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Rain Or Shine

SUNDAY - MARCH 14

Luck of the Irish 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. 1

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 Regional Autocross Schedule Posted

A schedule of ten regional autocrosses has been announced by OMR SOLO II Manager Chris Simons. The season opens Sunday, March 14 (our earliest starting date ever) and concludes on Sunday, November 7. There will be two events - just one week apart - in June, and two of our autocrosses will be run on Saturday.

Currently, all ten events are planned for Ducks Stadium/Price Cutter Park in Ozark, MO. However, OMR members in Pittsburg, KS hope to organize an event in that area and may use one of the dates.

The Schedule

March 14	July 25
April 11 (Easter)	August 29
May 9	September 11 (Saturday)
June 13	October 24
June 19 (Saturday)	November 7

The June 13th event conflicts with a Divisional SOLO II at Oklahoma City, but the regional Board of Directors wanted two events in June and had to work around the Ducks' baseball schedule. Last year's Saturday autocross drew favorable comment so the Board added a second Saturday event this year while recognizing that some autocrossers have work commitments on Saturday. OMR members competing for class championships will again count only their best six results so there should be enough events to give everyone a fair shot.

OMR/SCCA's Next Monthly Meeting

TUESDAY – MARCH 2 – 7:00 PM

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**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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Awards Banquet Wrap Up

More than eighty members and guests turned out for OMR's annual Awards Banquet on Saturday, January 17. The crowd was so large that the staff at *Riverside Inn* had to move us to a larger room at the other end of the historic restaurant. **2003 Regional Executive Dick Faxon and wife, Cheryl**, were unable to attend at the last minute having just returned from a Mexican vacation, but **Assistant R.E. Phil Fanning** stepped in to kick off the awards presentation with a lame "toe off" joke and the introduction of **2004 R.E. Rick Carr**.

First on the agenda was the awarding of SCCA membership pins, and **Membership Chairman Ted Wells** recognized the following members: five years - **Mike Eden, Carol Grantham, Gary Grantham, Lora Grantham, Delia Gresham, Derek Gresham, John Gresham, Lyndell Pickett, Marsha Sutton, Joe Sutton**; ten years - **Bill Cary, Kyle Jones, Derek Jones, Bobby Miller, Jennifer Miller, Shelley Rice, Becky Wood, Shelby Wood**; fifteen years - **Tim "Opie" Viets, Curtis Wood, Joanne Wood**; twenty years - **David Small**.

R.E. Rick Carr then presented service awards (personalized model cars) to the four retiring Board members: **Mike Eden**, Rally Manager 2001-2003, **Forrest Tindall** 2000-2003, **Ted Wells** 2000-2003, and **Dick Faxon** Secretary, Treasurer, and Regional Executive 1999-2003. A special service award (a crystal race car) was presented to **Treasurer Jeff Moore** for "ten years and counting" on the Board of Directors.

Next up were the SOLO II awards distributed by **2003 SOLO II Manager Erik Anderson**. Class championship trophies (framed and personalized autocross action photos) went to: A Stock - **Jeff Herrmann**, B Stock - **T.C. Pistole**, C Stock - **Pat Mitchell**, E Stock - **Sam Henry**, G Stock - **David Small**, H Stock - **Forrest Tindall**, B Street Prepared - **Dave Acuff**, C St. Prep. - **Bud Weeks**, D St. Prep. - **Skyler Spartan**, E St. Prep. - **Derek Gresham**, STX - **Randy McCall**, STS - **Erik Anderson**, Street Modified - **Chris Simons**, Street Modified 2 - **Raymond Talley**, E Modified - **Lester Henry**, F Modified - **Robert Marsh**. Additionally, **Brad Eldred, Gary Grantham, Mark Rountree, Chris Simons, Erik Anderson, Raymond Talley, and Skyler Spartan** received "100% Club" trophies for competing in all nine 2003 regional autocrosses.

To no one's surprise, Erik presented the traveling "Autocrosser of the Year" trophy - for the third year in a row - to E Stock Champion **Sam Henry**.

