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2005 Regional Officers Named

Results of OMR's Board of Directors election were announced at the Dec. 7th monthly meeting. 2004 Directors **Erik Anderson** and **Derek Gresham** won re-election while **Jonathan Fessenden** and **Oren Goble** were elected to their first terms. The four winners will join "carry-over" Directors **Rick Carr**, **Jeff Moore**, and **Sam Henry** in administering the Region's affairs in 2005.

At the last Board meeting of the year on Dec. 16th, Directors made the following appointments for 2005: Rick Carr will continue as Regional Executive, Erik Anderson was named Assistant R.E., Sam Henry will move to the Treasurer's position, Derek Gresham will take over from Sam as Secretary, Jonathan Fessenden will continue as Solo II Manager, Oren Goble was named Rally Manager, and Jeff Moore will be Director at Large with responsibilities for race driver and race worker licensing.

"Runoffs" Move To Heartland Park In 2006

After one more year at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, SCCA's national championship road racing event - the "Runoffs" - will move to Heartland Park-Topeka under a three year contract announced by SCCA President Steve Johnson on Jan. 6. "The SCCA Board of Directors believes that the event is due for a change, and, while there were a number of great bids, Heartland Park-Topeka put together a proposal that earned the next contract for the "Runoffs,"" said Johnson.

"By 2006, Heartland Park will feature a large, level, paved "Runoffs" paddock and grid area, a "Runoffs"-specific track configuration, and room for growth," said SCCA's CEO.

Ray Irwin, the owner of Blackhawk Farms race course at Rockton, IL, bought Heartland Park in 2003 and received a \$5 million commitment from the city of Topeka in 2004 for road course upgrades. Improvements scheduled prior to the 2006 "Runoffs" include new garages, a road course control tower and timing facility, showers, additional concessions, spectator viewing areas, expansion of the current paddock to accommodate 1,000 participants, new camping and parking areas, a complete repaving of

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Awards Banquet Kicks Off OMR's New Year

OMR's annual *Awards Banquet* is scheduled for Saturday evening, Jan. 22nd. If you haven't yet made reservations, do so as soon as possible. Jeff Moore (417-889-7125 days) needs to know how many people plan to attend so the staff at *Riverside Inn* can be alerted. Details can be found on page 5 of this issue. Last year, eighty members and guests - a new attendance record - turned out for the always popular awards gala. Come out on the 22nd and join in the recognition of your fellow SCCA members; help us set another attendance record.

So....who will be receiving awards this year? After a delicious buffet of standard American fare, the awards ceremony always begins with the distribution of SCCA pins to those members who celebrated their five, ten, fifteen, twenty, or twenty-five year anniversaries in 2004. On the shorter-than-normal list this year are:
five years - **Dalton Carr, Oren Goble, Sam Henry, Olivia Moore, Rochelle Newberry, Cora Sutton, Ben Whitacre**
ten years - **John Cox, Charles Murdock**
fifteen years - none
twenty years - none
twenty-five years - **Court Whitlock**

Next, the Region will pass along the Divisional and National awards won by OMR's road racers in 2004 and the Region's *Race Driver of the Year* and *Race Mechanic of the Year* will be announced. Our racing champions this year are: **Chris Brannon**, First Place - Touring 2 national points; **Loren Moore**, Third Place - Touring 2 national points; **Curtis Wood**, Second Place -

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OMR/SCCA's Next Monthly Meeting

TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 1 – 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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Road Rally Steward – **Bruce Bettinger – (316) 788-3942**

www.midiv.org

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the circuit and a number of changes to the track layout. The dates for the 2006 "Runoffs" have not yet been announced.

For a look at the proposed changes at Heartland Park, go to www.hpt.com/06runoffs.htm and click on "Renovation." Auto-crossers will note that plans include two large Solo II pads outside the track to the northwest. With the concrete at Forbes Field constantly deteriorating, these "pads" likely are the future site of SCCA's Solo II Nationals.

