

Pit Patter



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Not to be confused with Michelle Obama—Dawn Giddens is the First Lady of Martin Sports Car Club. At least, that's what the results have shown for the last 2 years. Now she's running in the snake class.

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with contributions from John Giddens and Fred Zimmerman

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Martin Sports Car Club
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

TRANSMISSIONS

Event Schedule:

Sunday, February 8, 2009

Event # 2, Lake County Tech Center

Event Chair: Karel & Travis Schneider, Patrick Barrett, Bradley Collins

Sunday, March 8, 2009

Event # 3, Lake County Tech Center

Event Chair: The Giddens Clan, Joey Maier, Erich Mertz



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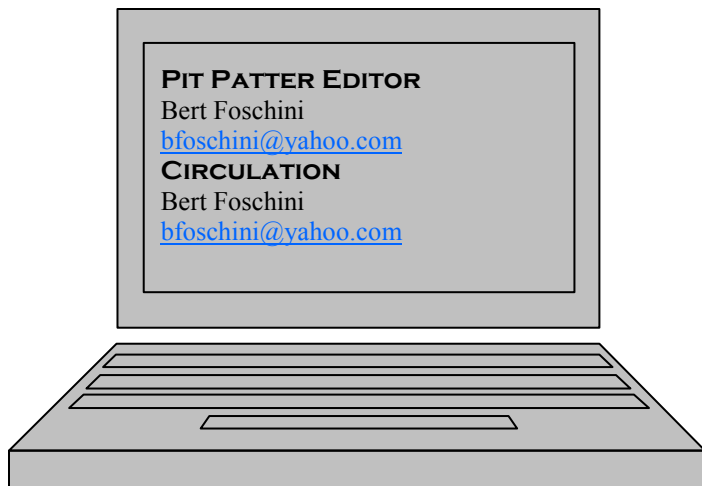
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Monthly Club Meeting

Thursday, February 5th, 2009

Perkins

**989 West Orange Blossom Trail
Apopka, FL 32712
407-464-1075
7:30PM**

Located on Orange Blossom Trail (441) just north/west of State Road 429 in Apopka, FL. For more details, go to the website and look under the "Event Locations" tab. Come early, it's a tight squeeze.



February Autocross



Sunday, Feb. 8th, 2009

Lake County Technical Center

**13000 Frankies Road
Tavares, FL**

Registration: 8:00 to 8:30 **REGULAR PRICE**
8:30 to 8:45 **\$10 LATE FEE**
Tech: 8:00 to 9:00
Driver's meeting: 9:30
First car out: 10:00



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JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting 01/08/09

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by our President, **Chris Wells**.

A motion was made, seconded and the December meeting minutes were cast in stone.

Reports

Vice-President, **Mikael Edstrom**:

Since the December event was a pointless event, to make a report would also be pointless.

There were 91 drivers and, for the first time, we used wireless timing.

Secretary, **Mickey Gauldin**:

It only took a moment to confirm everyone had signed the meeting roster; then life resumed.

Treasurer, **Robert Belvoir**:

The tension was so thick you could cut it with a knife, but the Bling Meister stepped in to rescue the moment. We are in the black, but just barely!

Event Director, **Patrick Wilson**:

Coming events:

MSCC February Event (02/09)

MSCC March Event (03/08)

MSCC General Meeting – Thursday, February 5 at Perkins

Old Business

General Meeting Location:

The February General Meeting will be held at Perkins.

Martinsportscarclub.net:

No change in the status of the link to online autocross training.

MSCC Autocross Training:

There will be two classes: one on Saturday (01/17) and the other on Sunday (01/18).

Kevin Abel will work timing on Saturday. **Jason Stroud** and **Dat Nguyen** will work Sunday.

Kim Wells will fetch vittles on Saturday. Robert Belvoir and **Rob Post** will perform chuck wagon duties on Sunday.

A motion was made for the Club to cover any financial shortfall if the classes do not fill-up. There was a second and the motion was passed.

Track blowers:

Both blowers are being repaired and one needs a new motor.

New Business

Next month we will be voting on Kart classing and Ladies classes.

Swap Time

Chris Wells has a 2007 F-150 for sale. Just take over payments.

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Want a little something different in your life? **Bert Foschini** can help fill that need! Wait a minute, that did not sound right! Do you want to sell, buy, borrow, loan, rent or trade something? Well, that was not much better! Want to get or get rid of something car related? Bert is da man: bfoschini@yahoo.com

We voted in two new members: **Terry Keller** and **Kevin Spence**. Welcome aboard!

