

# THE BLAT



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## ELECTION NOTICE

OMR members will have noticed the *Election Ballot* for the 2005 Regional Board of Directors attached to this issue. The top four vote winners will join the "carry over" Directors - Rick Carr, Jeff Moore, and Sam Henry - on next year's Board.

Read the *Ballot* carefully, make your choices, and return it to the Region as soon as possible. You may mail your *Ballot* to OMR's P.O. box or bring it with you to the Dec. 7th monthly meeting where the votes will be counted. All *Ballots* printed have been distributed; no duplicate *Ballots* will be available at the meeting. Every OMR member - regular, spouse, associate, family member - has the right to vote. Mark your *Ballot* today while you are thinking about it!

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## **Forrest Tindall Wins MidAm Championship**

After several decades of motor racing - he started SCCA racing on the west coast in 1958 - **Forrest Tindall** has won his first series points championship. Driving his #17 Mazda RX7 in E Production, Forrest scored a maximum 24 points at the *MidAm Championship's* "bonus race" at Memphis Motorsports Park in mid October and finished the season with 81 points, just three shy of a perfect score.

The septuagenarian was the fast qualifier among the Production entries at Memphis, but a flat battery on the false grid meant that Forrest started the race about four laps behind everybody else! "Everybody else" wasn't too many; very few Production category drivers entered the contest. Forrest only needed a finish to claim the bonus win (he was the only EP entry,) and by the end of the race he had unlapped himself once and was the second and last driver still competing! Congratulations, Forrest!

The final *MidAm* standings show **Jack Schulz** Fourth in Improved Touring S and **Dick Faxon** Fifth in Spec Miata. Jack and his Porsche 911 finished the season with a Second at Memphis and two Thirds at Gateway on Halloween weekend but still couldn't move into his class's top three trophy positions. Dick ended his season early and didn't enter *MidAm's* October races.

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## **Mitchell & Brannon Retain "Traveling Tombstone"**

The team of **Terry Mitchell and Chris Brannon** won OMR's annual *Halloween Rally* on Saturday, Oct. 30 and will retain the coveted "Traveling Tombstone" for another year. Seventeen teams entered the event organized by semi-retired **Rallymaster Mike Eden** who was assisted by **John Gresham**. Run completely in daylight at moderate speeds, Mike's two hour rally challenged contestants to answer obscure questions along the route plus keep track of windmills and streets with "oak" in their names.

Finishing Second were **Chris and Ellen Chindlund** - past winners of the *Tombstone* - while **Chuck Leighton and Jeff Moore** (who has tried for years to win it) finished Third. If there had been an award for "best costumes," it would have gone to **Shelley Rice and Coy Hart** who appeared as "ghostbusters" complete with all sorts of homemade gadgets.

**Clarissa and Jeff Moore** once again hosted the traditional, post-rally bonfire party at *The Automotive Archeologists* race shop where rallyists and guests enjoyed pizza (prepared by the *Pizza Hut* in Ozark and delivered by OMR's own **Brad Eldred**,) sweets, veggies, and Swedish meatballs (thanks, Chuck) while they anxiously awaited announcement of the official results.

Mitchell and Brannon captured the *Tombstone* for the second year in a row but not without drama. Chris actually was traveling on business in the Chicago area when he learned that he and the *Tombstone* were expected in Springfield Saturday afternoon. He braved a tornado and many sleepless hours of driving to deliver himself and the rock to the rally's start line.

### OMR/SCCA's Next Monthly Meeting

**TUESDAY – DECEMBER 7 – 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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## **Events & Meetings In The Weeks Ahead**

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

DECEMBER 16 - THURSDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Board Of Directors Meeting - *Schultz & Dooley's Too* -  
3512 S. National - Springfield

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>>>>>> ADVANCE NOTICE <<<<<<<

JANUARY 22 - SATURDAY - OMR/SCCA Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet - Riverside Inn - Ozark, MO

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The *Holiday Season* has begun! This edition of *The BLAT* is the last one scheduled for 2004. Your next issue won't be published until early January, 2005. Please vote for the 2005 Regional Board of Directors (ballot inside) and make your reservations for OMR's annual Awards Banquet (see pg. 5) before you toss this issue aside and start dreaming of a white Christmas!

