

Pit Patter



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Xtra! Xtra! Read all about it. An innocent traffic cone was forced to bend over backward in order to avoid Kevin Spence and his rather attractive BMW M3 at the Spring Mini-Prix.

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TRANSMISSIONS

Event Schedule:

Sunday, May 10, 2009 (Moms race for free!)

Event # 5, Lake County Tech Center

Event Chair: Ben Turner, Travis Turner, Rick Woodley & Erich Mertz

Sunday, June 14, 2009

Event # 6, Lake County Tech Center

Event Chair: NONE—WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!



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Monthly Club Meeting

Thursday, May 7th, 2009

Errol Estates County Club
(not La Fiesta & not Perkins!)

1355 Errol Parkway
Apopka, FL 32712
407-886-5000
7:30PM

Located off of Highway 441 in Apopka, FL—where the Awards Banquet has been held for the past 2 years. Turn right at the 7-11 at Errol Parkway, go about 1 mile, the clubhouse is on the right. Check the website for more info.



May Autocross



Sunday, May 10th, 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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APRIL MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting 04/02/09

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM by el Presidente, **Chris Wells**.

Exactly one minute later, the March minutes were approved and carved on a stone tablet. Chris updated the members present on **Leland Giddens'** recent accident. He is cut, bruised and has a broken ankle but the STI is dead. Our best wishes for Leland's speedy recovery!!

Reports

Vice-President, Mikael Edstrom:

The first car left the line before 10:00. There were no issues in tech, no safety issues, no protests and no changes/suggestions for improvement for the next event.

Secretary, Mickey Gauldin:

I was working the day shift out of robbery when the phone rang. I had to calm the caller down but I finally got the facts, and nothing but the facts. Everyone had indeed signed the roster except for Claude Cooper, the kleptomaniac from Cleveland, who copped the clean copper clappers from the closet that was kept by Clara Clifford the cleaning lady.

Treasurer, Robert Belvoir:

It was another fun filled evening at Café Ole until the waiter brought a plate of month old refried beans. That was no waiter: It was Robert. The plate of refried beans was actually his accounting ledger (beta version of an abacus). As he fondled his castanets he muttered, "Estamos en el negro (We are in the black)." So were the beans!

Event Director, Patrick Wilson (impersonated by Mikael Edstrom):

There were 103 drivers and for inquisitive minds, read the Pit Patter.

George plastered everyone, again, with a 36.008 and **Hein** added more Tiger Points with a 37.732 on street tires!

Coming events:

MSCC Mini Prix (04/05/09).

SCCA (04/11 & 12) @ BCC.

SCCA (04/18) Brooksville.

Geneva (04/19).

Old Business

Spring Mini-Prix

The spring Mini-Prix will be held at the Central Florida Road Course.

Volunteers to help with Saturday set-up: **Kevin Abel, Patsy Tabor, Bill West, Fred & Candy Zimmerman, Steve Pierce and Rick Woodley.**

Waiver Volunteer for Sunday: **Julie Edstrom.**

Sunday parking attendants: **Anna Garrido and Rick Woodley.**

There will be roaming Tech: lift the hood until the Tech Inspector finishes.

There will be a minimum of 4 runs.

We will use SCCA run order because the course is too large to allow course workers to run in their work heat.

May Event

Event Hosts: **Ben & Travis Turner, Rick Woodley and Erich Mertz.**

General Meeting Location

The May General Meeting will be held at Errol Estates.

July Event

The date and day (Saturday or Sunday) has not been determined.

MSCC Autocross Training

No change since last month.

Blower Motor

No change since last month.

APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Annual Tech

Annual Tech Cards will be issued after the vehicle has been teched.
Stickers will be placed on the back of the card each year.
The event sticker will be issued at registration.
Each event sticker will be a different color.

Rule Changes/Rule Books

Some of the Club's long standing rules and procedures have not been documented and have not been strictly adhered to. Examples include: 1- Junior Drivers (unlicensed kart drivers) have never been allowed to work a course station that would subject them to vehicular traffic. We did begin allowing them to chalk the course in the morning and log times in the trailer but we still do not want them exposed to vehicle traffic; 2- Unlicensed, under age individuals (competitors or not) are not allowed as ride-along passengers during competition or fun runs; 3- No cars or karts will be allowed on the skid pad; and 4- No Pit Bikes. Since these have been established rules, they will be incorporated into the rule book without another vote of the membership.

Undie 500

Chris read a note from Fred and Candy Zimmerman that thanked the club for the support and donations.