It is, as it was!

Mickey Gauldin, Secretary

Some people can stay longer in an hour than others can in a week. - William Dean Howells

In Attendance – Abel, Belvoir, Cady, Castillo, Christoeffl, Connor, DeBower, Edstrom, Mallet & Hammer, Jackie & Mickey Gauldin, the Giddens, Goodall, Hosler, Keller, LaFlamme, Maier, McGill, Mertz, Dat Nguyen, the Petersons, Pierce, Post, Karel & Travis Schneider, Speaks, Spence, Stoddard, Stroud, Tabor, Turner, Wells, West, Wilson, Woodley, Candy & Fred Zimmerman.

Guests – Roger Everett, Kara Schneider and Richard Thackway.



February Birthdays!!



- * Kevin Abel
- * Chris Cochran
- * Thomas Foschini
- * Travis Turner
- * Mario Andretti
- * Fats Domino
- * Zeppo Marx
- * Pedro Castillo
- * Bert Foschini
- * Randy McAlister
- * Hank Aaron
- * Hugh Beaumont
- * Bob Marley
- * Abe Vigoda



JANUARY RACE REPORT

By Bert "Hammer" Foschini

Ah, a brand new year, a brand new racing season and a brand new set of rules for car classification. Back in the mid 1980's (ancient history, I know) there was a TV show called "Growing Pains". I think that would be apropos for the start of 2009. Our club is larger now in this, its 50th year, than at any time in its illustrious past. More cars, and greater diversity among cars, made classing increasingly difficult and the membership voted (by a 3-to-1 margin) to adopt a variation of SCCA classing. This slowed things down at registration and tech. Add to this a major meltdown of our new wireless timing system and the New Year did not start off as smoothly as hoped. But, just like in that classic episode of "Growing Pains", where Gilligan and the Skipper autocross a couple of coconut cars, our hearty group of gear heads managed to have a great, great day of racin', even if the announcement of the catchphrase lacked authenticity.

In typical Florida fashion, the January event boasted temperatures in the mid 70's, plenty of sunshine and 94 drivers. It also boasted 7 drivers with no competition. Given that I was one of those single-car classes, it can only be concluded that us single-car people scared away the competition. Right? Anyway, this month's fear-inducing drivers were James Brunsman in FSP, Gigantor in XP, Stu Chaplan in EP, Jeff Binford in SM, Chuck Peterson in Shifter Kart, Thomas Foschini in FJA and Ryan Collyer in FJB. We had a handful of 2-car classes, where Wendy Mertz again beat her dad Erich in SS, Rob Post posted the win over Ludwig Bavetta in ES, Marc Dana squeezed out a 12-second win over Alex Cohen in FP, John Impens edged Jeremy Allers by just 0.178 in STS and John Genduso showed bad manners by beating his host, George Murray, by over a full second in STX.

AS, which used to be a deserted wasteland, was pleasantly populated with 7 drivers, including the return of Terry Keller. However, in true "Growing Pains" fashion, this turned into a family squabble between husband and wife, with Terry Tabor showing no mercy (and no common sense) by beating his lovely wife Patsy by over a full second, with Steve Gray 3rd. DS could have meant "Dude, Seriously?" this month as Bruce Abbott was in a vehicle from this century. Not only that, but the 80-year young hotshot took the class win by 2.3 seconds over Richard Thackway. GS pitted Mini vs. VW, with Raddy Schatte clubbing his way to the win over Christian Christoeff. Rounding-out the stock classes, HS was nice and consistent, as each driver finished about one second behind the guy in front of him, with Ben Turner taking the victory and Craig Miller finishing 2nd.

An asp is a venomous snake, while the ASP class was filled with venomous Corvette drivers and the Giddens'. Don Hosler snaked his way to a fast first run and held on to win over John Giddens, who placed 2nd, and 3rd place finisher Joe Stoddard. Once again, Ryan Speaks let a fast driver co-drive his STi - is he overly generous, stupid, both? Last month he was able to beat his co-driver, but this month is a new year. New Year, same old result as Ryan whipped Matt Ferratusco by 0.059 seconds to take the BSP win and the fastest fendered time of the day. CSP appears to be one of "The" classes this year as 11 drivers showed up to put pressure on club president and defending Tiger Champion Chris Wells. After the 1st round Chris found himself sitting 2nd behind Karel Schneider, with Jason Stroud 3rd. However, Chris found his groove and put down a blistering 49.037 to edge Karel by just 0.061 seconds, with Patrick Wilson 3rd, Scott Swartz 4th and Jason Stroud 5th. DSP had only 3 drivers and Justin Cady took the win over Terry Glazar. ESP is the ability to predict the future. I predict that the ESP class is going to be fun to watch all year as the F-Body and Pony cars duke it out. This month Bill Adams emerged as the winner in a Mustang, with Mike Jones 2nd in a Firehawk and Randall Huls 3rd in a Camaro.