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G Production national points; **Dick Faxon**, First Place - Spec Miata-I.T. Tour; **Loren Moore**, First Place - Improved Touring E-I.T. Tour; **Jack Schulz**, Second Place - Improved Touring S-I.T. Tour; **Forrest Tindall**, First Place - E Production-MidAm Championship; **Loren Moore**, First Place - Super Production-MidAm Championship; **Loren Moore**, First Place - Improved Touring E-MidAm Championship. Nine awards and Loren Moore gets four of them! (The winner of OMR's *Race Driver of the Year* trophy - kept a secret until the Banquet - shouldn't surprise anybody!)

During the Solo II portion of the program, **Sam Henry** once again will step forward to claim ONMR's *Autocrosser of the Year* trophy, and the seventeen or eighteen regional class champions will receive their awards.....in front - it's hoped - of a huge Solo II slide show created by **Erik Anderson**. (Will fireworks and dancing waters be next?) Also recognized will be the four autocrossers who entered all ten OMR events in 2004, the "100% Club" - **Brad Eldred, Mark Rountree, Chris Simons, and Jonathan Fessenden**.

Service awards will be presented to **Phil Fanning** and **Chris Simons** who are retiring from the Regional Board after one of the longer terms and one of the shortest terms on record.

The ceremony will conclude with the awarding of our Region's four, prestigious traveling trophies - the *J.D. Rice Memorial Award* for "outstanding OMR member," the *"Last of the Great Ones"* plaque for "long time service to the Region," the *Dave Pistole Sportsmanship Trophy* (a new award this year) for the member who best exemplified the late Dave Pistole's enthusiasm and unselfishness, and, finally, the dreaded *Skroo Up of the Year* trophy presented by *The BLAT's* staff to the perpetrator of the season's biggest blunder.

Remember: even if you are not receiving an award, you are encouraged to attend the banquet. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy some good food and to congratulate your fellow OMR members on their successes in 2004. The banquet gets bigger and better every year....really....you'll have a GOOD TIME.... guaranteed! Make your reservations right now. See page 5 for complete details.

Performance Rallies To Continue

Even though SCCA's national Board of Directors has voted to abandon over-the-road performance rallies, St Louis Region's Board has agreed to continue its performance rally program with the *Trespassers Wil* and *100 Acre Wood* stage rallies scheduled for Friday-Saturday, Feb. 25-26 in the northeastern Ozarks.

As in past years, *Trespassers Wil*, the Friday afternoon event, runs from Ellington to Salem, while Saturday's *100 Acre Wood* will take rallyists from Salem through Viburnum to Potosi. Sanctioning for the rallies is expected to be provided by "Rally America," the group which has supported St. Louis Region's efforts the past two years with timing devices, scoring personnel and a satellite uplink truck.

More information can be found on the event's website - www.100aw.org

From The SCCA National Office

Rule Books I SCCA's Club Racing, Rally and Solo rulebooks can now be found online. Just go to SCCA National's website - www.scca.com

"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.

Rule Books II During the first week of January, the National Office began sending copies of the 2005 General Competition Rules to all road racing license holders. This initiative should make '05's increased race license fees a little easier to bear.

License Fee Increase 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.

Air Bags & Full Face Helmets SCCA Technical Services Department is recommending that full face helmets not be worn in vehicles with functional air bag systems. Such vehicles might be used in Solo II, rallycross, and performance car control clinics. Officials fear a deployed air bag might force the chin area of a full face helmet backward with such force that the helmet wearer's jaw could be fractured.

