# Pit 



Last season's Tiger Champ, George Bonafede, picks up where he left off by squashing the competition. Ryan Speaks came in at P2 1.7s back, and John Giddens a mere 4/1000th's behind Ryan.

Photography by Ryan Speaks

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- Meeting at Brix Bistro (pg 3)
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## Martin Sports Car Club

## Event Schedule:

## Sunday, February 17, 2008

Event \# 2, Lake County Tech Center
Event Chair: The Giddens family
Sunday, March 9, 2008
Event \# 3, Lake County Tech Center
Event chair: Travis Schneider, Ryan Speaks, Terry \& Patsy Tabor


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## February Event News

## Monthly Club Meeting

## Thursday, February $7^{\text {th }}, 2008$ <br> ** Brix Café **

151 E. Washington St. \#103
Orlando, FL 32801
407-839-1707
Located on Rosalind right across the street from Lake Eola. Park anywhere on Rosalind, in a Fifth Third Bank just north of (or at a lawyers office just south of) Brix Café. Parking is free after 6:00 and your car will not be towed if you park in any of the other 2 locations. Once out of your car walk towards Brix Café and locate a set of stairs next to it. These stairs will take you up to the pool area and the entrance to the meeting room to the left of the pool.


## Sunday, February 17 ${ }^{\text {th }}, 2008$ Lake County Technical Center 13000 Frankies Road <br> Tavares, FL

Registration: 8:00 to 8:30 REGULAR PRICE
8:30 to 9:00 \$10 LATE FEE
Tech: 8:00 to 9:15
Driver's meeting: 9:30
First car out: 10:00
Catered by the Pink Pig


## General Meeting

1/3/2008
The meeting was called to order at 7:37 by our President, Chris Wells.

## Reports

## Vice-President, Mikael Edstrom:

- There were no safety issues at the December event.
- The event started later than desired. The trailer was delayed and the Novice walk-through took more time because the course was longer.
- The Board's goal is for the first car leave the line no later than 10:00.


## Event Director, Bert Foschini:

- 114 drivers took part in the December event.
- Since it was a "Pointless Event" the whole day was back-to-back fun runs!


## Treasurer, Robert Belvoir:

- After all the debits and credits were posted, we were in the BLACK!
- To quote Mr. Cha-Ching, "Dues are due!"


## Secretary, Mickey Gauldin:

- The December Board Meeting was held at Chris and Kim Wells' home.
- The primary topic of discussion was the recent rule changes that were voted in at the December General Meeting.


## Old Business

The results of the Special Competition Rules Meeting (which preceded the General Meeting) were reviewed. [The minutes from these change follow these General Meeting minutes-Ed.]

Since most members of the Florida State Champs Committee are now on the Board, new committee members were selected to replace the outgoing members. The new Committee will consist of: Patsy and Terry Tabor, Patrick Wilson, Bob Blucher and George Bonafede.

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## January Meeting Minutes

Jason Stroud established a non-member event on MyAutoEvents.com for the January autocross. Future events will have a hard limit of 40 non-member participants. Pre-registration for each event will close at midnight on the Friday before the event. Preregistration for the next event will be available the Monday after an event. Race numbers for non-members will be assigned by Gina Young. (Thanks Gina and Jason!)

Chris Wells created the new member punch cards. Starting in January, they will be distributed at each of our events. (Thanks Chris!)

Membership requirements for new members and renewal for current memberships were reviewed. Prospective new members will be given a punch card. Punches will be earned by attending events (1 punch), attending meetings ( 1 punch) or other duties. After receiving 6 punches, the applicant will be eligible for membership. New members will be required to endure the usual hazing, pay an initiation fee of $\$ 40$ and pay an annual membership fee of $\$ 40$ (in that order). Current members can renew their membership for the $\$ 40$ annual fee. The hazing is optional for renewing members but highly recommended. In 2009, renewing members must also earn 10 active member points to be considered a renewing member. If a member does not earn 10 active member points during 2008, they will be considered a new member and will be required to go through the new member process (punch card, hazing, $\$ 40$ initiation fee, hazing, \$40 membership fee and oh yes, severe hazing).

The final version of the revised By-Laws will be distributed at the February General meeting.