JANUARY RACE REPORT

One person who really likes the new rules in Robert Belvoir, as he now has some competition. Brand new rules, same old result as Bobby Sox won the class with a 50.190, with Penny Belvoir 2nd and Pedro Castillo 3rd. SM2 had some nice diversity, with a Camaro, an RX7, an S2000 and a heavily-modified Corvette. Diversity does not equate to parity as Jim Mueller, in his Z28 Camaro, took the win by over 2 seconds ahead of Leland Giddens in the RX7. Leland was over 2.5 seconds faster than Tyler Muench. With an overabundance of power, but a severe lack of traction and of right foot control, Mark Goodall slipped and slid his way to a 4th place finish. It was not pretty, but it sure looked fun. It reminded me of that episode of "Growing Pains" when Mr. Rourke smiled as Matt Ferratusco yelled "the plane, the plane!"

SMST is the lone exception to the SCCA classing that was adopted – the singular holdover from the most recent version of MSCC classing. I say "most recent" because MSCC classing used to mirror SCCA classing, including the allowance of R-compound tires in the Stock classes. But, I digress. As expected, SMST was one of the most heavily populated classes, with 11 drivers. And talk about diversity, this class had everything from a 1970's icon Chevy 'Cosworth' Vega, to a '97 BMW M3, to AWD Evo's and STi's, to an '09 GTR. It even pitted evil twin drivers against each other as Dave Weaver finished in both 3rd and 7th place. Even my ESP didn't predict that! Meanwhile, back at the ranch, this year started off like last year ended, with the SMST battle boiling down to a 2-driver shootout between Hien Nguyen and Harry Corbin. Hien and Harry have several things in common. They both drive high-powered, AWD vehicles; they both are very fast drivers; they both are super-nice guys; they both have dark hair (which is a scientifically-proven sign of extreme awesomeness); and they both routinely kick the crap out of the rest of the class, in the nicest possible way. Something else they had in common this month was cone trouble, as neither was able to lay down a clean run by the end of the 2nd round. With these cone penalties Hien and Harry (sounds like a bad 80's Pop group or a fad clothing shop) found themselves sitting in 6th and 9th place, respectively. Yeowzers! For even more weirdness, Anthony Ford, who finished 4th, and Steve Pierce, who finished 5th, had identical times in the 2nd round. (Queue the Twilight Zone music). Normalcy returned in the 3rd and final round as Hien put down a scorching 50.060 to snip Harry by 0.415 and earn the class win. These 2 will be at it like this all year. It's better than watching RTV.

Last, but certainly not least, especially in the literal sense, was the Novice class. This month we had 12 entrants in the Novice class, including several attractive young ladies, which is great for the sport. But this is not a beauty contest (thankfully, as I would never stand a chance) this is about completing the course as quickly and as cleanly as possible, which Matthew Lowe did quicker and cleaner than anyone else as all 3 of his runs were cone-free and all 3 of his runs were quicker than the 2nd place finisher, Damon Dossett. As usual, the Novice class featured great car diversity, from a brand new Corvette, to some pretty old Miatas (Miatas?), with a Lexus, a Focus, a Mini and several Mustangs thrown in for good measure. This was not the easiest course to follow, as evidenced by the 11 "off course" runs registered in the Novice class. Heck, we even had 34 off course runs in the open classes – so Novices, do not get discouraged – it gets easier! Taking 3rd in Novice this month was Oliver Yao, with Ryan Acosta taking 4th and Salim Sanchez finishing 5th.

So, there it is, the start of the new year, which saw a shifter kart unofficially record the fastest time; a bunch of new, old classes; one rather familiar old, new class and the familiar fun in the sun that we've come to know and love. It didn't seem the same without such heavy hitters as Mikael Edstrom and George Bonafede, but the year is young and these guys will make more than a cameo appearance. Just like that favorite "Growing Pains" episode where JR got shot, this year will be a cliffhanger worth watching. So, tune in next month – same Bat time, same Bat channel.