Road racing trophies were next on the agenda with Phil Fanning sheepishly handing out the 2002 Mid-Am awards, tee shirts, and video tapes "lost in transit" to last year's Awards Banquet. Better late than never! Licensing Manager **Jeff Moore** then seized the spotlight to present the trophies captured by OMR members in the 2003 season. National awards (leather camp furniture) went to **Loren Moore**, first in Touring 1 and **Chuck Leighton**, third in

G Production. *Mid-AM Championship* wall clocks went to **Chris Brannon**, first in Touring 2 and **Dick Faxon**, the winner in SpecMiata, while **Rick Carr** received a second place award for his efforts in GT2 and **Shane Bennoch** was recognized for his third place finish in Formula Continental.

Phil Fanning regained control of the microphone to honor three members for their efforts in Club racing. **Jeff Moore** was named OMR's "Race Mechanic of the Year," **Chris Brannon** received the "OMR Rookie Race Driver of the Year" plaque, and **Loren Moore** (who out-pointed Dick Faxon 261 to 247) was presented OMR's "Race Driver of the Year" award.

Acting on behalf of the absent Faxon, Fanning then presented OMR's most prestigious awards - the J.D. Rice Memorial Award (for "outstanding regional member") and the Last of the Great Ones plaque (for long service to the Region.) **2003 SOLO II Manager Erik Anderson** was the recipient of the J.D. Rice traveling trophy, and **Forrest Tindall**, the man who donated the plaque but never won it, received the "Last of the Great Ones" traveling award. **Robert Marsh** and **Shelley Rice** accepted plaques recognizing their reception of the traveling awards for 2002.

Finally, it was up to **BLAT Editor Ted Wells** to present the Duane Capps "Skroo Up of the Year" traveling trophy and end the awards presentation with laughter, handshakes, and toasts to the winners. In a year which saw several road racers involved in tow vehicle mishaps and Forrest Tindall, in particular, going all the way to the "Runoffs" only to have his RX7's muffler fall off, it was autocrosser **Bob Heisler** (he drives all the way from Fayetteville to compete with us) who captured the prize. Bob twice lent his rapid Neon to Erik Anderson - for the flimsiest of excuses - and consequently lost - to Erik, of course - the regional SOLO II championship in STS.

It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by members from as far away as Pittsburg, KS, Fayetteville, AR, Mtn Home, AR, Fort Leonard Wood, MO, and the Lake of the Ozarks. Dick Faxon and Jeff Moore put the deal together, holding down the costs to those attending to the same rate as previous years. A special "thank you" goes to Jeff, Chuck Leighton and Vicki Jarecke for contributing door prizes.

MEMO To OMR's Road Racers

The Midwest Division competition season begins in just three weeks!

NOW is the time to schedule your race car's "annual tech."

Don't wait 'til the last minute! Helpful hint: check '04 GCR for lapbelt and harness time limits.

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OMR Racers Invade Texas!

Looking to get an early start on the 2004 season, several OMR road racers journeyed to Bryan, TX on St. Valentine's Day weekend for double National races at Texas World Speedway. They were hoping for sunny skies and warm temperatures but found the weather in south Texas (at least this year) much the same as the weather in the Ozarks.

Friday's practice sessions on the 2.9 mi track were hampered by frigid temperatures and off-and-on sleet which collected in the cockpits of open cars. By Saturday, the sleet had ended but the pavement was still wet due to persistent drizzle. Sunday's races were run in chilly temperatures under sunny skies.

On Saturday, **Curtis Wood** finished First in G Production in his #13 Alfa Giulietta Spider which was bought last fall and beautifully refurbished over the winter by the folks at *The Automotive Archeologists* and *TopCraft*. **Chuck Leighton** was Second in E Production in yet another Yenko Stinger built up over the winter alongside the Alfa. **Tom Morrison** captured the top spot in GT2 (beating a couple of Porsche Cup cars) with his yellow, Porsche 914-6, and **Dave Pistole** finished Third in GT2 with the blue Porsche 911 he recently purchased from Rick Carr. Last but not least, **Chris Brannon** triumphed in Touring 2 with his once-red-now-purple Firebird but was demoted to Third by the Stewards after a protest for on track contact. (Chris is appealing that decision.)