## New Business

A new Race Rules committee has been established. This standing committee will consist of the Vice-President (Mikael Edstrom), the Lead Tech Official (Joseph Stoddard), Jason Young and Patrick Wilson. This committee will review proposed rule changes throughout the year and make recommendations to the board and the membership at the November General Meeting.

A motion was made by Joseph Stoddard (seconded by Patrick Wilson) to continue the search for alternative General Meeting locations. The motion was approved.

## January Meeting Minutes

Waiver requirements were reviewed. Jackie Gauldin volunteered to obtain waiver signatures before the first car leaves the line. After the event starts, obtaining waiver signatures will be an event work assignment. (Thanks Jackie!)

A motion was made by Dawn Giddens (seconded by Ryan Speaks) to hold this years Awards Banquet (2008) at Errol Estates. The motion was approved.

The new MSCC website (www.martinsportscarclub.net) was demonstrated. This domain name was acquired for 3 years at a cost of $\$ 79$. The previous .com and the new .net sites will be linked as soon as we gain access to the .com passwords. (Thanks to Chris Wells for creating the new website: excellent work!)

A motion was made to create a "second" event on MyAutoEvents.com for MSCC members to pre-register. The motion was tabled until the February meeting because Jason Stroud is working with the MyAutoEvents.com owner to provide pre-registration for both members and non-members under one event.

A suggestion was made to allow worker positions to be assigned for 6 -months. This was also tabled until the February meeting.

## Swap Time

Have something to sell? Contact Pit Patter Editor extraordinaire, Jim Mueller at msccppe@earthlink.net.

There were several visitors at the January meeting. Welcome!
A motion to adjourn was presented and seconded. As a result, the meeting was adjourned at 8:42 PM.

It is, as it was!
Mickey Gauldin, Secretary
Aerodynamics is for those who cannot manufacture good engines. - Enzo Ferrari

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## COMPETITION RULES MINUTES

## Competition Rules Meeting

1/3/2008
The meeting was called to order by our President, Chris Wells at 6:30 PM. Members present approved the following:

## Passenger Rule -

Section 1.2 [old]
During competition runs, drivers may only take passengers designated as novice instructors.

Section 1.2 [new]
You may have one licensed passenger ride with you during your competition runs, but they must be a registered competitor. Non-competitors may ride ONLY during "fun-runs" and must sign the insurance waiver. Additionally, novices are not allowed to take another novice with them as a passenger during competition. Multiple passengers, during fun runs, are subject to the approval of an executive board member.

Boosted Engine Rule -
Modification Guidelines - Modification column:
[old] Turbocharger
[new] Superchargers and Turbochargers.
Modification Guidelines - Superchargers and Turbochargers row, Prepared column:
[old] Computer chip or software changes allowed, even if they affect boost pressure. The OEM computer must still control boost pressure. No hardware changes allowed.
[new] No computer chip or software changes allowed. No modifications that increase boost are allowed.

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And now a word or two from our President . . .
Are we all ready for a great 2008 racing season?
The first event is in the record books and the season is off and running. We have a lot in store for you this year and we ask that you be patient as we go through some growing pains. All the new Board members are very enthusiastic and are taking their new responsibilities seriously in the best interest of the club. In the end the club will be more efficient and a lot more fun!

## Chris Wells

 2008 MSCC President
## 2008 Membership dues are due!

In case you haven't heard, it's a new season!
Membership dues for 2008 members are $\$ 40$, and they must be paid on or before the March club meeting if you want your Jan/Feb/Mar events to count towards championship points. If you join after the March meeting, your points will accrue beginning the month you join. You need to participate in at least 6 events in the same class to qualify for class champion. That only leaves one possible dropped event if you join late... do you really feel that lucky?

New applicants will need to be sponsored by an experienced MSCC member from a previous season. To apply, you need to obtain a punch card. You'll need to have the card punched a combination of 6 times at club meetings and/or events. Once this is done, you pay a $\$ 40$ initiation fee, and $\$ 40$ annual member fee.

Any questions? Feel free to contact myself or any board member. Contact info may be found on Page 2 and in the Contact Us section of our website.