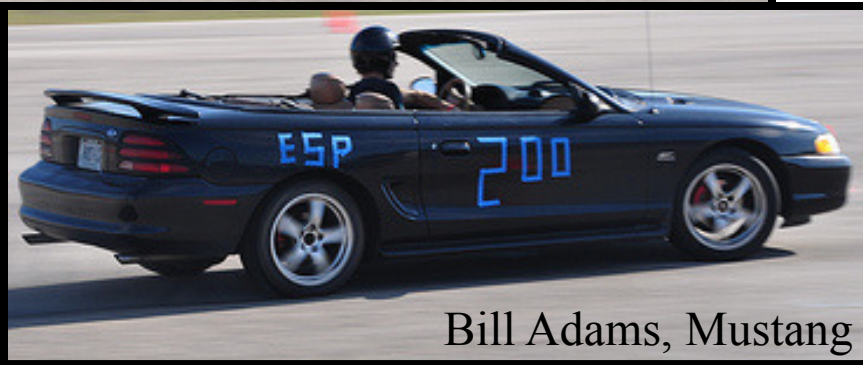
JANUARY GALLERY



Thomas Foschini, Kart



Anthony Ford, GTR



Bill Adams, Mustang



Jason Stroud, Miata

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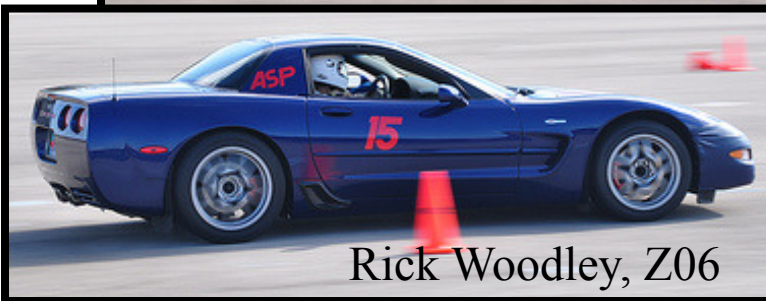
John Genduso, Mini George's Mini



Karel Schneider, Miata



Richard Connor, Rabbit



Rick Woodley, Z06

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Super Stock				Times			Total	Index	
1T	1135	Wendy Mertz	08 Cayman-S	52.610	51.860+1	52.437+3	52.610	0.942	
2	35	Erich Mertz	08 Cayman-S	54.078+1	53.630	52.238+1	53.630	0.961	
A Stock				Times			Total	Index	
1T	12	Terry Tabor	Honda S2000	51.768	51.715	51.751	51.715	0.926	
2T	121	Patsy Tabor	Honda S2000	52.769	53.281	53.636+1	52.769	0.945	
3T	18	Steve Gray	Corvette	60.008	76.684+1	57.450	57.450	1.029	
4	187	James Stoddard	Corvette	62.155	58.734		58.734	1.052	
5	265	Kevin Spence	04 BMW M3	OFF	55.388+2	OFF	61.388	1.100	
6	61	Bill West	BMW	103.267	114.170	91.229	91.229	1.634	
7	471	Terry Keller	Corvette	OFF	OFF		OFF	OFF	
D Stock				Times			Total	Index	
1T	80	Bruce Abbott	Chevy Cobalt	57.457	58.698	56.089	56.089	1.005	
2	165	Richard Thackway	00 BMW 323ci	62.699	58.691+1	58.389	58.389	1.046	
3	173	Roger Everett	09 Cobalt SS	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	
E Stock				Times			Total	Index	
1T	269	Rob Post	Miata	57.981+1	56.739	56.048	56.048	1.004	
2	132	Ludwig Bavetta	BMW Z3	62.788	59.383	57.521	57.521	1.030	
G Stock				Times			Total	Index	
1T	115	Raddy Schatte	Mini Cooper	53.155+2	53.439	54.305	53.439	0.957	
2T	000	Christian Christoeffl	VW	56.365+1	54.005	53.774	53.774	0.963	
3	91	Kim DeBower	Mini	OFF	56.945	54.517	54.517	0.976	
4	101	Walter Christoeffl	VW GTI	57.392+1	57.272	54.048+1	57.048	1.022	
H Stock				Times			Total	Index	
1T	113	Ben Turner	05 Mini Cooper	56.205+1	56.109	54.866+1	56.109	1.005	
2T	351	Craig Miller	Cressida	59.720	57.256	56.977+1	57.256	1.026	
3	930	Joey Maier	90 Geo Storm	62.521	58.771	59.440	58.771	1.053	
4	144	Jason Phillips	05 Ford Focus	59.852			59.852	1.072	
A Street Prepared				Times			Total	Index	
1T	71	Don Hosler	Corvette	50.039	51.184	51.017	50.039	0.896	
2T	767	John Giddens	93 Mazda Rx-7	51.162	54.371	50.661	50.661	0.907	
3	87	Joseph Stoddard	Corvette	54.585	OFF	51.477	52.181+1	51.477	0.922
4	68	John McGill	03 Corvette Z06	63.362	53.538	54.297	53.538	0.959	
5	15	Rick Woodley	04 Corvette Z06	OFF	54.772	54.058	54.058	0.968	
6	76	Dawn Giddens	93 Mazda Rx-7	OFF	56.541	54.371	54.371	0.974	
B Street Prepared				Times			Total	Index	
1T	119	Ryan Speaks	05 WRX STi	47.956	47.978	48.558	47.956	0.859	
2	4	Matt Ferratusco	05 WRX STi	48.336	48.015	49.274+1	48.015	0.860	
3	66	Mickey Gauldin	04 MiataSpeed	50.400+1	51.105	50.451	50.451	0.904	

