

Pit Patter



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If this picture makes this car look fast, it is because pictures (sometimes) don't lie. Hien Nguyen was cooking —on street tires— at the February event.

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TRANSMISSIONS

Event Schedule:

Sunday, March 8, 2009

Event # 3, Lake County Tech Center

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

Sunday, April 5, 2009

Event # 3, Mini-Prix at Central Florida Road Course

Event Chair: *The Executive Board*



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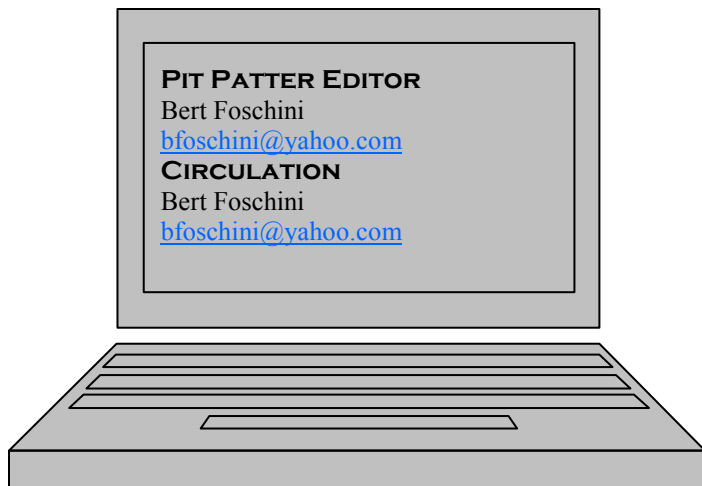
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Monthly Club Meeting

Thursday, March 5th, 2009

La Fiesta

140 South US Hwy 17/92

Longwood, FL 32750

407-478-1473

7:30PM

Located next to Albertsons on the southwest corner of Highway 17/92 & S.R. 434 in Longwood, FL For more details, go to the website and look under the "Event Locations" tab. Bring your own maracas. Oh yeah, DUES ARE DUE!



March Autocross



Sunday, March 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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FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting 02/05/09

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by our President, **Chris Wells**.

A motion was made, seconded and the January meeting minutes were history.

Reports

Vice-President, **Mikael Edstrom**:

There were numerous opportunities for improvement. The competitors had to be reentered in the computer, there were some classing errors and the wireless timing system fried.

The first car left the line at 10:49 with each heat taking approximately 1:35.

It was a long course with very little overlap, course workers were late reporting for work and the bumping order caused confusion.

Secretary, **Mickey Gauldin**:

Dark storm clouds covered the Florida sky until the magical question was posed, "Did every one sign the roster?" With the mystery solved, the threatening storm abated & once again there was peace in the universe.

Treasurer, **Robert Belvoir**:

Without warning and with total disregard for his fellow humanoids, our Arch Duke of Debits uncovered the Shield of Bling. While the audience was temporarily blinded, the Gort of Gaudy numbed us all with an underwhelming display of accounting prowess. As everyone started to regain consciousness, he uttered a phrase that had been handed down through the centuries of nomadic eraser nibblers: "Klaatu barada nikto." Loosely translated to modern day lingo: We are in the black.

Event Director, **Patrick Wilson** was absent, so Mikael Edstrom gave the event report:

There were 94 drivers and for more data, read the Pit Patter.

Coming events:

MSCC February Event (02/08/09).

MSCC March Event (03/08/09).

MSCC General Meeting – Thursday, 03/05/09, at La Fiesta.

SCCA (02/14) – Brooksville.

SCCA (02/14 & 15) Gainesville.

SCCA (03/01) BCC.

SCCA (03/07 & 08) Brooksville.

SCCA (03/22) Deland.

Old Business

General Meeting Location

The March General Meeting will be held at La Fiesta.

Tech Volunteers

Terry Keller and **Bob Blucher** will help with tech this month.

Registration

Robert and **Penny Belvoir** will help with registration.

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

MSCC Autocross Training

The events were reviewed.

MSCC Historical Plaque

The long lost "President/Tiger of the Year" plaque was unearthed in a recent Egyptian archeological dig (**Don Hosler** had it).

Drivers Meeting & Novice Walk-thru

Please help keep side conversations to a minimum so newbies can maximize their learning experience.

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Bill West

Joey Maier gave a brief update on the medical condition of Bill West's wife.

FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Mercury Award

The 2008 Mercury Award Trophy was not available to be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet. It finally arrived & was awarded to the person who had the lowest index for the year - **George Bonafede**.

FSC Winner Plates

The Florida State Champs winner plates were distributed.

Run Order Signs

Patsy and Terry were asked to update the run order signs.

Minor Waivers

There are now two minor waivers that must be signed. One is annual and must be updated annually. The second must be signed monthly.

50/50 Raffle

Interest in reinstating the 50/50 raffle was solicited. A majority of those present voted to abstain but the remainder voted to reactivate the raffle. **Jackie Gauldin** volunteered to run this mini lottery.

Rule Changes

Eliminate the Ladies Classes – motion passed.

Kart Rules – the motion to adopt the local SCCA practice/rules was passed.

Rule Books will be posted on the web site.

Open Discussion

Annual Tech was briefly discussed. No motion was made.