After Saturday night inspections revealed suspicious rattles from the Stinger's engine and oil system problems on the yellow 914, only three of our heroes answered the bell on Sunday. Pistole was again Third in GT2 getting to know his new mount, and Brannon was really Third in T2 driving with a certain amount of circumspection, one supposes. Wood came home Second in GP and - having picked up 21 points - was the weekend's "big winner" among the OMR entrants. It was also a good weekend for Pistole and his faithful sidekicks (actually inlaws) **Charles & Lorraine Miller**. Not only did they rack up 14 points, they got to see son and grandson, **T.C. Pistole**, now a resident of Sealy, TX.

Automotive Archeologists proprietor **Jeff Moore** was happy with the results but not the weather. Luckily, he had **John Gresham** (who furnished this report) along to keep things under control. Now that the Texas adventure has ended, Jeff plans to build up a T2 class Neon SRT/4 for Loren Moore and reports that Loren has sold his T1 Corvette Z06 to - wait for it - Chris Brannon! It's indeed a small world, isn't it?

Come Out And Play!

SUNDAY - MARCH 14

Luck of the Irish SOLO II

Crash, Fire & Rescue School

The Kaw Valley Race Group - KVRG - will be hosting a Crash, Fire & Rescue School for SCCA race workers on Saturday, March 13. The classroom session will be held at the SCCA National Headquarters building in Topeka, KS; the outdoor session will be held at nearby Heartland Park.

Registration is scheduled at 7:30 AM with the class starting at 8:00. Doughnuts, coffee and lunch will be provided. Take warm clothing for the outdoor session.

The school fee is \$10.00 per person. Write your check payable to KVRG and mail it to Neava Ford, 5025 Rosewood Drive, Roeland Park, KS 66205.

For more info, contact Neava at nford@kc.rr.com or 913-432-9630 OR Chris Keith at tottenham@cox.net or 316-612-0466.

MINUTES Board Of Directors Meeting 1-15-04

2004 Regional Executive Rick Carr called the meeting to order at Schultz & Dooley's Too at 7:04 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:

Ted Wells led a discussion about the agenda for the awards banquet on Saturday, Jan. 17. The Board agreed on the following:

Faxon - welcome and introduction of the new RE (Rick Carr) and the other new board members.

Wells - membership pins.

Fanning - service awards for retiring board members.

Anderson - awards for Solo II class champions and Autocrosser of the Year.

Moore - Mid-Am racing awards.

Carr - National club racing awards.

Faxon - Racer of the Year, Rookie of the Year, Crewmember of the Year.

Faxon - J.D. Rice Memorial Award and Last of the Great Ones plaque.

Wells - Skroo (sic) Up of the Year award.

New Business:

Dick Faxon was volunteered to get the schedule for the Duck's replacement team which will be playing at Price Cutter Park this summer.

There was a fair amount of brainstorming about possible Solo II sites and a brief discussion about the number of regional rallies in 2004.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Sam Henry, Secretary.

OMR Solo II Supplemental Regulations – 2004

Classes:

1. Classes (and vehicle eligibility) will be per SCCA 2004 Solo II Rules (kept current by *Fast Tracks*), plus any regional classes which may be implemented by the OMR board. Prepared and Modified classes may be combined if the number of entries is inadequate.
2. No more than two drivers may enter the same vehicle unless approved by the Event Chairman.
3. A driver may not enter more than one vehicle.
4. Single car classes will be "bumped" per 2004 SCCA Solo II Rules.
5. If a driver is bumped more than two steps, finishing positions in the resulting class will be based on the PAX-RTP Index.
6. A driver's single best (quickest) run will count for finishing position.
7. Late entries may be accepted by the Event Chairman; however, no "make up" runs will be allowed.
8. At any event, if a "Ladies Class" is created for two or more entries, finishing positions will be based on the PAX-RTP Index.