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C Street Prepared			Times			Total	Index	
1T	13	Chris Wells	91 Miata	50.373	49.078	49.037	49.037	0.878
2T	53	Karel Schneider	94 Miata	50.036	49.749+1	49.098	49.098	0.879
3T	47	Patrick Wilson	Miata	52.150	50.740	50.955	50.740	0.909
4T	971	Scott Swartz	99 Miata	OFF	OFF	50.750	50.750	0.909
5	21	Jason Stroud	94 Miata	51.236	50.955	51.461+1	50.955	0.913
6	49	Glen LaFlamme	00 Miata	53.097	OFF	52.149	52.149	0.934
7	410	Tom McDonald	99 Miata	52.738	52.195	52.167	52.167	0.934
8	52	Travis Schneider	Miata	48.845+5	50.349+2	49.700+1	52.700	0.944
9	8	Kevin Abel	91 Miata	55.963	54.746	54.546+1	54.746	0.981
10	1971	Kimberly Ellis	99 Miata	56.458	OFF	59.163	56.458	1.011
11	1116	Ronnie Plaisted	Miata	62.233	57.620	56.472	56.472	1.012
D Street Prepared			Times			Total	Index	
1T	183	Justin Cady	01 Audi A4	53.632	51.763	51.197	51.197	0.917
2	41	Terry Glazar	08 Cooper S	OFF	OFF	53.961	53.961	0.967
3	95	Alex Velez	99 Civic	66.946	62.253	62.621	62.253	1.115
E Street Prepared			Times			Total	Index	
1T	200	William Adams	Mustang GT	54.006	53.955	53.521	53.521	0.959
2T	00	Michael Jones	Firehawk	OFF	54.815	54.152	54.152	0.970
3	8068	Randall Huls	01 Camaro SS	56.781	55.877+1	55.517	55.517	0.994
4	247	Sean Day	94 'Stang Cobra	57.497	55.865+2	55.098+1	57.497	1.030
5	806	Melanie Vance	Camaro	58.134	OFF	57.546	57.546	1.031
F Street Prepared			Times			Total	Index	
1T	179	James Brunzman	94 Integra RS	52.712+1	63.540+3	53.416	53.416	0.957
X Prepared			Times			Total	Index	
1T	7	Bert Foschini	Mini S	51.330	50.797	50.895	50.797	0.910
D Prepared			Times			Total	Index	
1T	79	Robert Belvoir	MR2	54.471	OFF	50.190	50.190	0.899
2T	19	Penny Belvoir	MR2	55.701	54.342	53.029+2	54.342	0.973
3	5621	Pedro Castillo	84 VW Rabbit	OFF	OFF	53.553+1	56.553	1.013
4	562	Richard Connor	84 VW Rabbit	60.893	60.236	59.432	59.432	1.065
E Prepared			Times			Total	Index	
1T	212	Stu Chaplan	85 Corolla	OFF	65.858	OFF	65.858	1.180
F Prepared			Times			Total	Index	
1T	600	Marc Dana	86 Rx-7	49.851	50.174+2		49.851	0.893
2	163	Alex Cohen	RX7	OFF	58.892+1	62.507+1	61.892	1.109
Street Touring (Tire)			Times			Total	Index	
1T	134	John Impens	00 Integra	OFF	55.356	54.762	54.762	0.981
2	249	Jeremy Allers	06 Corolla	57.635	55.760	54.940	54.940	0.984

