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SUNDAY - OCTOBER 24

Fall Classic SOLO II

SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 7

Last Chance 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 #9 & #10
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

OMR/SCCA SOLO II Manager
Jonathan Fessenden – 417-848-0728

jonathan@fessenden.com
Register Online At www.omrscca.org

SATURDAY - OCTOBER 30

Halloween Rally & Bonfire Party

Registration - 2:00 PM

First Car Starts - 2:30 PM

Entry Fee - \$10.00 per team

U.S. Bank Lot - 3230 E. Battlefield - Fox Grape Plaza
(Battlefield & Ingram Mill In Springfield)

Please Be On Time

Event will be a two and one-half hour fun—gimmick rally over paved rural roads. Competing vehicles should have working odometers and full gas tanks. **NO "hare & hounds" this year!**

Rallymaster - Mike Eden - 887-8663

Halloween eve **Bonfire Party** will be held at the home of Jeff & Clarissa Moore, 6303 S. Fm Rd 189 (east of Millwood and south of Highland Springs.) From the front entrance to Millwood, drive (slowly & carefully) all the way through the development to the east exit (Fm Rd 189) and turn right. B.Y.O.B. ***Even if you can't make the rally, don't miss the bonfire party and the awarding of OMR's famous "Traveling Tombstone" trophy!***

OMR/SCCA's Next Monthly Meeting

TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 2 – 7:00 PM
Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant

Clarion Hotel – 3333 S. Glenstone
SPRINGFIELD

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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*.

MIDWEST DIVISION OFFICIALS

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www.midiv.org

It's Election Time Again

Not the Bush vs Kerry battle.....it's time for the annual election of the Region's Board of Directors. In accordance with OMR's Bylaws, **four members of the Board must be elected each fall.** Ballots for this election will be mailed in November with *The BLAT* (to be published soon after our Nov. 7th autocross.) The ballots will be counted at our Dec. 7th monthly meeting.

Each year's Board of Directors is composed of seven members who name the Region's Officers (from among themselves) and oversee the Region's business and events. At the end of the year, three of the Directors "carry over" to the succeeding year's Board and the remaining four Directors retire or seek re-election.

Volunteers are needed now to run for these four positions on the Regional Board. The Bylaws stipulate that candidates must have been SCCA members for at least one year. Obviously, candidates also must be willing to donate the time and effort necessary to make OMR's events fun and successful.

The current Directors are: Rick Carr, Regional Executive; Phil Fanning, Assistant R.E.; Jeff Moore, Treasurer; Sam Henry, Secretary; and Erik Anderson, Chris Simons, Derek Gresham. Who the "carry over" Directors will be is unknown at the moment. How many of the remaining four Directors will seek re-election also is unknown, but one or two are likely to retire. **Here is your opportunity to become more involved in the Region's affairs and to influence the Region's focus and events.** Do you have ideas which might make our events more fun or more attractive? Are you able to lend a hand in the scheduling and management of autocrosses and rallies? Do you have time to help run the Club? People, it's a volunteer organization.....enjoyment of Regional events brings with it the responsibility to give something back if you are able to do so.

Members interested in running for the 2005 Regional Board of Directors should quickly contact R.E. Rick Carr, Secretary Sam Henry, or Treasurer Jeff Moore. Their phone numbers and email addresses appear on Page 2.

Picnic Wrap Up

The cool, damp afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 10th found fifty of OMR's members and guests at the *Hwy 160 Grand Prix* kart track for the Region's annual Fall Picnic. An ordering snafu resulted in the non appearance of the promised BBQ dinner, but Brad Eldred saved the day by supplying thirty large and delicious pizzas from his *Pizza Hut* outlet in Ozark. Thanks to Brad and R.E. Rick Carr for averting disaster.

The karts weren't as quick as those used at *Snow Bluff* in past years, but everyone got two or three sessions and seemed to enjoy their on track shenanigans. Photos of OMR's crazy karters appear on the Region's website: www.omrscca.org

For Sale

1991 SpecMiata race car; fast & light, 2004 I.T. Tour & 2003 MidAm championship car, the best way to start SCCA racing, \$10,000.

Four (4) 205/50/15 Kuhmo Ecsta V-700 tires; full tread, \$90 each.

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

Dick & Cheryl Faxon To Leave Ozarks

Past Regional Executive Dick Faxon and wife Cheryl will be relocating to south Texas at the end of the year. The Faxons have purchased a home (with pool, of course) in Harlingen @ 15 miles north of the Texas/Mexico border and 30 miles inland from South Padre Island. Dick and Cheryl are looking forward to the warm weather, fishing, and boating the area offers.

