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EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 11

Bunny Hop 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!

Points Event No. 2
2004 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!

2004 MIDIV Racing Season Opens At Memphis

A full slate of Regional, National, and I.T. Tour races at Memphis Motorsports Park opened the MIDIV competition season on March 20/21. Five OMR road racers entered seven cars in the event and left with five victories, three Second Place finishes, and two Thirds.

In the absence of Jeff Moore, **John Gresham** was shepherding the *Automotive Archeologists* entries and filed this report. **Loren Moore**, racing his new Neon SRT/4 in the Touring 2 class and his C5R Corvette in ITE, was OMR's big winner. He finished First with both cars in Saturday's *MidAm Championship* races and finished First again (and first overall) with the yellow Corvette in Sunday's *I.T. Tour* contest. Loren drove the red Neon to Third in class in Sunday's National points race.

The G Production races both days were won by OMR drivers. **Chuck Leighton** raced his MGB to the *MidAm* victory on Saturday, and **Curtis Wood** drove his Alfa Spider to the class victory on Sunday. Both Leighton's and Wood's wins came at the expense of Chris Albin with our guys trading the lead with the highly successful VW Rabbit driver numerous times in both contests

Dick Faxon was at Memphis to open his campaign for yet more Spec Miata championships. He won both the *MidAm* and *I.T. Tour* titles last year. Dick finished Second both days driving his usual red #77 which sat almost untouched in his garage all winter.

Chris Brannon entered both the T2 class Firebird he raced last year and the T1 Corvette Z06 he bought from Loren Moore over
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OMR/SCCA's Next Monthly Meeting

TUESDAY – APRIL 6 – 7:00 PM

Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant

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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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the winter. Chris captured Third with the Corvette in the *MidAm* T1 contest and finished Fourth in the black Z06 on Sunday. His best finish of the weekend was Second - one spot ahead of Loren's Neon - with the T2 Firebird in Sunday's National race.

Chuck Leighton hopes to qualify for the *Runoffs* in E Production this year, but his EP car, a Yenko Stinger, suffered engine problems last month at Texas World Speedway. For the Memphis National race, Chuck moved his limited prep MGB up to E Production to score as many points as he could. The move was somewhat successful with the blue MG finishing Fifth and winning five points.

In Other Racing News At least three OMR drivers were at Gateway Int'l Raceway on March 27/28 for the Double Racing Schools/Regional Race weekend. **Dick Faxon** finished Third in Spec Miata, and **Loren Moore** captured Second in ITE.

Hugh Sutton took his newly constructed Spec Miata to the Gateway drivers schools to do a little testing and get comfortable with the machine before entering SCCA's Pro Spec Miata series. The result was very little testing because the MX5's gearbox lost first gear in Saturday morning's first session and then second, third, and fourth as Hugh was leaving the pits for the fourth session. He now plans a test session at Hallett in mid April and hopes to enter the Pro Spec Miata contest at Road Atlanta on April 24/25.

Hugh wants to thank all the people who helped him build the car over the winter. (None of them were responsible for the faulty gearbox!) Dick Faxon sold Hugh the tub which served as the #71's base. Chuck Leighton and the crew at TopCraft were responsible for the bodywork and paint. Jeff Moore helped with parts, and Sam Henry provided dyno work. Hugh's old pal, Steve Dreizler, offered lots of advice, and Crew Chief Derek Gresham installed almost all the mechanical parts.

Simons Says

By Solo II Manager Chris Simons

Our first autocross of the year - the *Luck of the Irish* Solo II on March 14 - drew a record 75 entries; the Street Modified classes alone had eighteen competitors! Drivers came from as far away as Dallas to run the David Quinonez designed course which proved to be an excellent course to open the season and help competitors get back in the groove.

Our new Dell laptop made things move faster at Registration and was a big help. The new Honda generator quietly provided power all day, and the new timing and scoring software allowed our electronic timer to send times directly to the laptop. Only a few errors kept the event from moving at a fast pace, and those kinks in the T & S system will be worked out before our Easter event.

Overall, the new equipment was a big help and will prove to be a good investment in the years to come.

Old pro Gregg McNabb ran alone in A Stock but still posted the eighth fastest time of the day (and the fastest by a big car) with his silver C4 Corvette. His 49.275 was more than two seconds faster than the 51.426 turned in by Peter Jasan and his Super Stock Mazda RX7 Turbo.