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Street Touring X				Times			Total	Index
1T	123	John Genduso	03 Cooper S	55.747	54.336	53.808	53.808	0.964
2	154	George Murray	03 Cooper S	574.000	54.851	OFF	54.851	0.982
Street Modified				Times			Total	Index
1T	861	Jefferson Binford	06 Subaru STi	50.235	50.636+1	49.735+1	50.235	0.900
Street Modified II				Times			Total	Index
1T	69	Jim Mueller	Chevy Z28	OFF	50.992	51.349+1	50.992	0.913
2T	277	Leland Giddens	RX7	60.124	53.504+2	53.082	53.082	0.951
3	303	Tyler Muench	00 S2000	OFF	OFF	55.595	55.595	0.996
4	6	Mark Goodall	Corvette	54.118+5	53.103+1	52.724+1	55.724	0.998
Street Mod Street Tire				Times			Total	Index
1T	171	Hien Nguyen	03 Evo	51.982+3	49.953+2	50.060	50.060	0.897
2T	67	Harry Corbin	05 Subaru STi	OFF	52.206+2	50.475	50.475	0.904
3T	214	Dave Weaver		53.948	52.332	52.100	52.100	0.933
4T	38	Anthony Ford	09 Nissan GTR	56.062	54.274	52.271	52.271	0.936
5	54	Steve Pierce	97 BMW M3	53.777	54.274	54.326+2	53.777	0.963
6	14	Fred Zimmerman	03 Cooper S	54.396	53.820+1	54.462	54.396	0.974
7	63	Dave Weaver	01 Subaru 2.5rs	49.905+2			55.905	1.001
8	213	Kenneth Sturgis	04 Ford Focus	OFF	58.080	57.367	57.367	1.028
9	316	Lynn Klingele	Chevy Vega	58.316	57.617	OFF	57.617	1.032
10	74	Kent Olsen	Porsche 911	OFF	59.501	58.596	58.596	1.050
11	114	Candy Zimmerman	Mini	64.306	63.291	59.677+1	62.677	1.123
F125 Shifter Kart				Times			Total	Index
1T	3	Chuck Peterson	Shifter Kart	49.192	47.436	48.224	47.436	0.850
Junior Kart 4 (FJA)				Times			Total	Index
1T	9	Thomas Foschini	Kart	68.064	62.536	66.368+1	62.536	1.120
Novice				Times			Total	Index
1T	186	Matthew Lowe	05 Nissan 350z	57.941	55.908	55.332	55.332	0.991
2T	210	Damon Dossett	04 Mustang GT	OFF	62.680	OFF	58.074	1.040
3T	120	Oliver Yao	06 Mitsu Evo	58.114	56.135+1	58.169	58.114	1.041
4T	176	Ryan Acosta	08 Corvette	62.222	OFF	58.219	58.219	1.043
5	211	Salim Sanchez	89 Miata	65.532	60.087	58.799	58.799	1.053
6	1307	Thomas Szoke	01 'Stang Bullit	OFF	OFF	60.840	58.987+1	60.840
7	259	Matt Gil	90 Miata	64.208	60.866	OFF	60.866	1.090
8	307	Joey Szoke	02 Lexus Is300	78.553	68.861	63.825	63.898	63.825
9	1213	Heather Capehart	04 Ford Focus	78.588	68.484	66.068	66.068	1.183
10	17	Anna Garrido	05 Cooper S	95.478	94.753	77.731	77.731	1.392
11	107	Adam Baskin	Miata	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
12	112	Margie Karwowski	Ford Roush	OFF	OFF		OFF	OFF
Junior Kart 3 (FJB)				Times			Total	Index
1T	07	Ryan Collyer	08 Birell Ar28	68.796	OFF	62.970	62.970	1.128

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Pos.	Class	#	Driver	Car Model	Raw Time	Index
1	F125	3	Chuck Peterson	Shifter Kart	47.436	0.850
2	BSP	119	Ryan Speaks	05 STi	47.956	0.859
3	BSP	4	Matt Ferratusco	05 STi	48.015	0.860
4	CSP	13	Chris Wells	91 Miata	49.037	0.878
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16	XP	7	Bert Foschini	Cooper S	50.797	0.910
17	CSP	21	Jason Stroud	94 Miata	50.955	0.913
18	SM2	69	Jim Mueller	Chevy Z28	50.992	0.913
19	DSP	183	Justin Cady	01 Audi A4	51.197	0.917
20	ASP	87	Joe Stoddard	Corvette	51.477	0.922