Dick has hung up his racing helmet after five very successful years of SCCA competition, and his championship winning SpecMiata is for sale (see ad on this page.)

OMR's Annual Halloween Rally To Be Run On October 30th

Our Region's oldest event - the Halloween Rally - is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 30. Once again, Mike Eden will serve as Rally-master and he's planned a traditional, gimmick rally to get competing teams from the starting point to the traditional, post event *Bonfire Party*. (Too much hedging and ditching on the after-dark "hare & hounds" rally last year!) Details appear on Page 1 of this issue. Please note that last month's *BLAT* incorrectly listed the date as Oct. 23rd. (OMR's bumbling Regional Editor ought to be fired!)

Halloween Rally entrants will be competing for that most prestigious of awards - the *Traveling Tombstone* trophy - currently in the hands of Chris Brannon and Terry Mitchell. (Mostly Chris' hands, reportedly; sources say Terry has been expecting arrival of the stone for the past six months!)

The *Bonfire Party* will be hosted once again by Jeff & Clarissa Moore at *The Automotive Archeologists* race shop southeast of Springfield. Even if you can't run the rally, come on out for the bonfire. It's already under construction, and may be even bigger and hotter than last year's conflagration! The party is B.Y.O.B. but the boys at the shop will be grilling something to eat. The rally teams should reach the shop between 5:00 and 6:00, so the fun should start @ dark.

2005 Midwest Division Schedule

Next year's Divisional Calendar appears on Page 5 of this issue. Take it with a grain of salt and remember it's titled "planning schedule." The 2005 schedule will be made final at the Midwest Division Convention in Tulsa next month. You can expect some additions to the schedule once the final version has been posted. (Autocrossers will note that only two Divisional SOLO II events are listed but at least four *SOLOTIME* events have been run the past few years.)

MIDIV's annual Convention is scheduled for Friday & Saturday, November 12th & 13th at the new *Cherokee Casino Resort* at I-44 & 193rd E. Ave. on the eastern edge of Tulsa. Registration and a "welcoming reception" are planned for Friday evening (6:00 to 10:00 PM.) The meetings and training sessions begin at 7:30 AM Saturday and conclude with a banquet Saturday evening.

The Convention fee is \$45 per person, and Nov. 5th is the deadline. Put your name, address, phone number, email address, and SCCA Region on a piece of paper and mail it with your check to:

NEOKLA Region SCCA
c/o Virginia Apker
11246 S. Juniper St
Jenks, OK 74037

There are several motels in the area, but rooms may still be available at the resort. The SCCA rate is \$79 for the weekend but you have to ask for it. *Cherokee Casino Resort's* phone number is: 1-800-760-6700.

ATTENTION: Autocrossers

Paraphrasing Frank Sinatra, "and our days dwindle down to a precious few.....September....November." We're nearing the end of OMR's Solo II season; just two autocrosses left - Oct. 24th and Nov. 7th. Our events in August and September saw an unexpected decrease in the number of entrants. Consequently, there were fewer people to share the work load particularly Saturday afternoon (course design & set up) and Sunday morning (equipment set up, registration, tech inspection.)

It's only natural that we are less enthusiastic about the sport at the end of the season than we were at the beginning. But things still need to get done if we are to have enjoyable events.

Solo II Manager Jonathan Fessenden - 417-848-0728 or jonathan@fessenden.com - has put out a call for more help on Saturday afternoons and Sunday mornings. If you can lend a hand on Saturdays, contact Jonathan. If you can help early on Sundays, be on site by 8:00 AM and pitch in!

'04 Autocross Season Nears Conclusion

(First, go back and re-read "ATTENTION: Autocrossers" at the bottom of the first column.) OMR's 2004 Solo II season is nearing its conclusion with just two events remaining. Ten autocrosses were scheduled this year, and, since members competing for the various class championships can count only their "best six" results, many class titles already have been wrapped up. Here's a rundown.

In the "lock the door, turn out the lights, take it to the bank" category, those with six (or more) wins - and thus a maximum of 90 points - are Gregg McNabb/C4 Corvette in A Stock, Matt Searing/Audi S4 in D Stock, Sam Henry/Mazda Miata in E Stock, Brad Eldred/Celica GT in G Stock, Forrest Tindall/Porsche 912 in H Stock, Lyndell Pickett/Mazda RX7 in C Street Prepared, Mark Foley/Camaro Z28 in ESP, Raymond Talley/Toyota MR2 in SM 2, Bob Heisler/Neon ACR in STS, and Randy McCall/ Subaru WRX in ST whatever-class-he's-really-supposed-to-be-in. Congratulations, gentlemen, but we still want to see you at Price Cutter Park on Oct. 24th and Nov. 7th!