**The Officers and Managers of Ozark Mountain Region-SCCA and the entire staff of *The BLAT*  
wish for you the happiest of  
Holiday Seasons and a Prosperous 2005!**

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## **Fessen' Up**

**By Jonathan Fessenden, Solo II Manager**

OMR's Nov. 7th *Last Chance* Solo II was in many ways our best autocross of the year. The weather could not have been better with a calm breeze and highs in the mid 70's under a crisp clear sky. Many drivers said the course was the fastest and the most fun of the year, and with seven runs, everyone got there fill of it and then some!

With the open design of the course it was interesting to watch the battle of horsepower versus cornering ability. Final times showed the drivers of the more powerful cars definitely enjoyed the chance to open up and run, but, in fact, it was the drivers of smaller cars who posted the majority of times under 35 seconds.

Interestingly, F125 (shifter karts) had several participants with Raymond Talley showing up with his new toy, a 125CC 6 speeder co-driven by Allen Woody. For their first time out Raymond and Allen did surprisingly well, although Allen obviously didn't fit the seat! However, both the newcomers were out driven by "old pros"

Randy and Quintin Dye. Definitely a class that will be quite fun to watch next season!

Bobby Jasan brought out his Porsche 911 and entered B Stock but finished a second behind Josef Welsh's Mazdaspeed Miata. Both were bested by Lester Henry's Miata bumped up from CS.

E Stock was really close with Sam Henry edging out Bud Weeks who, in turn, narrowly beat Dick Faxon. They ended up one, three, four on the PAX chart. Surprisingly, second and fifth on the chart were Jim Rowland (STS) and Brad Eldred (GS.)

F Stock also was close.....at least for every spot other than First. Charles Trebilcock won the class by two and one half seconds, but Lyndell Pickett, Bob Heisler, Perry Brown and Jacob Goodin were only six-tenths apart in the battle for Second through Fifth.

DSP saw a good fight between class regulars Nick Taliaferro, Chris Simons, Robert McLaren and Nathan Fessenden, but interlopers (due to bumping) Nick Swanson and Forrest Tindall took First and Third in class.

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### **MORE MidAm Championship From Page 1**

Although it was "money in the bank" for most of the season, it's OFFICIAL now, **Loren Moore** won *MidAm* titles in two classes - Improved Touring E and Super Production. He raced his Corvette in ITE mostly but entered SP at races where the two classes didn't run in the same group. Loren's goal this year was to win *MidAm*'s "Driver of the Year" title. That didn't happen, and *MidAm* Pointskeeper Rocky Entriiken takes up the story.

"**Chris Albin** (Southern Illinois Region) wasn't supposed to win **Driver of the Year** this year. It wasn't even in his plans. What he wanted to do was be the presenter (at the MIDIV Convention,) passing the torch to a successor.

It looked like the winner would be **Loren Moore** (Ozark Mountain) who had run 14 of the first 15 races in his ITE Corvette, winning all but one. But romance moved in and a honeymoon at Graceland did not fit into his plans. Moore missed the Bonus Race at Memphis and was stuck at 72 points.

Right behind Moore in the standings was **Ron Davis** (Kansas) with 10 wins after taking his two time EP champ MGB to FP this year. But Davis was not on the grid at Memphis either.

Albin was there shaking down a brand new ITB Volkswagen (but running his old nail in the race.) He won to boost his score to the max possible - 84. Only one other driver at Memphis would match that total - ITC champ **Nick Chinopulos** (Mid South.) At season's end, Albin had ten wins to seven for Nick the Greek and his tenth Driver of the Year honor. A dozen drivers made the final list, all earning 60 or more points with at least four outright wins.

**Loren Moore** will have to be satisfied with being this year's only double champion. In addition to dominating ITE, he also raced and won in Super Production."

### **MORE Fessen' Up From Page 5**

In ESP, Mark Foley (34.751) was one of the few big car drivers to get below 35 seconds while Opie Viets, Stan Bell, and Keith Jones couldn't break that barrier.

FTD raw was 33.465 set by Randy Dye in his shifter kart while FTD raw/real car was set by Sam Henry at 34.598 (proving that little cars can go fast too!) As usual, Sam had the fastest PAX time at 27.817.

With this being the last race of the season, it's time to hang up the slicks and break out the snow tires; it's going to be a long winter before next season starts!