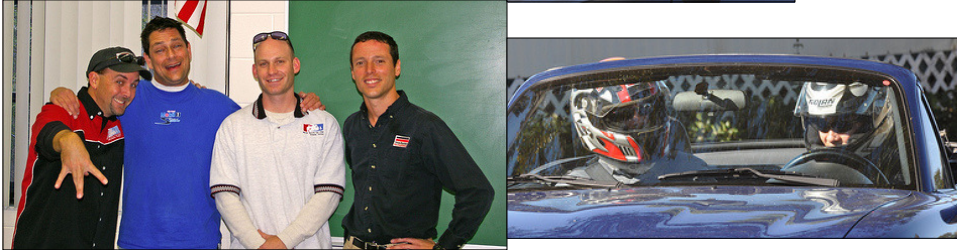


Scott Swartz, Miata

AUTOCROSS SCHOOL-SATURDAY



AUTOCROSS SCHOOL—SUNDAY



Proves you can't judge a book by it's cover!

A WORD FROM EL PRESIDENTE

And Now a Word or Two From Our President...

Now that the 2008 race season has come and gone, I would like to personally congratulate all the class champions and recipients of special awards (President's, Ben Yu Team Work, First Lady, etc.). Many thanks also go to my associates on the Executive Board which had some challenging obstacles to overcome this year but did so with all their heart. Even more thanks go to the volunteers who help at every event. But the biggest thanks go to you, the club members, who make this club so successful and enjoyable to be a part of. Is this a great club or what!

This past season had a record number of Active Members, 32 to be exact, and we rewarded those Active Members with a special MSCC logo polo-style shirt. To be considered an Active Member the club has a points system in place that is separate from competition points (Tiger points). To earn Active Member status you must accrue 21 points during that year's race season. The breakdown to earn points is as follows:

- 1 point = Attending MSCC club meeting
- 1 point = Competing at MSCC race
- 3 points = Host an event (Required by all members)
- 1 point = Executive Board member
- 1 point = Volunteer positions

So, as you can see, it's not too tough to earn 21 points . . . 9 events + 9 meetings + host 1 event = 21. That gives you 2 events and 2 meetings that you can miss (December is a pointless event). There are also special events that take place throughout the year, like trailer cleaning, which can earn you additional points. This point system also comes into play when its time to renew your membership. You must earn a minimum of 10 Active Member points to be eligible for renewal. This year we relaxed the requirement because we think a lot of members did not realize it, but, come 2010 - be ready for it.

Now onto the 2009 season . . .

First, I need to welcome back Patrick Wilson to the Executive Board as the Events Director. He's replacing Bert Foschini, who is taking over as Pit Patter Editor. Jim Mueller has done a great job as editor, but is moving onto bigger and better adventures. I wish him all the best.

The club had a big change at the end of last season as far as car classing is concerned. In a 3 to 1 vote by our club members a decision to adopt the SCCA car classing and rules associated with car classing was passed. That's a big change for us, but will become easier for the rules committee at the end of this season. Since we are an independent club we are able to vote on rules changes at the end of every season.

I'm looking forward to another great season and hanging out with some of the best people I've ever met. I'm sticking to a goal that I started last year and that is to encourage the "fun" part of this sport. Sometimes we get too wrapped up in the competition aspect of this sport and forget why we started doing this in the first place. If you have any comments or suggestions I will do my best to make time to listen. Feel free to talk to me at the races or through e-mail.

And a Final Note...

I want to thank all of you for again putting your confidence in me as your club President. I will honor the position to the best of my ability and will always look at what is best for our Club. I am confident that, with all of you and your 2009 Executive Board, this will be another great season! Remember...Race Safe, Race Smart, but always Have Fun.

Sincerely,

Chris Wells
2009 MSCC President

TIGER POINTS EXPLAINED

Finish	Number of Cars in Class										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	>10
1	31	36	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	45
2		30	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	39
3			27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	34
4				24	25	26	27	28	29	30	30
5					22	23	24	25	26	27	27
6						20	21	22	23	24	24
7							18	19	20	21	21
8								16	17	18	18
9									14	15	15
10										12	12
>10											9

The table above shows how Tiger points are awarded. For example, if there are 5 cars in your class and you finish 3rd, you will acquire 29 Tiger points. The winner of the 5-car class will acquire 40 Tiger points. Points are earned for the 11 events from January through November. Your 2 lowest point totals are then dropped to figure your final Tiger Standings. Overall class awards and individual class awards use the same points system.

