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SUNDAY - JUNE 13

June Doubleheader I SOLO II

SATURDAY - JUNE 19

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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

Points Events #4 & #5
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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Changes Coming To SOLO II Program

By Erik Anderson, SOLO II Manager

We've witnessed Ozark Mountain Region's SOLO II events grow from 50-65 participants in 2003 to 75-85 in 2004, and there are no signs of this growth slowing down! As more drivers make their way to Price Cutter Park, we, as a Region, must ensure that we run top notch events to keep everyone coming back. Autocrosses are the largest income generator for our Region and enable us to continually update OMR's autocross equipment as well as have one heck of a nice Awards Banquet at the end of the year. To that end, the Board of Directors has approved a few items that we need to make everyone aware of.

First on the agenda is the issue of car markings. Section 3.7 of the *SCCA SOLO II Rules* states that all cars shall have numbers at least 8" high and class letters that are no shorter than 3". It goes on to state that letters and number must be on the body panels, only one set of numbers be visible at a time, and that both sides of the car needs to be marked. As a region, we have been lax in requiring this namely because our autocrosses have been small and local; however, with 80+ cars the task of timing and scoring becomes much more difficult. Therefore, as of our July 25th autocross, every car entered will be required to have letters and numbers that conform to the SCCA rules. Car not displaying the proper markings at the time of tech inspection will not be allowed to run.

There are several ways YOU can meet this requirement - magnetic numbers, static cling and reusable vinyl numbers, masking
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OMR/SCCA's Next Monthly Meeting

TUESDAY – JULY 6 – 7:00 PM

Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant

**Clarion Hotel – 3333 S. Glenstone
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Submissions to *The BLAT* must be in the Region's P.O, Box by the 1st of the month – or delivered to the Editor at a monthly meeting – to be included in the following month's issue.

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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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tape, etc. (look in the back of *SportsCar* or *Grassroots Motorsports* for sources.) However, to help out OMR's autocrossers, I have arranged for a group buy on 56 piece packs of magnetic "digital clock segments" for only \$40 per pack. This magnetic markings kit will give you enough segments to create just about any number-letter combination on both sides of your car. Please email me at ludikris@mchsi.com or call me @ 766-1974 if you are interested in ordering one of these packages. I will collect your money before ordering them at each of our June autocrosses (on the 13th and 19th.)

The second item of business is an autocross entry fee increase for non-SCCA members. The new entry fee, which goes into effect at our 25th of July event, will be \$30 for non-SCCA autocrossers, while the SCCA member fee of \$20 remains unchanged. With this change there is now an even greater incentive for our regular autocrossers to become and remain SCCA members. Save yourself some money; join the Club!

Finally, OMR will soon be implementing a "pre-registration necessary" policy at all autocrosses. Pre-registration already can be completed by using the "Online Registration" link at our www.omrscca.org webpage. Alternatively, if you do not have internet access, we will be printing pre-registration forms for you to mail. In the immediate future - like right now for our June events - we ask that you start using the online registration to become familiar with the process. It takes less than 5 minutes to register for an event, and it gives the autocross organizers a better idea of attendance. (Your hard-working Regional Editor filed a false entry for our June 13th autocross just to prove how easy it is to pre-register.) As mentioned above, with the increasing number of drivers at OMR events, we are being forced to restructure into a multiple-heat format. Having everyone pre-registered will assist in running a smooth event that gives the maximum amount of seat time for everyone.

In closing, we are hopeful that these changes will allow OMR to continue providing the high quality events that we have in the past. If you have comments or suggestions, please join us at our General Meetings on the 1st Tuesday of the month at *Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant*.

Unclaimed Trophies

OMR's "trophy gofer" - your hard-working Regional Editor - still has trophies which should have been distributed at our first three autocrosses.....lots of them from our Easter event. If you attend the June 13th autocross next Sunday, take a few moments to review the Results Sheets from March 14th, April 11th, and May 9th. You may be due a trophy! The "trophy gofer" won't be at the Saturday, June 19th event so don't put things off. Check those results this Sunday!

Anderson On Autocrossing

By Erik Anderson, SOLO II Manager

It was another record turnout for OMR on the 9th of May as the number of drivers climbed to 83! It was the Corvettes against the STI's in AS, a trio of Celicas battled in GS, a funny looking yellow car enlivened ASP, and a hodge podge of makes ran in STS and SM! Overall the dominance of STS in the top 10 PAX times seems to be waning with CS, ES, and GS cars occupying the first four spots and Bob Heisler placing the first STS entry in 5th.

A-Stock pitted a lone St Louis based Subaru WRX STi against three Corvettes. John and Mark Huebbe drove their STi into 3rd and 1st place respectively while Gregg McNabb split them after missing First Place by just 0.069 seconds! B-Stock and C-Stock each had two entries with Joshua Burgess taking 1st in BS in his 300ZX while Pat Mitchell drove to 1st place in C-Stock.