## February Birthdays!!



- Kevin Abel
- Chris Cochran
- David Junkins
- Bernie Brandt
- Bert Foschini
- Randy McAlister


Richard Connor, Rabbit

## By Bert "Hammer" Foschini

So this is how we are going to start off the 2008 season, with gray skies and the imminent threat of rain? Come on. Last year we got through an entire season without the wet stuff, and now this? I guess we could use the rain, but couldn't it just rain during the week? Okay, enough whining, on to the report. Given the ominous-looking sky, it appeared we would be lucky to get the event started before the rain showed up, but thanks to the superhuman efforts of the new Events Director (whoever that may be), we were able to get 3 of 4 runs in the dry. This was the first event instituting the new "soft" cap of 100 drivers and we had 95 show up, so it seemed to work out pretty well.

We had 4 single-car classes, and, as fate would have it, they were all in the stock category, involving nameless cars. Taking the B Stock solo win was Anthony Ford in an STi, while your C Stock LeLonely winner was Sean LePach in an RX8. The E Stock solo winner was Latchezar "Latch" Hristov in a 323is and the F Stock soloist was Ludwig Bavetta in a Z3. See? No car names. We had 5 2-car classes, and, as fate would have it, none of them were in the stock category, and 4 of the 5 involved same-model duels. John McGill won the Z06 battle in AP by 0.305 over Rick Woodley, while in DP Glen LaFlamme won the Miata mêlée over Old Tom McDonald. In EP it was the R32 "Corvette-killer" clash as Seiji Schoppert took the win over Danielle Meyer. In HP Ben Turner's Mini beat Curtis Armstrong's Civic and in BR Bobby Socks Belvoir punished his daughter Penny by over 4 seconds in his MR2. What a great dad he is, eh?

G Stock had Kim DeBower against a couple of GTI's. Kim is the type of guy who likes things nice and neat, like the 37.000 winning time he ran to take the win over Walter Christofel. Meanwhile, the names may have changed, but the close action stayed the same as H Stock was putting on a show with the tightest battle of the day. Craig Miller took the win with a 38.428 in the race car of all race cars, an ' 89 Toyota Cressida, by only 0.021 ahead of Bradley Collins. NASCAR wishes it had races that close, and they do race Toyotas.

Ryan Speaks spent the morning pacing-off the distance between his house and the LCTC facility. He is so meticulous that he made the trip twice, just to make sure he didn't miss anything (like the key for his trailer lock). I guess it worked as Ryan put down the $2^{\text {nd }}$ fastest time of the day and took the BP win with a time of 33.628 over Jeff Binford. Meanwhile, Patsy Tabor showed her hubby how to drive and beat Terry by a whopping 0.106 seconds. In CP the Porsche's of Kyle Tarr and Erich Mertz took on the Mini of Terry Glazar, with Kyle taking the win by just 0.232 over Terry. Watch out for Terry, he's getting quick.

FP was the largest points-paying class this month, with the addition of Bob Blucher and The Schneiders (that sounds like a 50's group, doesn't it?). They were all gunning for 2007 FP Champion, Overall Prepared Champion and 2008 club president Chris Wells. Patrick Wilson put down a fast first time, but then slowed down on each subsequent run. Bob Blucher was quick on his $2^{\text {nd }}$ run, but was wishing he could borrow some Porsche power and brakes. It may be a new year, but it was the same old result as Chris was victorious with a 33.778 , which was the $5^{\text {th }}$ fastest time of the day. Meanwhile, GP shrunk like a cheap T-shirt and Christian Christofel took the class win over Dustin Kofahl.

GTP was one of the bigger classes, with 1 Camaro, a co-driven BMW and a stable of Mustangs, which is a nice mix. When all was said and done, it was the British Camaro of Mark Goodall that took the win, with co-course designer Chris Cochran $2^{\text {nd }}$ in his BMW and Sean Day $3^{\text {rd }}$ in his Cobra.

## JANUARY RACE REPORT

The novice class had a manageable 10 drivers this month, sported the usual diversity of cars, and was sponsored by the letter "C", as in Cooper, Cobra, Corolla and Camaro. Your novice class winner this month was Dennis Gilley, in a Mini with day glow orange wheels, who put down a time of 35.950 . Depending on what's been done to the car, it looks like it will go into GP, where Dennis would have won by over 1.4 seconds! Watch out! Erich Summers was $2^{\text {nd }}$ in novice, with Robert McNamee $3^{\text {rd. Cole Myers took the } 4^{\text {th }} \text { and final trophy spot. }}$

In kart action your 2007 kart champion picked-up where he left off as Thomas Foschini ran a time of 35.658 , which was quicker than the class winner in 15 of the classes that ran this month. All with only 5 hp! His dad must be so proud. Heather Peterson finished $2^{\text {nd }}$ and Sydney Moss was $3^{\text {rd }}$.