50/50 Raffle

The raffle collected \$74, so the winner, Robert and/or **Penny Belvoir**, took home \$37.

Open Discussion

None.

New Business

Open Discussion

None.

Swap Time

Joey Maier offered St. Pete Grand Prix tickets for free! Whoops! By the time you read this, the event will be histoire! But fear not, **Bert Foschini** is still lurking in the shadows. Waiting to peek in your window, I mean help you sell, buy, borrow, loan, rent or trade your automotive stuff. Contact him at: bfoschini@yahoo.com

We voted in one (1) new member: **Roger Everett**. Bienvenue (that is French for welcome)!

It is, as it was!

Mickey Gauldin, Secretary

Anything I've ever done that ultimately was worthwhile, initially scared me to death.

- Betty Bender

In Attendance – The Belvoirs, Bonafede, Cady, Walter Christoeffl, DeBower, Edstrom, Everett, FooFoo, the Foschinis, the Gauldins, Hosler, Keller, the Knerrs, the Maiers, McGill, Mertz, Mueller, D. Nguyen, H. Nguyen, Pierce, Post, Schneider Jr. & Sr., Speaks, the Tabors, the Turners, Wells, West, Woodley and the Zimmermans.

Guests – Mark Gocken, David Beasley, Nichole Contenti, Tom McDonald, Salim Sanchez, Anna Garrido, William Collyer, Matt Lowe, Michael Pagan and Omar Serrano.

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Final Results, #4 - MSCC Mini-Prix – 04/05/2009
Total with Times: 101

Super Stock			Times				Total	Index
1T	35	Erich Mertz Cayman S	70.335	69.852	69.807	68.931	68.931	0.964
2	1135	Wendy Mertz Cayman S	OFF	69.071		68.996	68.996	0.965
3	786	Nadeem Ahmed BMW M3	71.374	71.618		69.855	69.855	0.977
A Stock			Times				Total	Index
1T	97	Bob Blucher Boxster S	67.188	66.349	OFF	66.664+1	66.349	0.928
2T	117	Bill Van Tassel Boxster S	70.928	70.059	68.592	71.570	68.592	0.959
3T	5	Jack Neely S2000	70.906	69.788	71.772	69.304	69.304	0.969
4	265	Kevin Spence BMW M3	74.136	72.355+1	71.900+1	70.901	70.901	0.992
5	13	Kevin Waterman S2000	75.202+1	73.493	OFF	72.125	72.125	1.009
6	7	David Beasley Jaguar XKR	75.353	76.131	74.003	72.067+1	74.003	1.035
7	523	Adam Perez S2000	77.044	OFF	75.095	OFF	75.095	1.050
8	187	Jim Stoddard Corvette	82.170+1	80.835	77.131	OFF	77.131	1.079
9	18	Andrew Painter S2000	94.192	87.510	OFF		87.510	1.224
B Stock			Times				Total	Index
1T	3	Mohammed Islam Nissan 350z	83.142	79.751	81.253	77.738	77.738	1.087
C Stock			Times				Total	Index
1T	121	Patsy Tabor Mazda Miata	74.224	73.010	72.553	OFF	72.553	1.015
2	911	Debra Knerr Miata MX5	77.789	76.374	75.494	76.040	75.494	1.056
D Stock			Times				Total	Index
1T	127	Mark Gocken BMW 328i	78.442	76.446	73.493	73.204	73.204	1.024
2T	165	Richard Thackway BMW 323ci	75.969	76.057	75.149	74.687	74.687	1.045
3	202	Latch Hristov BMW 323is	76.630	75.417	75.330+1	75.199+1	75.417	1.055
4	173	Roger Everett Cobalt SS	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	1.024
F Stock			Times				Total	Index
1T	411	Edward Knerr Camaro Z28	OFF	75.691	OFF	74.851+1	75.691	1.059
G Stock			Times				Total	Index
1T	115	Raddy Schatte Clubman S	75.053	73.127	71.433	71.001	71.001	0.993
2	000	Christian Christoeffl GTI	73.409	75.157	72.856	74.057+1	72.856	1.019
3	101	Walter Christoeffl VW GTI	76.771	73.900	74.172	73.033+1	73.900	1.034
4	80	Bruce Abbott Cobalt SS	79.555	75.107	76.927+1	74.483	74.483	1.042
H Stock			Times				Total	Index
1T	300	Travis Turner Mini Cooper	74.181	73.611	72.486	71.777	71.777	1.004
2T	17	Bradley Collins Tiburon	74.616	OFF	72.227	71.903	71.903	1.006
3	351	Craig Miller Cressida	78.945	76.628	77.157	75.795	75.795	1.060
4	113	Ben Turner Mini Cooper	OFF	OFF	75.930	75.975	75.930	1.062
5	930	Joey Maier Geo Storm	89.999	81.002	78.158	79.698	78.158	1.093
A Street Prepared			Times				Total	Index
1T	71	Don Hosler Corvette	65.954+3	66.856	OFF	64.232	64.232	0.898
2	767	John Giddens Mazda Rx-7	66.369+1	65.858	64.416+1	64.637	64.637	0.904
3	15	Rick Woodley Corvette Z06	OFF	68.134	67.038	OFF	67.038	0.938