In the "very likely, yes it's true, don't lose any sleep" category are: Charles Trebilcock/Mustang in F Stock who has "qualified" by running four times, has four wins in the class and whose current score (60 pts) can't be matched with just two events remaining; Ron Rinke/BMW 2002 in F Street Prepared with the same scenario as Trebilcock but with five wins (75 pts); and Robert Marsh/FVee in F Modified who now has 87 pts (five wins, one 2nd) and can't be topped by arch rival David Small/F Vee (two wins, four 2nds)

From here on, things get sticky....in B Stock, Jim Moore/Honda S2000 has 45 pts (three wins) but hasn't run four times, while Josef Welsh/Mazda Speed Miata has run only twice but could trump Jim's score by winning on the 24th and Nov. 7th. Bottom line...Jim needs to run one more time and win, while Josef needs to run two more times and win both. Maybe....

In C Stock, Pat Mitchell/Mazda Miata abandoned the class after winning three times. Lester Henry/Mazda Miata has since collected three wins. Thus, both have the same score but neither has qualified by running in the class four times.

In BSP, regular entrants Mark Rountree/Corvette and Dave Acuff/Corvette could end the season with identical scores - five wins, one 2nd. If that happens, Mark would win via the tie-breaker, and, thus, has the edge at the moment.

DSP is a mystery to me. Nick Taliaferro/Saab Viggen would seem to have the upper hand with four wins (60 pts) but - if Nick misses the last two events - someone else (most likely Skyler Spartan or Chris Simons) could better his score with six lesser results. Nick, bail me out by showing up on Oct. 24th!

And finally, Street Modified where David Quinonez/Eagle Talon is nearing a class title. He leads the class right now, but Chris Conant/BMW M3 (four wins, 60 pts) could return and win the last two events thereby posting a perfect score of six wins, 90 pts.

2005 Midiv Schedule (As Of 11-7-04)

JAN	27-30 National Convention, Kansas City, MO				
	5/6	12/13	19/20	25/26	
F					
E		CFR/STL		100 Acre Wood	
B		(Sat. - 2/12/05)		(Friday & Saturday)	
	5/6	12/13	19/20	26/27	
M					
A	CFR/DMVR	SSR/GIR/STL	RNI/MMP/MS		
R	Des Moines	(Incl Friday)		(Easter)	
	2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24	
A					
P	RRC/HPT/KVRG	RNI/HMRC/AVRG		RNI/MAM/MVRG	
R				Solotime OKC	
	30/1	7/8	14/15	21/22	28/29
M					RNI/MMP/MS
A		RNI/GIR/STL		SR/HMRC/AVRG	Solotime(Sun/Mon)
Y					St. Louis
		(Mother's Day)			(Memorial Day)
	4/5	11/12	18/19	25/26	
J					
U	RNI/HPT/KVRG			Solotime	
N				Salina, KS	
			(Father's Day)	Host: Wichita Region	
	2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24	30/31
J					
U	RNI/HMRC/AVRG		SRC/HPT/KVRG	Solotime	
L				Kansas City	
				host: Kansas City Region	
	6/7	13/14	20/21	27/28	
A					
U	RNI/GIR/STL	Solotime	RNI/MAM/MVRG		
G		Divisional Championship			
		Topeka, KS			
	3/4	10/11	17/18	24/25	
S		Pro Solo 9/10&11			
E	RNI/HPT/KVRG	Solo II Nationals 9/13-16		Valvoline Runoffs	
P		Topeka, KS		MidOhio	
	(Labor Day)				
	1/2	8/9	15/16	22/23	29/30
O					
C	SR*C/MAM/MVRG		SRC/MMP/MS		RRC/GIR/STL
T					
	5/6	12/13	19/20	26/27	
N					
O		MidDiv Convention			
V		Wichita, KS			

Events & Meetings In The Weeks Ahead

OCTOBER 24 - SUNDAY - OMR/SCCA *Fall Classic* Solo II - Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO (Details On Page 1)

OCTOBER 30 - SATURDAY - OMR/SCCA *Halloween Rally & Bonfire Party* (Details On Page 1)

OCTOBER 30/31 - Double Regional Races - *MIDIV vs CENDIV Challenge* - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL (314-997-6768)

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

NOVEMBER 7 - SUNDAY - OMR/SCCA *Last Chance* Solo II - Price Cutter Park - Ozark, MO (Details On Page 1)

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

NOVEMBER 12/13 - SCCA Midwest Division Convention - *Cherokee Casino Resort* - Tulsa, OK (918-299-9418)

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

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

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

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