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**SUNDAY - JULY 25**

## ***Summer Sizzler 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**  
**\$30 – Non SCCA Entrants**

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

**Points Events #6**  
***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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***Register Online At [www.omrscca.org](http://www.omrscca.org)***

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

## ***Road Racing Report***

The Midwest Division's National racing season is nearing its conclusion with only three races left - Aug. 1 at Gateway Int'l, Aug. 22 at MidAmerica Motorplex, and Sept. 5 at Heartland Park. No OMR drivers lead their classes at the moment, but two are in position to make late season charges toward class titles.

**Chris Brannon**, Mountain Home, AR is just two points out of the lead in Touring 2; St Louis Region's Dennis Aubuchon has racked up 63 pts with his Camaro while Brannon has collected 61 pts with his purple Firebird. A clue to the battle's final outcome....Chris bested Dennis the last three times they met. **Loren Moore**, Springfield is third in T2 with 27 pts.

The Mountain Home mad man - racing his second car, a Z06 Corvette - also holds down third in Touring 1 with 30 pts. He beat class leader (48 pts), Bradford Neff, at Hallett on July 4 and stands just 3 pts out of second place.

**Curtis Wood**, Ozark, MO got off to a great start this year and held the early lead in G Production with his Alfa Giulietta spider, but gearbox problems have dogged him of late and he's now ranked second in GP. If he bounces back to claim the championship it will be quite a feat....the class leader is Chris Albin who has won four Nationals in a row with his rapid VW Golf. Albin holds 63 pts and Curtis has 48. **Chuck Leighton**, Springfield lies seventh in the class having tallied 16 pts with his limited prep MGB.

They are not going to challenge for the class title, or even finish in  
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## **OMR/SCCA's Next Monthly Meeting**

**TUESDAY – AUGUST 3 – 7:00 PM**

***Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant***

**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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the top three most likely, but **Chuck Leighton, Forrest Tindall, and Mike Eden**, all of Springfield, are having a ding dong tussle at the lower end of E Production. Chuck has collected 19 pts with his Yenka Stinger and holds down eighth place, while Forrest and Mike are tied in ninth place with 13 pts. Tindall's Mazda RX7 and Eden's Alfa Romeo Spider finished third and fourth at the Hallett on July 4, their best National results this year.

**Tom Morrison**, Aurora, MO has raced to two wins in his GT2 Porsche 914/6 and stands second in the class with 24 pts. Tom is only 12 pts behind class leader Barry Schonberger/Sunbeam Tiger but, reportedly, is cutting back until next year.

MIDIV's I.T. Tour series of races follows the National schedule so it's seven down and three to go for the 110 drivers (so far) who are competing this season. One OMR racer leads his class and the fat lady is singing; another leads but it's nail biting time; and a third finds himself only five points out of second place.

It's all over in Improved Touring E, and **Loren Moore** has won it in his yellow Corvette. Loren has amassed 69 pts with five wins and one 2nd, and he leads Kansas City Region's Andy Ruggiero by 50 pts! Turn out the lights, the party's over!

On the other hand, **Dick Faxon**, Springfield - the only Champion the *Tour's* Spec Miata class has ever known - has a healthy lead with three races to go but can't open the champagne just yet. Dick has raced to two wins and two 2nds so far this season and has racked up 42 pts - 16 better than David Harber (MidSouth Region) and Tom Kraft (Des Moines Valley Region) and 18 better than Bill Pemberton of Nebraska Region. With 36 pts still available, the class title is very much undecided, but swami says our guy will hang on! Stop nibbling your finger nails! (Forty-eight different drivers have competed in the *Tour's* Spec Miata class so far in 2004. And now **Sam Henry** has bought one! Will this Spec Miata madness never end?!?)

Only fifteen racers are competing in Improved Touring S, but most of them showed up at Hallett on July 4 including OMR's own **Jack Schulz**, Monett, MO. Jack and his Porsche 911 had posted two 2nd place finishes in a row but fell back to 8th at HMRC. His current tally of 25 pts puts Jack third in the class, only 5 pts behind Paul Lerman/BMW 325i of St. Louis Region, but a loooong way behind MidSouth's Bill Denton/Mazda RX7 who has won four times and amassed 48 pts.

**Loren Moore** is the big story in the MidAm Championship for Regional racers. Driving his *Club Intensity* Corvette, Loren leads both ITE and Super Production classes and also leads *MidAm's* "Driver of the Year" standings. At Hallett over the Fourth of July weekend, he won three races in two days!

Moore is credited with 72 pts in ITE because a driver can count only his "best six" finishes, but Loren has competed in every

*MidAm* event but one and has racked up ten wins and one 2nd. His nearest challenger has 40 pts. Loren has raced twice (and won twice) in Super Production and leads that class with 24 pts although he hasn't yet qualified for a class title under *MidAm* rules. His ten wins (seven outright) and one 2nd in ITE put him atop the "Driver of the Year" chart and Chris Albin's name is nowhere to be found! Right now - including results from Heartland Park on July 18 - Loren's nearest challenger is Ron Davis who has posted seven wins (five outright) in F Production.

Eighth in the "Driver of the Year" standings is **Chuck Leighton** with five wins (three outright) in G Production. The "DoY" title may be a long shot, but Chuck has the GP championship just about sewed up. His 60 pts looks stout against second place man Robert Maupins' 12 markers.

After two wins in a row - at Hallett on July 3 and Topeka on July 18 - in his Mazda RX7, **Forrest Tindall** is tied for the lead in E Production with 45 pts. Forrest's "partner in crime" is Kansas City Region's Steve Schmidt who races a Triumph GT6. They've raced head to head only once this year, and Steve came out on top, but the GT6 has been outrun by another OMR member, **Mike Eden**, with his Alfa spider. Mike is ranked third in EP with 31 pts. Tied for fourth in the class is **Court Whitlock**, Springfield, who has collected 9 pts with his Yenka Stinger.