George Bonafede left the SMST class for 2008, meaning everyone else now has a shot at winning. It turned out to be quite a good fight as the top 3 were all within 0.622 of each other. Matthew Hodges was in a Corvette Killer R32, but unfortunately there were no Corvettes in SMST, and he finished $3^{\text {rd }}$. Taking $2^{\text {nd }}$ in his "R32 Killer" Mini Cooper was Fred Zimmerman, leaving your SMST class winner Harry Corbin with a winning time of 35.227 in his 800 hp STi. SMRT was interesting, with a Miata, a Fiero, an STi and a Corvette, as well as being $50 \%$ female. Dawn Giddens and Julie Edstrom are a couple of fast women, but this battle came down to Mickey Gauldin and Blake Argenziano. Another interesting tidbit - the men made their quickest runs in the first round and the ladies both made their fastest runs in the third round. In the end Mickey emerged as the winner with a 35.946, just 0.211 over Blake.

We had a good turnout in the race classes this month, which is not always the case. In GTR it was really no contest as Jeff McElyea seemed to be in a class all by himself, taking the win by more than 2.3 seconds over Rick Kaknes, with Jim Mueller $3^{\text {rd }}$. In D Race we had Per Schroeder, who brought out a Saab 99 for a preRally Cross shake down. Per left the competition saabing as he took the win with a 38.109 over a trio of VW's, with Richard Connor in $2^{\text {nd }}$ and Pedro Castillo $3^{\text {rd }}$, both were in a Rabbit. They were hopping mad. C Race was nearly X-rated, with CRX's and RX7's all over the place. Chuck Peterson had a gas, but finished $3^{\text {rd }}$. Jason Buss broke into the low 35 's, but finished $2^{\text {nd }}$, leaving some giant dude in a Silver Mini as your winner. At least I beat my son!

This brings us to A Race, which was a stupid fast class last year, and now has the addition of George Bonafede in his Atomic Squash, on race tires. Would George be able to hang with perennial TTD guys like Mike Edstrom and Don Hosler? The answer is a resounding yes! Not only did George win the class and take TTD honors, he buried the competition by over 1.7 seconds and ran the only sub 32 -second time of the day! John Giddens was a distant $2^{\text {nd }}$ and Mike Edstrom a not-so-close $3^{\text {rd }}$. It was a serious smack down and could be bad news for the rest of the field this year. This month the Evo was the Corvette killer.

So, the year may have started out dark and gloomy, but even a wet, soggy day of racing is better than any day at work! Some drivers have changed cars and some cars have changed classes, but it seems like the fast guys are still fast, and some fast guys are even faster. There are many questions to be pondered this year - Who will win Tiger? Can anyone catch George? Is Ryan really running stock boost? These questions and many more will be answered. 2008 is off to a great start and it's looking like nothing but clear skies ahead.


Chi Ho, STi


Chuck Peterson, Fiero


Anthony Ford, STi

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Latchezar Hristov, 323is


Maurice Barrett, SRT-4


James Innes, Integra


Ludwig Bavetta, Z3


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Martin Sports Car Club
Top 20 - January Event - 1/14/08
Timed Entries: 95