This is not to be confused with Active Member points, which are discussed on the opposite page.

5.2 – Year End Awards and Tiebreaker Rules

5.2.1 - The Tiger Standing is based upon the numeric total of competition points acquired in official events for the competition year with the two lowest events dropped.

5.2.2 – The Tiger of the Year Award is given to the competitor who scores the most points after drops overall. Additionally, there are awards for each overall class, such as Stock, Street Prepared and Prepared, and awards for individual classes, such as A Stock, B Stock, etc. Special Awards go to the Rookie of the Year, First Lady and the President's Award.

5.2.3 – Ties for a year-end Championship Award in any category will be broken and a champion determined as follows:

5.2.3.1 – Competitor with the most 1st place finishes.

5.2.3.2 – If still tied, Competitor with the most 2nd place finishes.

5.2.3.3 – If still tied, Competitor with the most overall points.

RULES DISCUSSION

The following rules will be discussed at the February General Meeting:

1) MSCC does not provide for separate ladies classes. All ladies are required to run in the class appropriate to their vehicle.

2) MSCC will follow the Kart guidelines as set forth by the Central Florida Region of the SCCA, with case-by-case exceptions allowable by the Chief Tech Inspector, Events Director, or Executive Board.

From the Editor:

First, I want to acknowledge and thank Jim Mueller for his contributions as the Pit Patter editor these last few years. Although I was listed as the editor of January's Pit Patter, that issue was actually put together by Jim. So, any mistakes that were made in last month's PP (heh, heh, heh – I wrote "pee-pee") belong solely to Jim. All mistakes in this month's edition are completely mine.

While each editor of the PP (heh, heh, heh – I did it again) tries to eliminate or minimize mistakes, the one quality that we all share, so far, is that we are all human beings. Meaning, we all make mistakes. If the mistakes are too numerous or too blaringly obvious I feel it is only proper that my salary as PP editor should be reduced by 25% for each mistake. Given this financial penalty, I will do my best to keep the mistakes to a minimum.

The PP is world renowned as being the best automotive publication in recorded history. I will make every effort to maintain this tradition of excellence. However, as great as the PP is, there is always room for improvement. With this in mind, if you have any suggestions or ideas to make the PP even better, please feel free to drop me an e-mail.

Once again, I appreciate the opportunity that has been presented to me as the PP editor. I will constantly strive, OK, maybe not constantly, but I will try really, really hard to make this a publication that is enjoyable and worthy of this club.

Regards,
Hammer



"Sometimes our big splashes, are just ripples in the pool."

MSCC BUSINESS INDEX

Automotive Services

Maitland Auto Body	141-C N. Orlando Ave. Maitland	407-628-1117
Maitland Tire Co.	233 N. Orlando Ave Maitland	407-539-0800

Restaurants & Catering

Errol Estate Club	1355 Errol Pkwy, Apopka	407-886-5000
Pink Pig	Jim Gathings	386-734-4237

Other Services

Full Throttle Photography	Chris Wells	407-341-3352
Green Masters, Inc.	1431 East 1 st St., Apopka	407-889-2416

Motorsports Organizations

Central FL. Region SCCA	Dat Nguyen & Tim Reardon www.cfrsolo2.com	
Chin Motorsports	www.chinmotorsports.com	
Grassroots Motorsports Magazine	David Wallens www.grassrootsmotorsports.com	888-676-9747
Skip Barber Racing School	Gerardo Bonilla www.skipbarber.com	800-221-1131

SWAP TIME

If you would like to submit a classified ad, simply send an e-mail to bfoschini@yahoo.com 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. \$500. Contact Bruce Abbott at 386-238-0947.


2. **1988 Mercury Grand Marquis**, 100K miles, 5.0l, AOD transmission. Needs paint, good body. Dark red. 19MPG highway. \$800. Contact Dan at 407-816-3273 or D.ciaoni@yahoo.com

3. **2009 (not really) Kart and/or jetski Trailer.** It is 54" wide, 10'2" long, weighs about 180 lbs. & is a very manly or pretty (depending on your preference) shade of red. Contact Bert Foschini at bfoschini@yahoo.com

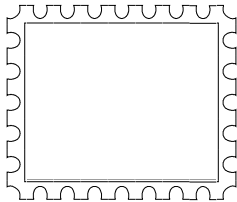
February 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Club Meeting	6	7
8 Tavares Event	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Board Meeting	27	28

Coming events— Please see page 3 for more details!



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