Malachi Stowe returned in his SRT-4 to give Matt Searing and his S4 a hard time and take 1st place in D-Stock. E-Stock again was the battle of the Miatas and MR2s with a surprise Fiero thrown in the mix. Bud Weeks was just behind Sam Henry in 3rd while Dick Faxon bested Sam by nearly ½ a second to take 1st. T.C. Pistle was back in town for a visit and to try out Bud Weeks' MR2. F-Stock found Gary Grantham and his Camaro in 2nd place behind Bryan Acuff's Trans Am.

Mark Bishop returned with some legal R-compound rubber and proved it's not the tires that make the driver. Mark took 1st place in G-Stock with his roommate/co-driver David Provenzano finishing 2nd. Ben France tried out his new-to-him Sentra SE-R and grabbed 3rd place hardware. H-Stock had six entries including a couple new cars and faces. Ben Whitacre returned in his Geo Storm to take 3rd place while Josef Welsh took 2nd driving Scott Bauer's CRX. Forrest Tindall was once again on top of his game and took 1st place ahead of all other H-stock contenders.

H Stock Ladies saw the debut of two, second-generation autocrossers. Lora Grantham in a Subaru finished ahead of Danielle Foley in a Pontiac Bonneville while proud papas Rodger Grantham and Mark Foley watched from the sidelines. Danielle would have won the class trophy, but a two second cone penalty dropped her one-and-a-half seconds behind Lora.

A-Street Prepared was made interesting by a funny looking yellow car (namely Loren Moore's Lamborghini Gallardo). Peter Jasan was bumped from Super Stock to ASP but was still able to best Sam Henry and Loren who shared the V-10 Lambo. Sam beat Loren's times in his exhibition runs but Loren gets the points and trophy for 2nd place. BSP had two newcomers (Herb Faulstich's Corvette and Meredith Chen's M3) racing against three veterans. Mark Rountree drove his Corvette into 3rd behind Damon Robinson's 300ZX while Dave Acuff once again took 1st place in his beautiful #58 Corvette with a commanding two plus second lead.

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DSP grew to five entrants after Ron Rinke and his BMW 2002 was bumped from FSP. Nathan Fessenden put his BMW 325e on the 4th place podium behind Robert McLaren and his 4WS Prelude. Skyler Spartan proved the borrowed cars are faster theory taking 2nd place in Robert's Prelude behind Nick Taliaferro's Saab Viggen. ESP found Mark Foley and Opie Viets in 1st and 2nd respectively and both driving Camaros. Derek Gresham was able to hold off the rest of the pack for 3rd place.

Ted Hollis showed up with his mutant Suzuki Swift to take 1st in D-Modified while Robert Marsh was able to fend off co-driver David Small in F-Modified.

Street Modified had eight entrants in quite a variety of cars. Chris Simons took 4th in a Cavalier while David Quinonez and Korry Berger finished 3rd and 2nd in their TSI and Camaro. Chris Conant was again way ahead of the pack in 1st and knocking on the door of fast raw time of the day as he usually does when he visits! Allen Woody took a borrowed MR2 to 1st in Street Modified 2 dropping car owner and co-driver Raymond Talley into 2nd while David Messenger took his Trans Am to 3rd place.

The street tire classes were again among the largest in participation with eight drivers in STS, four in STX and two in STU.

Bob Heisler once again put his Neon ACR on top in STS with 2nd through 4th separated by less than 0.250 of a second. Chris Hammer and his Integra took 2nd ahead of Bobby Jason's Altima who edged out Erik Anderson in the borrowed Civic hatchback for 3rd. James Sarino came down from St Louis and put his STX Prelude Type SH into 1st ahead of Andy Thompson's WRX. Randy McCall and his STi settled the question (for this month, anyway) as to which is better - a STi or an EVO - by taking 1st ahead of Casey Smith in STU.

I'm thinking we might see 100 entries at one of our June events; word is getting out that we hand out nice trophies and have a lot of fun. To accommodate that many drivers, we MUST start our June events on time and speed up the worker changeovers between heats. The days of two heats are long gone; if entries approach 100, we'll have to break things up into four heats. The willingness of OMR's autocross entrants to accept work assignments and keep events rolling along is well known, but many entrants have pointed out that we waste time between heats. Less "down time" and more "run time" is our goal.

You can help me get a handle on how many entrants to expect on June 13th and June 19th. [Register for either or both events online.](#) Just go to OMR's webpage - www.omrscca.org - and click on "Online Registration." It's easy, and, at this point, no credit card numbers are involved.

The muscle car group again will be cooking and selling hot dogs, burgers, and fries at our June autocrosses. OMR gets a cut of the proceeds so don't hesitate to take advantage of their efforts.