New Business

Spring Mini-Prix

The Board is looking into renting the CFRC for the spring Mini-Prix.

Next Autocross School

The next autocross school will be held in the fall and will probably cover three days.

Open Discussion

Our very own **Gerardo Bonilla** presented a vivid replay of his recent Rolex experience. Congratulations Bobo!

On Friday, March 13 at 6:00 PM, Classic Mazda will again host **John Doogan**. Please support the event & visit Classic Mazda that evening. Call ahead so they will know how many guests to plan for.

Swap Time

Bert Foschini is still ready to help you fill that automotive void in your life with some sell, buy, borrow, loan, rent or trade. Bert can hardly wait to hear from you: bfoschini@yahoo.com

We voted in three new members: **Ludwig Bavetta, Debra Knerr and Ed Knerr**. Glad to have you join the team!

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, Barrett, Belvoir, Blucher, Bonafede, Bonilla, Castillo, Christoeffs, Collins, Connor, Corbin, DeBower, Edstrom, Ferratusco, Mallet & Hammer, the Gauldins, Genduso, the Giddens, Hosler, Keller, LaFlamme, the Maiers, Mertz, Mueller, Murray, Dat Nguyen, Hein Nguyen, Pierce, Post, Schatte, Schneiders, Speaks, Stroud, Tabor, Turners, the Wells, Woodley, the Youngs and the Zimmermans.

Guests – Mark Gocken, Michelle Leonard, Joel Castillo, Roger Everett, and Walter Slauson.

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Final Results - February 2009 - Sun 02-08-2009
Total Registered: 103, with Times: 103

Super Stock				Times		Total	Index
1T	1135	Wendy Mertz	08 Cayman S	45.668	45.401	45.419	45.401 0.952
2	35	Erich Mertz	08 Cayman S	OFF	OFF	45.723	45.723 0.959
A Stock				Times		Total	Index
1T	12	Terry Tabor	00 S2000	45.343	45.000	43.761	43.761 0.918
2T	77	Geoff Parnum	2007 WRX STi	45.099	44.237	44.846	44.237 0.928
3	121	Patsy Tabor	00 S2000	46.459	45.765	45.718	45.718 0.959
4	265	Kevin Spence	04 BMW M3	47.968	47.397	46.010	46.010 0.965
5	84	David Beasley	08 Jaguar XKR	50.952	OFF	50.017	50.017 1.049
6	236	Jack Neely	01 S2000	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
D Stock				Times		Total	Index
1T	165	Richard Thackway	00 BMW 323ci	50.154	48.882	47.968	47.968 1.006
2	173	Roger Everett	09 Cobalt SS	OFF	OFF	50.618	50.618 1.061
3	300	Travis Turner	91 BMW 325i	OFF	OFF	51.103	51.103 1.072
E Stock				Times		Total	Index
1T	269	Rob Post	94 Mazda Miata	53.218	49.776	49.626	49.626 1.041
2	132	Ludwig Bavetta	98 BMW Z3	OFF	53.163	50.071	50.071 1.050
G Stock				Times		Total	Index
1T	115	Raddy Schatte	08 Clubman	47.799	47.345	OFF	47.345 0.993
2T	101	Walter Christoeffl	07 VW GTI	48.716	OFF	47.774	47.774 1.002
3	14	Fred Zimmerman	03 Cooper S	OFF	49.981	48.269	48.269 1.012
4	88	Michael Sydnor	95 240SX	49.362	48.564	48.757+1	48.564 1.018
H Stock				Times		Total	Index
1T	180	Bradley Collins	07 Tiburon	47.907	49.704	47.952	47.907 1.005
2T	113	Ben Turner	05 Mini Cooper	49.337	49.336	48.946	48.946 1.026
3	351	Craig Miller	89 Cressida	53.471	OFF	49.407	49.407 1.036
4	930	Joey Maier	90 Storm GSI	55.039	OFF	OFF	55.039 1.154
A Street Prepared				Times		Total	Index
1T	767	John Giddens	93 Mazda RX-7	43.217	43.497	OFF	43.217 0.906
2T	71	Don Hosler	02 Corvette	44.804	45.228+1	OFF	44.804 0.940
3T	76	Dawn Giddens	93 Mazda Rx-7	49.011	45.498	45.759	45.498 0.954
4	68	John McGill	03 Corvette Z06	OFF	46.715	45.912+2	46.715 0.980
5	15	Rick Woodley	04 Corvette Z06	48.217+1	45.540+1	OFF	48.540 1.018
B Street Prepared				Times		Total	Index
1T	51	Gerardo Bonilla	04 Miataspeed	49.305	43.258	42.243	42.243 0.886
2T	4	Matt Ferratusco	04 Miataspeed	43.315	43.433	42.772	42.772 0.897
3	241	Bill Collyer	06 Evo	OFF	OFF	43.327	43.327 0.908
4	119	Ryan Speaks	05 WRX STi	43.979+2	43.360	43.479	43.360 0.909
5	66	Mickey Gauldin	04 Miataspeed	43.668+1	45.507	43.697	43.697 0.916