| Pos. | Class | \# | Driver | Car Model | Raw Time | Index |
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| 1 | AR | 99 | George Bonafede | 03 Evo | 31.859 | 0.000 |
| 2 | BP | 119 | Ryan Speaks | 05 STi | 33.628 | 1.769 |
| 3 | AR | 767 | John Giddens | 93 RX7 | 33.632 | 1.773 |
| 4 | BR | 79 | Robert Belvoir | 86 MR2 | 33.734 | 1.875 |
| 5 | FP | 13 | Chris Wells | 91 Miata | 33.778 | 1.919 |
| 6 | AR | 1 | Mikael Edstrom | 00 Corvette | 33.948 | 2.089 |
| 7 | FP | 98 | Bob Blucher | 93 Miata | 34.265 | 2.406 |
| 8 | FP | 47 | Patrick Wilson | 94 Miata | 34.299 | 2.440 |
| 9 | CR | 7 | Bert Foschini | 05 Cooper S | 34.498 | 2.639 |
| 10 | FP | 52 | Travis Schneider | Miata | 34.534 | 2.675 |
| 11 | GTR | 62 | Jeff McElyea | 94 Trans Am | 34.691 | 2.832 |
| 12 | AR | 282 | Chi Ho | 04 STi | 35.158 | 3.299 |
| 13 | AR | 71 | Don Hosler | 70 Z28 | 35.181 | 3.322 |
| 14 | SMST | 67 | Harry Corbin | 05 STi | 35.227 | 3.368 |
| 15 | CR | 28 | Jason Buss | 89 CRX | 35.234 | 3.375 |
| 16 | AR | 87 | Joe Stoddard | 91 Corvette | 35.336 | 3.477 |
|  | BP | 861 | Jeff Binford | STi | 35.342 | 3.483 |
| 18 | BP | 121 | Patsy Tabor | S2000 | 35.448 | 3.589 |
|  | FP | 223 | Tommy Heath | 94 Miata | 35.462 | 3.603 |
|  | DP | 49 | Glen LaFlamme | 00 Miata | 35.544 | 3.685 |

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## Errata

1. Bob Blucher’s October points were omitted in the final 2007 Tiger standings. This did not affect trophies. However, the corrected standings are as follows:

- Overall Tiger: Bob moved from 29th (269pts) to 15th (308pts). Old positions 15 through 28 are now numerically one position higher.
- Overall Stock: Bob moved from 8th (234pts) to 7th (273pts), switching places with Dawn Giddens.
- B Stock: Bob moved from 3rd (234pts) to 2nd (273pts), switching places with Dawn Giddens.

2. The Novice results for the December event were cutoff. The remainder of the results are below:

| 16 | 225 | Eric Zitza | 04 Golf | OFF | $\mathbf{6 2 . 5 7 6 + 2}$ | OFF | $\mathbf{6 8 . 5 7 6}$ | 1.225 |
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| 17 | 471 | Valerie Blanton | 93 Miata | $\mathbf{8 0 . 6 2 3}$ | OFF | OFF | $\mathbf{8 0 . 6 2 3}$ | 1.440 |
| 18 | 226 | Stephen Orsolits | 06 GTO | OFF | OFF | OFF OFF |  |  |
| 19 | 251 | Pat Mooney | 02 WRX | OFF | OFF |  | OFF OFF |  |

## MSCC BUSINESS INDEX

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| Maitland Tire Co. | 233 N. Orlando Ave Maitland | $407-539-0800$ |

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## SWAP TIME

If you would like to submit a classified ad, simply send e-mail to msccppe@earthlink.net for publication. Classifieds are provided here as a free service to the members of the Martin Sports Car Club.

1. 1990 Geo Storm GSI. Grassroots Challenge car. 4 aluminum, 2 steel wheels, plus donut spare. \$1300. 1993 Dodge Shadow. 95k miles. New water pump \& timing belt. 2 steel 14 " and 4 steel 15 " wheels. 4 aluminum 15 " wheels, 1 donut spare. Mostly driven by elderly gentleman. \$1500. Contact Bruce Abbott at 386-238-0947.
2. OEM Honda S2000 wheels. \$400. DJ.Kingman@comcast.net

Febravy 2008

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| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | $\begin{array}{r} 28 \\ \text { Board } \\ \text { Meeting } \end{array}$ | 29 |  |

Coming events- Please see page 3 for more details!



[^0]:    In Attendance - Able, Penny \& Robert Belvoir, Cady, Christian and Walter Christoefl, Cochran, Corbin, DeBower, Edstrom, Jackie \& Mickey Gauldin, Giddens family, Terry \& Carolyn Glazar, Goodall, Hammer, Hodges, Hosler, LaFlamme, LaPach, Maier, McElyea, McGill, Mertz, Robyn Miller, Mueller, Peterson, Post, Schneider, Trikchop, Speaks, Stoddard, Stroud, Patsy \& Terry Tabor, Tarr, Turner, Melanie Vance, Kim \& Chris Wells, Wilson and Woodley.