Road Race Report

OMR's band of hearty road (racing) warriors was at half strength for the National/Regional/I.T. Tour races at Memphis Motorsports Park over the Memorial Day weekend. Tom Morrison had business commitments; Chuck Leighton had family commitments; Dick Faxon's Miata was still on the trailer after a metal-to-metal at Hallett on May 15/16; Mike Eden's Alfa needed some body work after visiting a Hallett tire wall; and Forrest Tindall never crosses major rivers during months ending in "y."

So it was left to Chris Brannon, Loren Moore (two cars,) Jack Schulz, and Curtis Wood to fly the OMR flag at the drag strip-and-lots-of-turns-on-the-way-back road course in Millington, TN.

Brannon in a Firebird and Moore in "Leon the Neon" finished First and Second in the Touring 2 class (and Third and Fourth overall) in Saturday's Regional Group 3 action. Chris drove his Pontiac to a new T2 lap record - 1.18.012 - during the contest. Loren immediately returned to the track for the Group 4 battle and finished First Overall and First in Improved Touring E with his very trick yellow Corvette. Along the way - and not wanting to be outdone by the Mountain Home madman - he set a new ITE lap record at 1.14.354. Jack Schulz, Monett, MO raced his Porsche 911 to Fifth Place in Improved Touring S (and Eighth Overall) in the 36 car field.

Sunday's competition found Brannon and Moore again in Group 3 but this time racing for National points. Chris again lowered the T2 lap record - to 1.17.928 - while driving to the class win (Eighth Overall) while Loren's SRT-4 completed only 15 laps but was credited with Fifth in class and 17th overall. Twelve points for Brannon; five points for Moore.

The Group 4 race Sunday was the *MIDIV I.T. Tour* challenge so Loren again jumped in his Corvette and captured First in ITE and First Overall. No new lap record this time, however; his best lap was 1.14.496. Jack motored his Porsche to Eighth Overall again, but this time his effort was good enough for Second Place in ITS. Like Loren, he also ran a little slower than on Saturday.....1.24.451 on Sunday; 1.24.403 the day before. And we know this for a fact because everybody uses transponders now!

The National race for Group 5 found Curtis Wood, Ozark, MO finally taking the green flag in his G Production Alfa Giulietta. Unfortunately for Curtis, Chris Albin and his rapid VW Golf also passed under the same flag! Albin took the class win and set a new lap record - 1.19.088 - while Curtis finished Fourth (two laps down) with a fast lap of 1.22.328.

As this edition of *The BLAT* goes to press, MIDIV's road racers are at Heartland Park/Topeka to finish up the first half of the season.....it seems like we were talking about "annual techs" just a few days ago! After Topeka, there's a month long pause until the always popular (and hot!) Regional/National/I.T. Tour weekend at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit on July 3/4. Will Loren have taken delivery of his T2 Cadillac CTS-V by then? Stay tuned!

2004 SCCA Midwest Division Calendar

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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

***The Great Race* Headed For Springfield**

This year's edition of *The Great Race* - a nation-spanning, TSD rally for antique cars - will start in Jacksonville, FL on Saturday, June 19 and pass through the Ozarks on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 22 & 23. The cross country route of *The Great Race* changes every year. Surprisingly, the rally will visit Springfield two years in a row. On Tuesday, June 22 the rally will reach West Plains for its afternoon pit stop at 3:00 PM and then make Springfield for an overnight stop at 6:00 PM. Once in Springfield, the 100 entries will be held in *parc ferme* (that's French, old sport) until 8:30 PM. Last year, the *parc ferme* was on the south side of Bass Pro Shops at Sunshine & Campbell. No word yet on its whereabouts this year, but Bass Pro would be a good guess.

On Wednesday, June 23 the rally will resume at 8:30 AM from the Holiday Inn on north Glenstone. The morning pit stop is scheduled for 9:30 AM at Mt. Vernon, MO, and the lunch stop will be in Fort Scott, KS at 12:30 PM.

2004 OMR-SCCA Solo II Schedule

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

Events & Meetings In The Weeks Ahead

**JUNE 10 - THURSDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Board Of Directors Meeting - *Schultz & Dooley's Too* -
3512 S. National - Springfield**

JUNE 13 - SUNDAY - OMR/SCCA *June Doubleheader I Solo II* - Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO (*Details On Page 1*)

JUNE 12/13 - *SOLOTIME-MIDIV Solo II Series Event #2* - Remington Park - Oklahoma City, OK (www.midivsolo.org)

JUNE 19 - SATURDAY - OMR/SCCA *June Doubleheader II Solo II* - Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO (*Details On Page 1*)

JUNE 19/20 - *Mirrorkhana XXX* - East Crawford Recreation Area - Salina, KS (www.salinascca.org)

JULY 3/4 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK (918-774-6392)

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

JULY 10/11 - Divisional Solo II *Solotime Series* Event #3 - East Crawford Recreation Area - Salina, KS (www.midivsolo.org)

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

JULY 17/18 - Racing School/Regional Race/ Performance Car Control Clinic - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS (819-795-8524)

JULY 25 - OMR/SCCA Solo II - Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO

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