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C Street Prepared			Times		Total	Index		
1T	47	Patrick Wilson	94 Mazda Miata	43.973+1	42.292	42.466+1	42.292	0.887
2T	13	Chris Wells	91 Mazda Miata	43.891+2	OFF	42.992	42.992	0.902
3T	53	Karel Schneider	94 Mazda Miata	43.766	43.515	43.077	43.077	0.903
4T	52	Travis Schneider	94 Mazda Miata	42.590+2	43.277	43.776	43.277	0.908
5T	73	Dat Nguyen	99 Mazda Miata	44.763+1	OFF	44.529	44.529	0.934
6	49	Glen LaFlamme	00 Mazda Miata	45.493	44.579	OFF	44.579	0.935
7	23	Jason Huepenbecker	92 Toyota MR2	OFF	44.669	45.114	44.669	0.937
8	21	Jason Stroud	00 Mazda Miata	45.613+1	45.301	44.863	44.863	0.941
9	971	Scott Swartz	99 Mazda Miata	45.581	45.102	45.042	45.042	0.945
10	231	Greg Schumacher	92 Toyota MR2	46.249	45.572	45.722	45.572	0.956
11	117	William Van Tassel	99 Mazda Miata	46.856	45.974	45.694	45.694	0.958
12	410	Tom McDonald	99 Mazda Miata	OFF	46.687	OFF	46.687	0.979
13	8	Kevin Abel	91 Mazda Miata	57.320	48.184	47.322	47.322	0.992
14	213	Mila Hrabetova	92 Toyota MR2	47.177+2	46.574+2	46.488+1	49.488	1.038
D Street Prepared			Times		Total	Index		
1T	183	Justin Cady	01 Audi A4	45.491	44.544	44.054	44.054	0.924
2	41	Terry Glazar	08 Cooper S	45.859	44.822	45.319	44.822	0.940
3	95	Alex Velez	99 Honda Civic	57.174+1	62.659	51.390	51.390	1.078
E Street Prepared			Times		Total	Index		
1T	3	Chuck Peterson	02 Camaro SS	45.724	46.000	46.351	45.724	0.959
2T	200	Bill Adams	95 Mustang GT	OFF	47.071	47.406	47.071	0.987
3	247	Sean Day	94 Stang Cobra	48.373	OFF	48.568	48.373	1.014
4	806	Melanie Vance	01 Camaro SS	OFF	49.359	48.958	48.958	1.027
5	8068	Randal Hulls	01 Camaro SS	OFF	49.595+1	49.216+1	52.216	1.095
F Street Prepared			Times		Total	Index		
1T	770	Chris Howell	93 VW Fox	OFF	48.415	47.836	47.836	1.003
2	39	Eduardo Diaz	96 VW GTI	OFF	OFF	50.306	50.306	1.055
3	199	Andrew Grafton	00 VW Jetta	OFF	61.092+5	50.970	50.970	1.069
X Prepared			Times		Total	Index		
1T	7	Bert Foschini	05 Cooper S	46.255	44.445	44.277	44.277	0.928
2	91	Kim DeBower	65 Cobra	48.491	45.671+1	46.559	46.559	0.976
D Prepared			Times		Total	Index		
1T	79	Robert Belvoir	86 Toyota MR2	43.303	OFF	OFF	43.303	0.908
2T	19	Penny Belvoir	86 Toyota MR2	47.657	45.801	45.586+1	45.801	0.960
3	5621	Pedro Castillo	84 VW Rabbit	46.991	47.111	46.492	46.492	0.975
4	562	Richard Connor	84 VW Rabbit	49.351	52.828	50.410	49.351	1.035
5	420	Joel Castillo	87 VW Rabbit	OFF	49.747+1	OFF	52.747	1.106
E Prepared			Times		Total	Index		
1T	166	Alex Cohen	90 Mazda RX-7	54.071	51.258	51.066	51.066	1.071
F Prepared			Times		Total	Index		
1T	600	Marc Dana	86 Mazda Rx-7	44.590	44.845	44.504	44.504	0.933
2	163	Kim Ellis	86 Mazda RX7	53.677	51.093	51.082+1	51.093	1.071
Street Touring (Tire)			Times		Total	Index		
1T	249	Jeremy Allers	06 Corolla	48.667	47.333	47.337	47.333	0.993
2	134	John Impens	00 Integra	47.748	47.598	47.413	47.413	0.994