Driver Responsibility:

1. All drivers are responsible for fulfilling work assignments as determined by the Event Chairman. Failure to work will result in disqualification and/or loss of points.
2. If a vehicle is deemed too loud by 2/3rds of the following officials - Event Chairman, Solo II Safety Steward, Chief Technical Inspector - its driver may be required to correct the noise level before being allowed to compete. Enforcement of this rule is necessary to maintain the availability of our current event sites.

Awards Distribution Per Class At OMR Solo II Events:

1-2 entrants:	1st Pl. Trophy
3-4 entrants:	1st and 2nd Pl. Trophies
5-6 entrants:	1st, 2nd, and 3rd Pl. Trophies
7-8 entrants:	1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Pl. Trophies
9 or more entrants:	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Pl. Trophies

Fastest Time Of Day (FTD) Trophies:

At each event there will be two FTD trophies awarded in addition to the class trophies. The awarding of these trophies will be based on the PAX-RTP rankings. Drivers whose vehicles are equipped with tires with wear ratings above 180 - and who are entered in classes where R compound D.O.T. tires or racing tires are legal - are eligible for the FTD-S trophy. All other drivers are eligible for the FTD-R trophy.

Class Championships:

1. At each event a competitor will earn points based on his/her finishing position in class as follows:
1st = 15, 2nd = 12, 3rd = 10, 4th = 8, 5th = 6, 6th and lower = 5 pts.
2. **A competitor must be an OMR/SCCA member (or join by the start of the fourth (4th) Solo II event of the Series) to earn points.**
3. To be eligible for a class championship, a driver must compete in at least four (4) events in that class.
4. A competitor's best six (6) results from all OMR/SCCA Solo II events during the season will be tallied to determine his/her points total in class.
5. A competitor may win two class championships provided that Class Championships Rule 3 is met in both cases.

Autocrosser of the Year Contest

1. At each event, drivers who are OMR/SCCA members will earn points based on their finishing positions after the best/quickest times of all competitors - regardless of class - are ranked using the PAX-RTP Index. Points awarded will be as follows: 1st = 15, 2nd = 12, 3rd = 10, 4th = 9, 5th = 8, 6th = 7, 7th and lower 6 pts.
2. **A competitor must be an OMR/SCCA member (or join by the start of the fourth (4th) Solo II event of the Series) to earn points.**
3. A competitor's best six (6) results from all OMR/SCCA Solo II events will be tallied to determine his/her points total for the season.
4. If two or more drivers have the same number of points at end of the season, the winner will be the driver with most 1st place finishes in the PAX rankings. If the tie still exists, the most 2nd place finishes, the most 3rd place finishes, and so on will be considered.

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2004 SCCA Midwest Division Calendar

MARCH

- 13 - Crash, Fire & Rescue School For Race Workers - SCCA Headquarters - Topeka, KS
- 20/21 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Memphis Motorsports Park - Millington, TN
- 26-28 - Double Racing Schools/Regional Race - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL
- 27/28 - SCCA *ProSolo* - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS

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

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

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

MARCH 13 - Crash, Fire & Rescue School For Race Workers - SCCA Headquarters - Topeka, KS (*Details On Page 6*)

MARCH 14 - SUNDAY - OMR/SCCA *Luck of the Irish Solo II* - Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO (*Details On Page 1*)

MARCH 20/21 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Memphis Motorsports Park - Millington, TN (901-757-2595)

MARCH 26-28 - Double Racing Schools/Regional Race - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL (314-997-6768)

MARCH 27/28 - SCCA *ProSolo* - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS

APRIL 3/4 - Double Regional Races/Performance Car Control Clinic - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS (819-795-8524)

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

APRIL 11 - SUNDAY - OMR/SCCA Solo II - Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO

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