one of four OMR road racers competing at Mid-Ohio in mid September. The finishing positions for Loren Moore/Touring 1 Corvette, Chuck Leighton/G Production MGB, and Sam Henry/American Sedan Firebird were reported in the Sept. *BLAT*. Now, the E Production results are in, and all the sordid details can be revealed!

You'll recall that Forrest didn't qualify well probably due to mechanical problems lingering from a hard hit against the main straight concrete barrier at Heartland Park on Labor Day weekend. He had to work long hours - aided by Curtis Wood, Jeff Moore, Dick Faxon, Sam Henry, and others - just to get his Mazda RX7 ready for the trip to Ohio. When he got there, having used Sam's truck and trailer while Sam's Firebird rode in Loren Moore's transporter, brake caliper and exhaust pipe gremlins made an appearance.

And yet, Forrest thought he had most of his problems under control as he headed for the grid Sunday afternoon, Sept. 21....(insert ominous music here.) It was then that he discovered a short cut through the paddock.....a short cut that featured a small, grass covered ridge which was just waiting for a low-riding RX7 and a fragile exhaust pipe. Instead of the false grid, our hero went looking for a welder. He found one, but no jacks were immediately at hand, and the welder couldn't reach the broken tail pipe. Forrest jammed the fractured pipe back together, hoping for the best, and headed for the grid already vacated by the E Production field.

Obviously, the white Mazda got a late start, and it wasn't too long before it was giving the sound control workers something to talk about. They reported 107 decibels to the Operating Steward, and Forrest was promptly black flagged, much to the relief of parents who had been covering the ears of their children when Forrest's RX7 passed the grandstands! Forrest reports his ears "rang" for 24 hours. The results show six laps completed and a DNF. To add insult to injury, while being towed back to Springfield, the RX7 lost its hatchback somewhere in Indiana!

As a side note, half the cars in the 40 car EP field were RX7s, but the race was won by a Miata (Jon Brakke) with Datsun 240 Z cars in 2nd and 3rd.

Plan Now To Attend Halloween Rally & Bonfire Party

OMR's annual Halloween Rally and Bonfire Party are scheduled for Saturday, November 15. The crew at *Automotive Archeologists* will be hosting. Rally participants will be competing for the coveted Traveling Tombstone trophy, but you don't have to be a rallyist to attend the party. Mark your calendars now; complete details will appear in the November *BLAT*

Events & Meetings In The Weeks Ahead

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 *Octoberfest Solo II* - Ducks Stadium/Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO (*Details On Page 1*)

OCTOBER 25/26 - Double Regional Races - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL (314-997-6768)

NOVEMBER 1/2 - Racing School/*MidAm Bonus* Regional Race - Memphis Motorsports Park - Millington, TN (901-756-6707)

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 Solo II - Ducks Stadium/Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO (*Details In The November BLAT*)

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)

NOVEMBER 15 - SATURDAY - OMR/SCCA *HALLOWaylateEN RALLY & Bonfire Party* (*Details In The November BLAT*)

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

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](mailto:fanning@mo-net.com) 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 month 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!

2003 SCCA Midwest Division Calendar

OCTOBER

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15/16 - MIDIV Annual Convention - *TanTarA Resort* - Lake of the Ozarks - MO

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