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Street Touring X				Times		Total	Index
1T	123	John Genduso	03 Cooper S	48.549	OFF	46.517	46.517 0.975
2	000	Christian Christoeffl	05 Mazda RX-8	47.468+1	47.176	46.334+1	47.176 0.989
3	154	George Murray	03 Cooper S	49.251	47.453	47.595	47.453 0.995
Street Modified				Times		Total	Index
1T	63	Lynn Klingele	Cosworth Vega	OFF	OFF	48.963	48.963 1.027
Street Modified II				Times		Total	Index
1T	1	Mikael Edstrom	00 Corvette	42.674	42.022	42.069	42.022 0.881
2T	99	George Bonafede	06 Evo	42.769	42.939	42.678	42.678 0.895
3T	62	Jeff McElyea	94 Trans Am	45.322	46.469	43.743	43.743 0.917
4T	6	Mark Goodall	TT Corvette	46.710	45.302	44.744	44.744 0.938
5	69	Jim Mueller	98 Camaro	OFF	44.749	OFF	44.749 0.938
6	303	Tyler Muench	00 S2000	49.343	49.003	46.257	46.257 0.970
7	277	Leland Giddens	91 Mazda RX-7	47.483	52.963+1	46.747	46.747 0.980
8	986	Kyle Tarr	00 Boxter	OFF	OFF	47.357	47.357 0.993
9	18	Steve Gray	99 Corvette	49.643	49.243	OFF	49.243 1.033
10	11	Julie Edstrom	00 Corvette	59.048	52.968	52.478	52.478 1.100
Street Mod Street Tire				Times		Total	Index
1T	171	Hien Nguyen	03 Evo	43.138	OFF	42.890+2	43.138 0.905
2T	54	Steve Pierce	97 BMW M3	OFF	47.825	47.616	47.616 0.999
3	256	Patrick Barrett	05 SRT-4	47.802	OFF	60.918	47.802 1.002
4	78	Oliver Yao	Mitsubishi Evo	51.697	49.196	48.174	48.174 1.010
5	186	Matthew Lowe	05 Nissan 350Z	50.161	OFF	48.884	48.884 1.025
F125 Shifter Kart				Times		Total	Index
1T	92	Stephanie Peterson	Shifter Kart	OFF	DNF	OFF	OFF
Junior Kart 4 (FJA)				Times		Total	Index
1T	9	Thomas Foschini	Vanspeed Kart	51.067	44.038	44.270	44.038 0.923
Novice				Times		Total	Index
1T	1111	Josh Coffin	04 Mazda RX-8	51.147	48.855	48.154	48.154 1.010
2T	589	Salim Sanchez	89 Mazda Miata	49.376	48.370	OFF	48.370 1.014
3T	541	Giovanni Mannella	05 Mazda RX8	49.952	49.072	48.532	48.532 1.018
4T	513	Benjamin Loving	08 Mini Cooper	52.042	50.414	48.599	48.599 1.019
5	585	Ryan Frilen	86 Conquest	58.386	56.666	52.019	52.019 1.091
6	127	Mark Gocken	07 BMW 328i	OFF	OFF	57.691	57.691 1.210
7	511	Margie Karwowski	04 Ford Roush	OFF	58.001	55.432+1	58.001 1.216
8	17	Anna Garrido	05 Cooper S	71.935	66.335	62.618	62.618 1.313
9	555	Mike Obermeyer	92 240SX	57.405+2	OFF	OFF	63.405 1.330
10	195	Cara Stubbs	99 Civic	97.316	68.811	64.291	64.291 1.348
11	55	Jay Besch	95 Civic	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
12	521	Kyle Estes	07 Mustang	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF
Junior Kart 3 (FJB)				Times		Total	Index
1T	97	Heather Peterson	Kart	48.676	49.109	49.020	48.676 1.021
2	07	Ryan Collyer	08 Birel	OFF	51.432	51.980	51.432 1.079

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Timed Entries: 103

Pos.	Class	#	Driver	Car Model	Time	Index
1	SM2	1	Mikael Edstrom	00 C5 Corvette	42.022	0.881
2	BSP	51	Gerardo Bonilla	04 Miataspeed	42.243	0.886
3	CSP	47	Patrick Wilson	94 Mazda Miata	42.292	0.887
4	SM2	99	George Bonafede	06 Evo	42.678	0.895
5	BSP	4	Matt Ferratusco	04 Miataspeed	42.772	0.897
6	CSP	13	Chris Wells	91 Mazda Miata	42.992	0.902
7	CSP	53	Karel Schneider	94 Mazda Miata	43.077	0.903
8	SMST	171	Hien Nguyen	03 Evo	43.138	0.905
9	ASP	767	John Giddens	93 Mazda RX-7	43.217	0.906
10	CSP	52	Travis Schneider	94 Mazda Miata	43.277	0.908
11	DP	79	Robert Belvoir	86 Toyota MR2	43.303	0.908
12	BSP	241	Bill Collyer	06 Evo	43.327	0.909
13	BSP	119	Ryan Speaks	05 WRX STi	43.360	0.909
14	BSP	66	Mickey Gauldin	04 Miataspeed	43.697	0.916
15	SM2	62	Jeff McElyea	94 Trans Am	43.743	0.917
16	AS	12	Terry Tabor	00 Honda S2000	43.761	0.918
17	FJA	9	Thomas Foschini	Vanspeed Kart	44.038	0.923
18	DSP	183	Justin Cady	01 Audi A4	44.054	0.924
19	AS	77	Geoff Parnum	2007 Subaru STI	44.237	0.928
20	XP	7	Bert Foschini	05 Cooper S	44.277	0.928



March Birthdays!!

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| * Christian Christoeffl | * Walter Christoeffl |
| * Jackie Gauldin | * Sean LePach |
| * Rob Post | * James Stoddard |
| * Terry Tabor | * Harry Caray |
| * Lou Costello | * Albert Einstein |
| * Yuri Gagarin | * Shemp Howard |
| * Chico Marx | * Pete Rozelle |
| * Dr. Seuss | * Mickey Spillane |

FEBRUARY RACE REPORT

By Bert "Hammer" Foschini

Pulling into the LCTC lot for the February event my car registered the outside temperature at 41 degrees. Was this going to be one of those super cold, freeze your buns off days? A few hours and 30 degrees later the answer was a warm "nope". Start with a clear day, sprinkle in some awesome people, add cars of various vintage, power and abilities and set the thermostat to 71 degrees – that is the recipe that 103 of us followed to bake up a perfect day of racing.