B Stock was close with Chun -Yi Wu running a 52.530 in a black Toyota MR2 and edging out Steve Bonnacker's red MR2 by 0.547 sec. Unfortunately, it looks like C Stock's only entrant - Pat Mitchell - will be bumped into BS, and Pat posted a 50.352 in his rapid Miata!

Sam Henry and Dick Faxon once again shared Dick's black Miata in E Stock with Dick taking the win by just 0.068 sec. You can't blink that FAST!

Bobby Jasan easily won F Stock, posting a 49.295 in his Camaro Z28 after a quick trip to the *Automotive Archeologists* shop for some emergency welding. And Mark Bishop won G Stock by an even bigger margin after recording a sensational 48.891 in a Toyota Celica. When the PAX index was applied, Mark's time turned out to be Fastest of the Day.

H Stock drew seven entries to become the largest stock class, and reigning HS champion Forrest Tindall again drove his Porsche 912 into First Place with a 52.526. Close on his heels, however, was Josef Welsh who was just 0.220 sec. back in his green New Beetle. And just 0.194 behind Josef was Gary Grantham in the same car.

If you think HS was big, then Street Modified with 14 competitors was TWICE AS BIG! The class was closely contested with Chris Co-nant's red BMW M3 taking First by just 0.257 sec. over the silver WRX STi driven by.....THE MAN WITH NO NAME (blame a T & S glitch for the missing data.) Chris recorded a 48.456, the fastest raw time of the day by a real car. (David Small posted a 46 something in Robert Marsh's F Modified Formula Vee.)

Raymond Talley easily captured SM2 with his Toyota MR2 and was the last of twelve drivers who broke the 50 sec. barrier. Raymond posted a 49.905.

STS was an exciting class with "BAD" Bob Heisler driving on the limit and posting a 49.160 with his Neon. Newcomer Jim Rowland finished Second with a 49.869 in his Sentra SE-R. St Louis autocrosser James Sarino won STX in a fucus green Prelude beating out Andy Thompson in a WRX.

The two car STU class (yes, yet another new class) featured current Japanese super sedans. Randy McCall won in his Subaru WRX Sti finishing 1.3 sec. ahead of Te-Sheng Wei in a Mitsubishi Lancer Evo.

There were some surprises in the Street Prepared classes. Dave Acuff's Corvette suffered engine problems so it was left to Damon Robison and Mark Rountree to battle for the BSP title. Damon won.

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After a year's absence, Lyndell Pickett brought out his RX7 and won CSP by more than two seconds. DSP was won by Richard Wiese (another visitor from St. Louis Region) who posted a 49.4 in a Honda Civic, and Derek Gresham's classic Yenke Stinger again triumphed in the six car ESP class.

March 14th was a great event, and the next one on Easter will be even better with fewer T & S problems expected. Thank you all for participating, and thanks for your patience when things bogged down. Thank you St. Louis Region members for your participation; you are always welcome!

Autocross Notes

March 14 Results As of March 31, Erik Anderson was still working on the final and official Results for the *Luck of the Irish* autocross. The Results posted on OMR's webpage - www.omrscca.org - are neither final nor official because the new T & S software crashed at the conclusion of the March 14 event. Erik - working with computer data and back up time sheets - hopes to have the official Results available at our Easter event. Once the Results are posted, they will be published in *The BLAT*.

March 14 Trophies Assuming the Results are finished and deemed "official," trophies won at the March 14 autocross will be distributed at the Drivers Meeting for OMR's Easter autocross. Please be advised that the new T & S software apparently does not provide for the "bumping" of single car classes. For the purposes of trophy distribution, OMR bumps single car classes per the current SCCA Solo II Rules. That's been our practice for twenty plus years, and it's in the "Supplemental Regulations."

Lost Camera At the March 14 event, someone left behind a 35mm film, point-and-shoot type camera. See Ted Wells in the area of the T & S trailer on Easter to identify and reclaim your camera. If you will not be attending OMR's Easter autocross, email Ted at twelco@msn.com or phone 417-881-1079.

Trash There was too much trash (some of it neatly piled) left on the lot after the March 14 event. Large plastic trash cans are located near the T & S trailer....use them! Be advised that comes are not trash cans!

For Sale

'81 Mazda RX7 GSL Reliable daily driver and/or autocross car. Nicely restored and solid. \$3500 OBO

Bud Weeks 620-231-6977

Phil's Trivia Challenge

Name the two drivers who engaged in a little "demolition derby" action at the Feb. 28 "Grand Prix of Miami."