Hugh Sutton's New Website

Road racer Hugh Sutton is getting deeper and deeper into the SpecMiata scene. He's developed - with the aid of Sam Henry's chassis dyno - a trick cold air intake and is working on some other parts. Hugh also is building up at least two new race cars, one for himself and one for a customer. Check out his website -

www.racingpitproducts.com

2005 SCCA Midwest Division Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 12 - Crash, Fire & Rescue School For Race Workers - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL
 25/26 - *Trespassers Wil & 100 Acre Wood* Performance Stage Rallies - Salem, MO

MARCH

- 5 - Crash, Fire & Rescue School For Race Workers - Des Moines, IA
 11-13 - Double Racing Schools/Regional Race - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL
 19/20 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Memphis Motorsports Park - Millington, TN
 19/20 - SCCA Solo II *National Tour* Event - Walnut Ridge Airport - Arkansas

APRIL

- 2/3 - Double Regional Races/Performance Car Control Clinic - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
 9/10 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK
 23/24 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - MidAmerica Motorplex - Glenwood, IA
 23/24 - *SOLOTIME-MIDIV* Solo II Series Event #1 - Remington Park - Oklahoma City, OK

MAY

- 7/8 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL
 21/22 - Racing School/Regional Race - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK
 28/29 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Memphis Motorsports Park - Millington, TN
 29/30 - *SOLOTIME-MIDIV* Solo II Series Event #2 - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL

JUNE

- 4/5 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
 25/26 - *SOLOTIME-MIDIV* Solo II Series Event #3 - East Crawford Recreation Area - Salina, KS

JULY

- 2/3 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Hallett, OK
 9/10 - *SOLOTIME-MIDIV* Solo II Series Event #3 - East Crawford Recreation Area - Salina, KS
 16/17 - Racing School/Regional Race/Performance Car Control Clinic - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
 23/24 - *SOLOTIME-MIDIV* Solo II Series Event #4 - Arrowhead Stadium - Independence, MO

AUGUST

- 6/7 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL
 13/14 - *SOLOTIME-MIDIV* Solo II Series Event #5 - "MIDIV Solo II Championship" - Topeka, KS
 20/21 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - MidAmerica Motorplex - Glenwood, IA

SEPTEMBER

- 3/4 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Heartland Park - Topeka, KS
 10/11 - SCCA *ProSolo* Finale - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS
 13-16 - *Tire Rack*/SCCA Solo II National Championship - Forbes Field - Topeka, KS
 19-25 - SCCA "Runoffs" - National Road Racing Championship - Mid Ohio Sports Car Course - Lexington, OH

OCTOBER

- 8/9 - Racing School/*MidAm Bonus* Regional Races & Enduro - MidAmerica Motorplex - Glenwood, IA
 15/16 - Racing School/Regional Race/Performance Car Control Clinic - Memphis Motorsports Park - Millington, TN
 29/30 - Double Regional Races/Performance Car Control Clinic - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL

NOVEMBER

- 12/13 - MIDIV Annual Convention - Wichita, KS

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!!!***

2005 Awards Banquet Reservations Form

Your Name _____ Number of Reservations _____ At \$20 Each

Make Your Check Payable To OMR-SCCA

Mail To: Jeff Moore
OMR/SCCA Treasurer
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OR Phone Jeff *As Soon As Possible*
417-889-7125 days

Events & Meetings In The Weeks Ahead

- JANUARY 13 - THURSDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Board Of Directors Meeting - *Schultz & Dooley's Too* - 3512 S. National - Springfield
- JANUARY 22 - SATURDAY - OMR/SCCA Annual Meeting & Awards Banquet - Riverside Inn - Ozark, MO (Details On Page 5)
- JANUARY 27-30 - SCCA National Convention - Westin Crown Center Hotel - Kansas City, MO (www.scca.com)
- FEBRUARY 1 - TUESDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Monthly Meeting - *Classic Sports Bar & Restaurant* - Clarion Hotel - 3333 S. Glenstone - Springfield
- FEBRUARY 10 - THURSDAY - 7:00 PM - OMR/SCCA Board Of Directors Meeting - *Schultz & Dooley's Too* - 3512 S. National - Springfield
- FEBRUARY 12 - SATURDAY - Crash, Fire & Rescue School - Gateway Int'l Raceway - Madison, IL (314-997-6768)
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- MARCH 19/20 - Regional/National/I.T.Tour Races - Memphis Motorsports Park - Millington, TN (901-753-3518)
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