A recipe with only one ingredient is bland and boring. I wouldn't go so far as to say that racing by yourself is boring, but having no competition certainly makes things rather bland. This month we had 4 lone blandits – Alex Cohen in EP, Lynn Klingele in SM, Stephanie Peterson in Shifter Kart and Thomas Foschini in FJA. Having only 2 parts to a recipe is not much better, although it works out very well for hydrogen and oxygen. For the February event we had 5 half-baked, 2-driver battles. In SS Wendy Mertz continued her pattern of elder abuse, this time by just 0.322 seconds over her dad Erich, while in ES Rob Post beat the good Dr. Bavetta by 0.445 seconds, and in XP the Mini Cooper of some behemoth snake-bit the Cobra of Kim DeBower, though Kim's car looked and sounded pretty awesome. In FP Marc Dana showed no mercy to Kim Ellis, even though she is one of the nicest people you'll ever meet. I guess he really is that mean! In ST Jeremy Allers trailed early but managed a narrow 0.08 second win over John Impens and in FJB Heather Peterson beat the spaceman-looking Ryan Collyer. There's nothing like home cookin'.

The Novice class is like a recipe you just throw together not knowing what you'll come up with. This month it yielded a dozen cupcakes of various taste, with a lot of Japanese flavor on top as the fastest 3 finishers were all in Mazda's. Killing any chance of running in Novice again was class winner Josh "The Undertaker" Coffin. Hey, what did one casket say to the other casket? "Is that you coffin?" Alrighty then. Salim Sanchez was a mere 0.216 seconds back in 2nd place and Giovanni Mannella (sounds like an opera star if I ever heard one) was only 0.162 (same numbers, different order) seconds behind in 3rd. Benjamin Loving liked the course well enough to finish 4th and Ryan Frilen managed to Conquest the remaining drivers to finish 5th. Once again, this month's course was not the easiest to follow, resulting in 12 off course runs in the Novice class, a full 1/3 of the runs that were made. Walk the course as many times as possible before the driver's meeting and ride along with an experienced driver – it helps! Just like baking, it gets easier with practice.

A Stock remained under the control of Terry Tabor, with Geoff Parnum managing a 2nd place finish and Patsy Tabor 3rd. David Beasley may not have won the class, but he still got to drive home in a Jaguar XKR, so you tell me who the winner is. The story in B Stock was a runaway by Thackway, as Richard Thackway's margin of victory was 2.65 seconds. Meanwhile, things were much closer in G Stock as Raddy Schatte took the win by just 0.429 seconds over Walter Christoeffl, with Fred Zimmerman 3rd. And in H Stock it was the Hyundai of Bradley Collins taking the win over Ben Turner, with Craig Miller finishing 3rd.

In the ASP class it was the turbo RX-7 of John Giddens against a few Z06 Corvettes. When the dust finally settled John Giddens was declared the winner, with Don Hosler 2nd and Dawn Giddens 3rd. The BSP class was like a fancy cake recipe, with famous ingredients like professional racecar driver Gerardo Bonilla, fresh off of a very impressive performance at the Rolex 24 @ Daytona. It also had semi-famous and mostly hairless ingredients like Matt Ferratusco, fresh off of a very impressive performance at Chuck E. Cheese. Not to mention Mickey Gauldin, Ryan Speaks and Bill Collyer. How close were these guys to each other? The largest margin separating one place from the next was 0.555 seconds, which is the margin by which Matt took 2nd place over Bill.

FEBRUARY RACE REPORT

Meanwhile, Gerardo trailed Matt all day long, giving Matt the usual false sense of hope. But, the cream rose to the top and Gerardo, on his final run, took the win with a 42.243, which was only 0.221 seconds from being the fastest time of the day. However, the biggest story revolved around the biggest class – CSP. Defending Tiger Champion and class dominator Chris Wells was looking to earn maximum points, but he was on old tires. Perennial bridesmaid Patrick Wilson has been gunning for Chris for quite a while and was on new tires. After the 1st run (and cone trouble) Chris was sitting in 10th place (that is NOT a typo!) and Patrick was sitting in 6th, but it was early. After the 2nd run Patrick found his groove and Chris lost his way and found himself sitting in 12th place (still NOT a typo!). Patrick coned his final run, leaving the door slightly open for Chris and the rest of the field. Alas, Chris' tires were way too tired and his 42.992 was 0.7 seconds shy of victory, with Karel Schneider a mere 0.015 seconds back in 3rd and Travis Schneider only 0.2 seconds back in 4th. Dat Nguyen finished 5th in this brutally competitive class, with Glen LaFlamme 6th and Jason "I'm not Greg" Huepenbecker 7th in the highest-finishing non-Miata. Yep, this class is starting to simmer. DSP was the same old story as AWD and gobs of power resulted in another win for Justin Cady, though Terry Glazar is closing the gap.