Mail your answer to Phil Fanning, 26542 Poppy Dr., Stella, MO 64867 or email him at fanning@mo-net.com or phone him at 417-638-5575.

The answer to Phil's first *trivia challenge* of the year - presumably offered at OMR's February General Meeting - was "a camera." Question had something to do with a Mazda TV commercial.

MINUTES Board Of Directors Meeting 2-12-04

Assistant R.E. Phil Fanning called the meeting to order at *Schultz & Dooley's Too* at 7:17 PM. A motion was made and approved to waive the reading of the Minutes. Jeff Moore was not present to provide a Treasurer's report.

Old Business:

The 2004 autocross schedule was proposed by Sam Henry and after some minor modifications was approved by the BOD. There will be ten events, two of them on Saturdays.

The BOD agreed to purchase the following items at approximately the prices noted: Dell laptop computer (\$700), Warranty (\$100), Printer (\$100), Autocross T & S Software (\$335), Honda Generator (\$1000). Erik Anderson agreed to purchase the items and have his expenditures reimbursed by the Region. There was a lengthy discussion. These items should allow the Region to conduct autocrosses with out using members' personal equipment.

New Business:

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary

MEMO To OMR's Road Racers

***The Midwest Division competition season has begun!
Has your race car had its mandatory "annual tech?"
Don't wait any longer! Make an appointment today!
Helpful hint: check the '04 GCR for
lapbelt and harness time limits.***

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Dave Pistole Dies After Racing Accident

Nineteen year SCCA member **Dave Pistole** died Saturday evening, April 3, at the University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City. He was air lifted to the Medical Center late Saturday afternoon after suffering serious injuries in a single car accident during a *MidAm Championship* race at Heartland Park/Topeka. Dave was a pharmacy owner in Pittsburg, KS and had been competing in SCCA road races for several years.

Dave joined Ozark Mountain Region/SCCA in February, 1985, and, driving a Shelby GT350, he was soon a regular at OMR autocrosses in Springfield, Joplin, and Pittsburg. He was one of several OMR members who organized our very successful street autocrosses at Joplin and Pittsburg in the late 1980s. When his immaculate Shelby Mustang became too valuable to drive regularly, Dave turned to road racing, successfully driving and developing an SCCA Spec Racer - first with Renault and later with Ford power. He was a quiet fellow who took his sport seriously. In casual clothes instead of his driving gear, he was the last person you would assume to be a racing driver. His father-in-law and mother-in-law, Charles and Lorraine Miller of Pittsburg, served as his racing crew. They were named 2002 OMR Crew Members of the Year at our Awards Banquet in January, 2003.

For the 2004 racing season, Dave acquired a GT2 class Porsche 911 from Rick Carr. It was this car he was racing when he suffered extensive injuries after a collision with a concrete "Jersey" barrier at Heartland Park. Reportedly, the barrier was moved back more than twelve inches and knocked over by the impact. The accident occurred in a newly reconfigured section of the Topeka track at the end of the main straight. It is believed the 911 was traveling in excess of 100 mph when it left the pavement and struck the barrier at a 45 degree angle, demolishing the nose of the machine and rupturing the fuel cell. Reportedly, Dave was running alone at the time near the conclusion of the *MidAm* race for the GT and Production classes. The race was stopped after the accident.

Members of *The Automotive Archeologists* team report Dave was in good spirits and looking forward to the race. Because the course had been reconfigured over the winter, new lap records could be established in all classes, and Dave was excited by the prospect.

OMR's younger members might not have known Dave, but they are familiar with his son, Timothy - T.C. - who won last year's B Stock autocross championship in a Porsche Boxster. In addition to T.C., Dave is survived by his wife, Evelyn, another son, Sean, and a daughter, Ann.

The Officers and Members of Ozark Mountain Region extend their deepest sympathies to the Pistole family, but words cannot be found to express the shock and sadness felt by those who knew Dave as a true sportsman and truly exemplary of the ideals and values advocated by the SCCA.

MINUTES General Meeting 3-2-2004

RE Rick Carr called the meeting to order at *Classic Sports Bar and Restaurant* at 7:03 PM. Jeff Moore presented a Treasurer's report and it was approved. A motion was made and approved to waive the reading of the Minutes.

Old Business:

Jeff Moore provided a report on the autocross equipment that Erik Anderson had been authorized to purchase. It consists of a laptop computer, software, printer, and a generator.