I would like to thank everyone who has helped out with our autocrosses this season; everyone working together has made this season one of the best yet. My call for more help before the October event drew responses from several autocrossers, notably

Charles Trebilcock and Chris Conant who were on site Sunday morning before I was. I especially want to thank Chris Simons for starting out the season as our solo2 manager and Erik Anderson for being willing to spare his time to help us all out. I'm looking forward to helping next season and I hope you are too!

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**For Sale** Four (4) 205/50/15 Kuhmo Ecsta V-700 tires; full tread, \$90 each. One 10 X 16 tarp & conduit type canopy, \$100. 1996 Firan Ultrastar 33 ft. Motorhome; only 51,000 miles, why not go racing in comfort? \$25,000. **Dick & Cheryl Faxon**  
**dfax77@sbcglobal.net or 417-882-0152**

**For Sale** '84 1st generation RX7 with disc brake rear and extra set of wheels, needs motor work, \$500. '88 2nd generation RX7, no motor/gearbox, would make good IT race car, \$500. Misc. 1st gen. RX7 parts. I'm cleaning out the barn! **Forrest Tindall**  
**olcrone1@aol.com or 417-883-6778**

**For Sale** Lester Henry's infamous EMod Datsun 260Z-Chevy roadster. 383 small block with 300 hp & 400 ft lb of torque. Can be seen by appointment at *Springfield Dyno*. \$7900. **Sam Henry**  
**shenry@springfielddyno.com or 417-732-2487**

### **From The SCCA National Office**

**Rule Books** Sports Car Club of America has confirmed that its 2005 rule books for Club Racing, Solo and Rally will appear online through [www.scca.com](http://www.scca.com) in 2005.

"This is something our members have asked for over the last couple years, and we're glad to announce that everyone will have easy access to our rules beginning with the 2005 season," SCCA Vice President of Program Development Howard Duncan said.

"Publishing the Club Racing, Rally and Solo books online required an adjustment to some of our policies to remain consistent with our departmental revenue structures," Duncan added. "All licensed Club Racing drivers will now automatically receive a current GCR each year as part of their license package, and at a \$5 overall discount from previous years. In Solo, the requirement still exists to have a copy of the current rules in your possession at a National or Divisional event."

Electronic versions of all of SCCA's rulebooks will begin appearing on [www.scca.com](http://www.scca.com) in mid-December, with all books available in .pdf format by January 1, 2005.

**License Fee Increase** Furthermore, starting Jan. 1, 2005, the annual license fee for National and Regional Competition Licenses will be \$75, up from \$55. The two-year Novice Permit will be \$110. Holders of any of these licenses and permits will be mailed a complimentary copy of the 2005 General Competition Rules (GCR) starting in January. This hard copy of the GCR will remain SCCA's official document.

OZARK MOUNTAIN REGION/SCCA

**AWARDS BANQUET & ANNUAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY – JANUARY 22, 2005**

**Historic *Riverside Inn* – Ozark, MO**

2629 North Riverside Road

(DIRECTIONS: Ozark is 10 miles south of Springfield on Hwy 65. Exit Hwy 65 at Hwy 14 and drive east 1.4 miles to 3rd St. Turn left/north on 3rd St. and then – at bottom of hill – veer right onto Riverside Rd. Continue on Riverside for 1.5 miles to restaurant.)

5:00 PM – Social Hour (With Cash Bar)

6:30 PM – Buffet Dinner (Chicken & Carved Roast Beef, Salads, Three Vegetables, Hot Rolls & Butter, Swedish Meat Balls, Fried Chicken Livers, Fruit Tray, Assorted Cake Tray, Coffee or Tea)

**Awards Presentation Will Begin Immediately After Dinner**

**Cost Per Person – \$20.00**

***Awards To Be Presented:***

Autocrosser of the Year - SOLO II Class Championships - MidAm Racing Trophies  
Service Awards - Membership Pins - National Racing Awards - Racer of the Year  
Rookie of the Year - Crew Member of the Year - Skroo Up of the Year  
“Last Of The Great Ones” - J.D. Rice Memorial Award For Outstanding OMR Member  
Dave Pistole Sportsmanship Award - Plus SURPRISES & DOOR PRIZES

***DON'T MISS THIS ONE !!! RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED;  
MAKE YOUR AWARDS BANQUET RESERVATIONS NOW!!!***

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2005 Awards Banquet Reservations Form

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