Through my powers of ESP I have discovered why Chuck Peterson brought the Camaro SS out of retirement – the field in the ESP class looked very appetizing to him, which was evident in the 1.347 second victory he earned over Bill Adams, who was 1.302 seconds faster than Sean Day (though Sean had cone trouble). And things were just "off" in FSP, so much so that every single driver was off course on his first run (OK, so there were only 3 drivers). It was a VW battle, as Chris Howell in the Fox trotted to a 2.47 second victory over Eduardo Diaz in his GTI. In DP we went back to the 80's, when MR2s and Rabbits ruled and big hair was in. One person who likes it in 2009 is Robert Belvoir, because these new rules mean competition as there were 5 drivers in DP this month. Driving like his hair was on fire was Mr. Belvoir, whose raw time of 41.021 would have taken TTD by over a full second. However, his official time of 43.303 was still good enough for a 2 ½ second victory over his daughter, Penny, who is deathly afraid of ladybugs. Pedro Castillo had the fastest Rabbit and took 3rd. "Cook!? Cook!? Where's my hosenfeffer?"

STX was a repeat of last month as John Genduso continued to show bad form by beating the car owner, George Murray, although Christian Christoeffl got between them to finish 2nd. The effects of the economy are showing up everywhere, including SMST, where the class shrunk to a mere 5 drivers. Then again, if I had to compete with Harry Corbin and Hien Nguyen every month I would look for a different class. Harry apparently had some car trouble and did not race this month, but that didn't slow down Hien, who was crazy-fast on street tires. Hien's official time of 43.138 was easily the fastest street tire time and put him in the Top 10. His 'raw' time of 42.890 was downright cookin'! And, as you will recall, the heavy-hitting duo of Mikael Edstrom and George Bonafede was missing last month. They returned this month and battled head-to-head in the SM2 (SSM) class. George borrowed a ride from Bill Collyer and managed a 2nd place finish on very old tires. Jeff McElyea returned and landed a 3rd place finish, while Mark Goodall took 4th place on street tires, with Jim Mueller 5th. This left your SM2 (SSM) class winner and FTD recipient (not the flowery kind) Mikael Edstrom, with a winning time of 42.022. He isn't much of a chef, but he certainly burned some rubber.

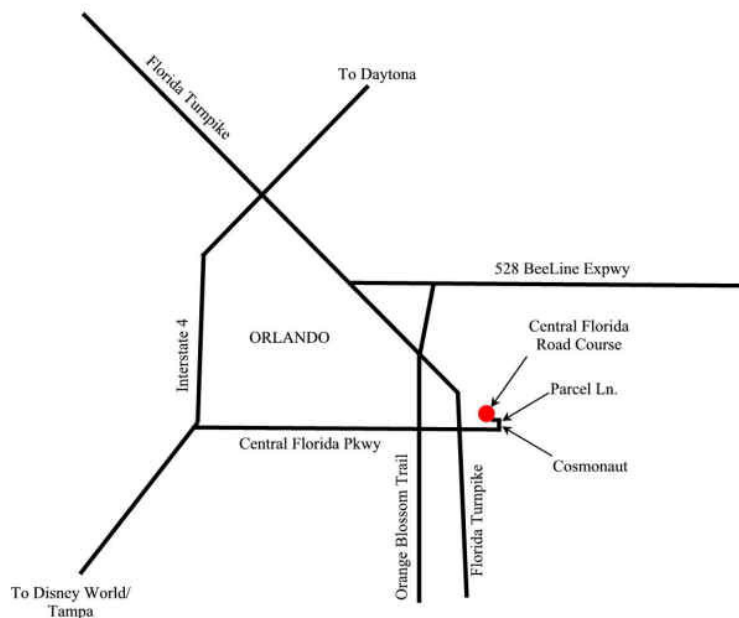
Just like that the year is 1/6th over. For the 2009 season, with these first 2 events we've added some flour and cracked a few eggs. Over the next several months we'll start mixing it up, then add the heat of the summer to bake up a batch of tasty class battles later in the year. However, you won't be able to savor the victory until the awards banquet in December, which seems far away but will be here before you can say "Mom, are the cookies done yet?" Make mine chocolate chip.

MINI PRIX ANNOUNCEMENT



Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Spring 2009 Mini-Prix will make its inaugural visit to the brand-spankin'-new Central Florida Road Course on Sunday, April 5, 2009. The venue is located at 201 Parcel Lane, Orlando, FL. As for directions, from wherever you are starting, determine the easiest way to get to the intersection of Central Florida Parkway and 441/Orange Blossom Trail. Head east on Central Florida Parkway (pay attention, it bends around) until you get to Cosmonaut Blvd., then turn left (north) until you get to Parcel Lane and you're there!