Jeff also gave a report on the double National races recently held at Texas World Speedway.

David Small provided a detailed report on the 100-Acre Wood Club Rally near Salem, MO.

New Business:

There was a short discussion reminding all club racers to schedule their annual techs as soon as possible.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary

MINUTES Board of Directors Meeting 3-11-04

RE Rick Carr called the meeting to order at *Schultz & Dooley's Too* at 7:08 PM. A motion was made and approved to waive the reading of the Minutes. Jeff Moore provided a Treasurer's report and it was approved.

Old Business:

A local Internet car club - "mwsns" - had requested a group discount at our April autocross and permission to "cook out" as well. The Board decided against the group discount. This is consistent with our policy for other groups which attend our Solo II events. Dick Faxon inquired with the Ducks management about the cook out and there was no objection. The Board saw no reason to object to this either. We hope they join us for our April event.

The March autocross course setup schedule was discussed.

Erik Anderson reported on tests of the new autocross equipment.

New Business:

There was a brief discussion about installing a cork bulletin board on the autocross trailer door.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary

2004 OMR-SCCA Solo II Schedule

March 14
April 11 (Easter)
May 9
June 13
June 19 (Saturday)

July 25
August 29
September 11 (Saturday)
October 24
November 7

2004 Divisional Solo II Schedule

May 30/31 - Event #1 - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL
June 12/13 - Event #2 - Remington Park - Oklahoma City, OK
July 10/11 - Event #3 - East Crawford Rec Area - Salina, KS
Aug. 7/8 - Event #4 "MIDIV Solo II Championship" - Topeka, KS

2004 SCCA Midwest Division Calendar

APRIL

3/4 - Double Regional Races/Performance Car Control Clinic - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
10/11 - SCCA *ProSolo* - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS
17/18 - Racing School/Regional Race - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK
24/25 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - MidAmerica Motorplex - Glenwood, IA

MAY

1/2 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL
15/16 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK
29/30 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Memphis Motorsports Park - Millington, TN
30/31 - *SOLOTIME*/MIDIV Solo II Series Event #1 - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL

JUNE

5/6 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
12/13 - *SOLOTIME*/MIDIV Solo II Series Event #2 - Remington Park - Oklahoma City, OK
19/20 - *MirrorKhana XXX* - East Crawford Recreation Area - Salina, KS

JULY

3/4 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK
10/11 - *SOLOTIME*/MIDIV Solo II Series Event #3 - East Crawford Recreation Area - Salina, KS
17/18 - Racing School/Regional Race/Performance Car Control Clinic - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
31/1 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL

AUGUST

7/8 - *SOLOTIME*/MIDIV Solo II Series Event #4 - "MIDIV Solo II Championship" - Topeka, KS
21/22 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - MidAmerica Motorplex - Glenwood, IA

SEPTEMBER

4/5 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
11/12 - SCCA *ProSolo* Finale - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS
14-17 - *Tire Rack*/SCCA Solo II National Championship - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS
20-26 - *Valvoline*/SCCA "Runoffs" - National Road Racing Championship - Mid Ohio Sports Car Course

OCTOBER

2/3 - Racing School/Regional Race/Performance Car Control Clinic - MidAmerica Motorplex
9/10 - SCCA Pro Races - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
16/17 - Racing School/*MidAm Bonus* Regional Race - Memphis Motorsports Park - Millington, TN
30/31 - Double Regional Races - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL

NOVEMBER

6/7 - MIDIV Annual Convention - Tulsa, OK

Events & Meetings In The Weeks Ahead

APRIL 6 - TUESDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Monthly Meeting - *Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant* - Clarion Hotel - 3333 S. Glenstone - Springfield

APRIL 10/11 - SCCA *ProSolo* - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS

APRIL 11 - EASTER SUNDAY - OMR/SCCA *Bunny Hop Solo II* - Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO (*Details On Page 1*)

APRIL 15 - THURSDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Board Of Directors Meeting - *Schultz & Dooley's Too* - 3512 S. National - Springfield

APRIL 17/18 - Racing School/Regional Race - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK (918-774-6392)

APRIL 24/25 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - MidAmerica Motorplex - Glenwood, IA (515-287-5205)

MAY 1/2 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL (314-997-6768)

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

MAY 9 - SUNDAY - OMR/SCCA Solo II - Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO

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

MAY 15/16 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK (918-774-6392)

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