Only (!!!) 32 drivers are registered in the *MidAm's* Spec Miata class, and **Dick Faxon** leads them all....except one. Every one of the top eight competitors (except one) have won at least one race, and their points totals look like this: Tom Kraft, 56; Dick Faxon, 50; Bill Pemberton, 47; Charlie James, 46; David Harber, 42.5; Tony Vogt, 36; David Steward, 25; Ryan Pemberton, 24. I'm going to stick my neck out here and say the race for the championship is "wide open" and will "go down to the wire!"

After competing only once in the class (at Heartland Park on July 18) - and grabbing second place points - **Sam Henry**, Springfield, is ranked 21st.

The Improved Touring S standings show **Jack Schulz** and his Porsche in fifth place with 33 pts - a DNF at Heartland Park doing him no good at all. KCR's Bob Gill leads the class with his Nissan 200SX. He's beaten most of the other class regulars at least once and has 65 pts.

Improved Touring 7 is a new class for first series Mazda RX7s. **Scott Goble**, Springfield has raced only once so far and is ranked eighth with 9 pts.

Want to see OMR's race drivers in action? The Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races at Gateway Int'l on July 31/August 1 are open to spectators and admission is free. St Louis Region pays an extra insurance fee so its races are like autocrosses. You are welcome to watch, and you don't have to be an SCCA member or be licensed or sign a waiver as long as you stay out of "hot" areas. What a deal!

## 2004 SCCA Midwest Division Calendar

[www.midiv.org](http://www.midiv.org)

### AUGUST

- 31/1 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL  
 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

## News, Names & Notes

Autocrossers are reminded that entry fees will be increased to \$30 for non-SCCA entrants beginning with our *Summer Sizzler* event on Sunday, July 25. It's hoped the higher fees will encourage more autocrossers to join the Club. Fees for SCCA members will remain at \$20.

Autocrossers also are reminded that their vehicles must display legible numbers and class letters on both sides beginning with the July 25 event. For some cars - Mini Coopers, BMW sedans, Honda Civics, etc. - shoe polish on rear side windows may still get you through tech. For other cars - Miata's, Corvettes, MR2's, etc. - magnetic or vinyl reusable numbers and letters will have to be used.

Info on the Region's website - [www.omrscga.org](http://www.omrscga.org) - suggests that the Ozark Lakes Region of the Porsche Club of America will be hosting a charity autocross in Springfield on Saturday, August 21. Reportedly, the event will be run on one of the *Grizzly Industrial* lots near Battlefield Rd. and Kansas Expressway. Check the website for more up-to-date information.

Speaking of the Porsche Club.....**Chuck Leighton** won a major award at PCA's national meet in Texas over the Fourth of July weekend. Chuck entered his 911 in the Preservation Class at the PCA national concours. He first won his model year group, then the group for all 911's, and finally the grand prize for all Porsches in the Preservation Class. Congratulations, Chuck!

If you prefer British Racing Green to German Silver, the Greater Ozarks British Motoring Club will be hosting its annual "British Car & Cycle Show" on Saturday, July 24. The cars and motorcycles will be arranged around the downtown square in Carthage, MO. Reportedly, cars and bikes will be on the square from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM. GOBMC's website is [www.gobmc.org](http://www.gobmc.org) - imagine that!

Due to a job transfer, OMR has lost another valuable member. Autocrosser and road racer **Jeff Herrmann** - in real life he's Major Carl G. Herrmann, U.S. Army - has been transferred from Fort Leonard Wood to a base in Texas. Over the past few years Jeff autocrossed his infamous Fiero/Ferrari, then a Porsche 911, and finally a Subaru WRX Sti. He also occasionally raced the 911 in *MidAm* events. His efforts as p.a. announcer at OMR Solo II events were much appreciated, and he will be missed.

While meandering through the worldwide web, **Travis Tyler** discovered that fellow autocrosser **Pat Mitchell** had posted two excellent results at major Solo II events. Travis reports that Pat, running in the experimental ST2 class (like STS but for two seat sports cars,) had captured First Place at SCCA's *National Tour* stop in Peru, IN and at MIDIV's *Solotime* Event #3 at Salina, KS. Pat used his trusty Miata, of course. A check of the results from Salina showed everyone in the class was driving a Miata.

"Are Mazda Miata drivers taking over SCCA?" That and other topics will be discussed at OMR's next monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 3, at 7:00 PM at *Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant* in the Clarion Hotel, 3333 S, Glenstone, Springfield.

**Events & Meetings In The Weeks Ahead**

**JULY 25 - SUNDAY - OMR/SCCA Summer Sizzler Solo II - Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO (Details On Page 1)**

JULY 31/AUGUST 1 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL (314-997-6768)

**AUGUST 3 - TUESDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Monthly Meeting - Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant - Clarion Hotel - 3333 S. Glenstone - Springfield**

AUGUST 7/8 - Divisional Solotime Series Event #4 - MIDIV SOLO II Championship - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS ( www.midivsolo.org )

**AUGUST 12 - THURSDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Board Of Directors Meeting - Schultz & Dooley's Too - 3512 S. National - Springfield**

AUGUST 21/22 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - MidAmerica Motorplex - Glenwood, IA (515-274-9674)

**AUGUST 29 - SUNDAY - OMR/SCCA Solo II - Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO**

SEPTEMBER 4/5 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS (819-795-8524)

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

**SEPTEMBER 11 - SATURDAY - OMR/SCCA Solo II - Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO**

SEPTEMBER 14-17 - The Tire Rack-SCCA SOLO II National Championship - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS (www.scca.com)

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