FEBRUARY GALLERY



Julie Edstrom, Corvette



Heather
Peterson,
Kart



Ryan Frilen, Conquest



Gerardo Bonilla, Miata

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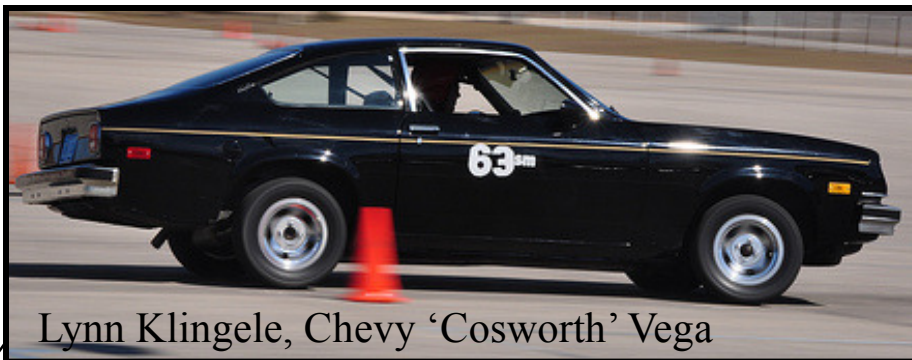
Craig Miller, 351 Cressida



Dat Nguyen, Miata



"Ladybug" Belvoir, MR2



Lynn Klingele, Chevy 'Cosworth' Vega

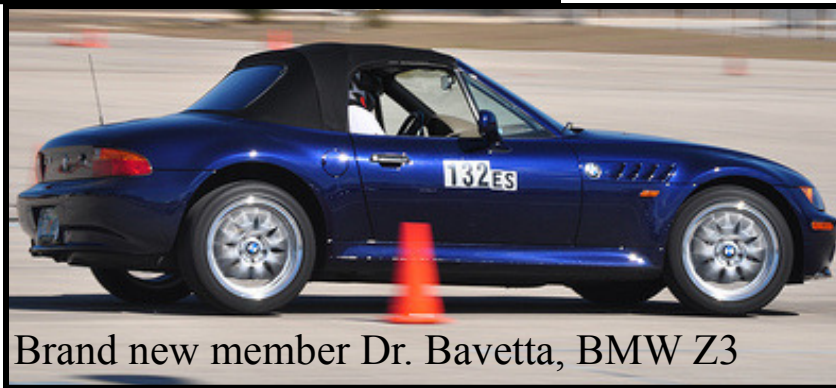
FEBRUARY GALLERY



Jay Besch, Funny Car



Benjamin Loving, who is loving his Mini Cooper



Brand new member Dr. Bavetta, BMW Z3



Travis Turner, BMW 325i

454 WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

And Now a Word or Two (or 454) From Our President...

This month I thought I would provide some information regarding tire pressures. This is the cheapest way to get better performance from your car because all it requires is a good tire pressure gauge and access to an air tank. I'm not an expert when it comes to this stuff, so I did some research and found this information on the Tire Rack website.

When racing on D.O.T. approved tires, air pressure is a major consideration in tuning the handling of your car, especially in cases where suspension adjustments are limited. The chart below shows some of the changes you can make to alter the balance of the car. Adjust pressure in 2 lb. increments.

Guide To High Performance Handling

Adjustments	Decrease Under-steer	Decrease Over-steer
Front Tire Pressure	Higher	Lower
Rear Tire Pressure	Lower	Higher
Front Wheel Camber	More Negative	More Positive
Rear Wheel Camber	More Positive	More Negative
Front Wheel Toe	Toward Toe-Out	Toward Toe-In
Rear Wheel Toe	Toward Toe-In	Toward Toe-Out
Front Wheel Caster	More Positive	More Negative
Front Springs	Soften	Stiffen
Rear Springs	Stiffen	Soften
Front Anti-sway Bar	Soften (Thinner)	Stiffen (Thicken)
Rear Anti-sway Bar	Stiffen (Thicker)	Soften (Thinner)

To get even tire wear when using D.O.T. tires you must be very careful not to use too low of a tire pressure. The [Hoosier Radials](#) can wear unevenly if under-inflated and seem to work best at much higher pressures, such as the mid 30s to as high as 50 psi. Under-inflation will cause a thin ring of wear at the very edge of the tread. The best results on the Hoosiers seem to come when they are properly inflated, on fairly wide wheels, and with a good amount of negative camber. Probably the biggest adjustment you can make to improve tire wear is the driver. Avoid sliding the tires, locking up the wheels under braking and drive as smooth as possible.

TIRE PRESSURES IN THE RAIN

For both autocross and road racing, increase tire pressures 6-10 psi from what you would normally run in dry conditions. Hydroplaning occurs when a wedge of water develops between the tire and road surface. This wedge can actually lift the tire off the road and eliminate traction. Increasing the pressure rounds the profile of the tire by decreasing the deflection of the tire. This results in a smaller [contact patch](#) - narrower and shorter. It also helps keep the grooves in the tread open so they can channel the water out from under the tire.

Don't forget—Tires should be reset to normal inflation pressures before returning to the street. Remember...Race Safe, Race Smart, but always **Have Fun**.

Sincerely,

Chris Wells
2009 MSCC President

THE RULES THAT GOVERN

Last month we talked about Tiger Points and how they are awarded. Our club President, Chris Wells, discussed Active Member points and how they are earned. If you have attended a meeting or event this year, you have qualified for Active Member and Tiger points. However, in order to count any points that have been earned so far this year, you must be "paid up". In order to be considered a Member in Good Standing, you have to pay your dues, literally. Membership dues are due by the March General meeting. If you pay your membership dues after the March General meeting (we will take your money all year long) only Active Member and Tiger points earned after your membership dues are collected will be awarded. That is why our Treasurer, Bling-Meister Belvoir, yells out "dues are due" at the January, February and March General meetings. It's not because he likes the way the phrase rolls off of his lips (though that is certainly part of it), it is because he is performing a public service to anyone who wants to earn a really cool Active Member shirt at the end of the year or compete for a Class Championship trophy. If you join after the March meeting, your Active Member and Tiger points will accrue beginning the month you join. You need to participate in at least 6 events in the same class to qualify for a Class Champion. That only leaves one possible dropped event if you join late... do you really want to risk it?

Of course, this only applies to returning Active Members who earned a minimum of 10 Active Member points the prior year. In order to become a new member you must obtain a punch card and accrue 6 punches (no physical contact is involved!). Each punch is equal to one Active Member point—each event or meeting attended is worth one punch. Once the punch card is complete you will then receive a membership application. New applicants will need to be sponsored by an experienced MSCC member from a previous season. There is a \$40 application fee and a \$40 membership fee. The renewal fee for returning Active Members is \$40.

Oh yeah—Dues are due!!!

SOMBER NEWS

*In Loving
Memory*



A Family Member has left us:

If you attended the February General meeting at Perkins you heard the announcement from Joey Maier regarding the medical condition of Bill West's wife—Lucretia. It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that I must relay to you that Lucretia lost her valiant battle with cancer.

Please keep Bill and his family in your prayers. This club truly is like a large, extended family. When a member of the family passes away, we all feel it.

TIGER POINTS

2009 Tiger Points

As of 2/9/2009				Prev
After 2 events, 0 drops		0 Drops	Total	Rank
1	Nguyen, Hien	85	85	1
2	Wells, Chris	84	84	2
3	Tabor, Terry	83	83	3
4	Belvoir, Robert	79	79	4
5	Wilson, Patrick	79	79	5
6	Schatte, Raddy	78	78	6
7	Cady, Justin	76	76	7
8	Giddens, John	75	75	8
9	Hosler, Don	75	75	9
10	Adams, Bill	74	74	10
11	Genduso, John	74	74	11
12	Schneider, Karel	73	73	12
13	Dana, Marc	72	72	13
14	Post, Rob	72	72	14
15	Turner, Ben	72	72	15
16	Peterson, Chuck	71	71	16
17	Thackway, Richard	70	70	17
18	Belvoir, Penny	67	67	18
19	Foschini, Bert	67	67	19
20	Ferratusco, Matt	66	66	20
21	Mueller, Jim	66	66	21
22	Tabor, Patsy	66	66	22
23	Christoeffl, Christian	65	65	23
24	Glazar, Terry	64	64	24
25	Speaks, Ryan	63	63	25
26	Foschini, Thomas	62	62	26
27	Miller, Craig	61	61	27
28	Pierce, Steve	61	61	28
29	Bavetta, Ludwig	60	60	29
30	Mertz, Erich	60	60	30
31	DeBower, Kim	58	58	31
32	Castillo, Pedro	57	57	32
33	Christoeffl, Walter	57	57	33
34	Murray, George	57	57	34
35	Giddens, Leland	54	54	35
36	Goodall, Mark	54	54	36
37	Maier, Joey	52	52	37
38	Zimmerman, Fred	52	52	38
39	Huls, Randall	51	51	39
40	McGill, John	51	51	40
41	Spence, Kevin	50	50	41
42	Connor, Richard	49	49	42
43	Gauldin, Mickey	49	49	43
44	Giddens, Dawn	49	49	44
45	LaFlamme, Glenn	48	48	45
46	Schneider, Travis	48	48	46
47	Vance, Melanie	47	47	47
48	Gray, Steve	46	46	48
49	Edstrom, Mikael	45	45	49
50	Stroud, Jason	45	45	50

r = rookie

MSCC BUSINESS INDEX

Automotive Services

Longwood Collision	930 Britt Ct., Ste. 100, Alt. Springs	321-972-8955
Maitland Tire Co.	233 N. Orlando Ave, Maitland	407-539-0800

Restaurants & Catering

Errol Estate Country 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
Majestic Nails	767 S. SR 434, Ste. 1010, Alt. Sprgs.	407-291-6764

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.ciaconi@yahoo.com

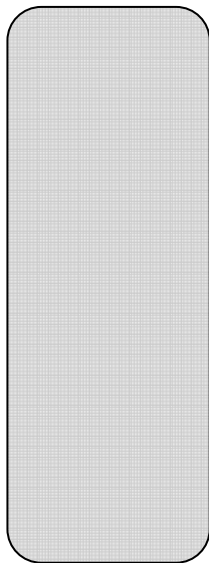
3. **2009 (not really) Kart and/or jetski Trailer.** It is 54" wide, 10'2" long, weighs about 180 lbs. & is a very manly or pretty (depending on your preference) shade of red. \$200 Contact Bert Foschini at bfoschini@yahoo.com

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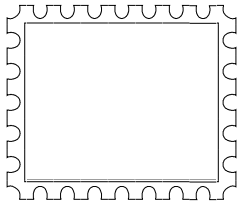
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5 Club Meeting	6	7
8 Tavares Event	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Board Meeting	27	28
29	30	31				

Coming events— Please see page 3 for more details!





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