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B Street Prepared			Times				Total	Index		
1T	33	John Ward	S2000	65.186	64.548+1	63.439	OFF	63.439	0.887	
2T	24	Bill Collyer	Evo	65.657	64.233	64.160	63.194+1	64.160	0.897	
3	9	Ryan Speaks	WRX STi	65.335	65.025	64.991	64.724	64.724	0.905	
4	66	Mickey Gaudin	MiataSpeed	65.633	65.852+1	OFF	65.825	65.633	0.918	
5	5	Scott Anderson	Miataspeed	80.937	77.678	75.694	74.573	74.573	1.043	
6	61	Bill West	BMW 335i	180.957	162.025	144.744	119.098	119.098	1.666	
C Street Prepared			Times				Total	Index		
1T	41	Elliott Harvey	Datsun 2000	65.243	63.810	67.665+1	62.745	62.745	0.878	
2T	2	Travis Schneider	Miata Gay Car		72.501		65.115	65.115	0.911	
3T	5	Karel Schneider	Mazda Miata	70.401			65.626	68.037	65.626	0.918
4T	13	Chris Wells	Mazda Miata	66.232	67.146	67.146	65.964	65.964	0.923	
5	47	Patrick Wilson	Mazda Miata	67.500	77.000	73.000	67.654	67.500	0.944	
6	21	Jason Stroud	Mazda Miata	69.359	68.483	67.733	67.838+1	67.733	0.947	
7	49	Glen LaFlamme	Mazda Miata	70.168	69.603	69.479+2	68.689	68.689	0.961	
8	88	Rick Blair	Toyota MR2			72.570	70.122	70.122	0.981	
9	410	Tom McDonald	Mazda Miata	OFF		74.097	71.251	71.251	0.997	
10	8	Kevin Abel	Mazda Miata	75.024	73.003	73.321	72.286	72.286	1.011	
D Street Prepared			Times				Total	Index		
1T	183	Justin Cady	Audi A4	OFF	68.865	68.225	68.738+1	68.225	0.954	
2	1	John David	Cooper S	OFF	70.430	OFF	69.461	69.461	0.972	
3	11	Greg Waibel	VW Jetta	78.706	74.694	74.503		74.503	1.042	
E Street Prepared			Times				Total	Index		
1T	200	Bill Adams	Mustang GT	76.751+2	73.875	73.153	73.157	73.153	1.023	
2	247	Sean Day	'Stang Cobra	77.802	75.200+1	75.723	73.477	73.477	1.028	
3	45	Blake Argenziano	Mustang	76.155+2	OFF	74.104+1	OFF	77.104	1.079	
C Prepared			Times				Total	Index		
1T	62	Jeff McElyea	Trans Am	OFF	67.390	65.950	OFF	65.950	0.923	
2T	69	Jim Mueller	Camaro	OFF	OFF	69.380	67.459	67.459	0.944	
3	87	Joe Stoddard	Corvette	72.222	69.259	68.313	67.816	67.816	0.949	
4	871	Michael Jones	Corvette	71.568	71.449	71.012		71.012	0.993	
5	137	Gary Walls	Ford Cobra	OFF	76.303	73.109	73.529	73.109	1.023	
D Prepared			Times				Total	Index		
1T	79	Robert Belvoir	Toyota MR2	66.180	64.216	62.920+1	62.321	62.321	0.872	
2T	87	Louis Murphy	Honda Civic	68.257+1	74.372	66.500+1	65.907	65.907	0.922	
3	561	Pedro Castillo	VW Rabbit	66.724	72.840	73.336	72.561	66.724	0.933	
4	19	Penny Belvoir	Toyota MR2	OFF	OFF	68.473	69.018	68.473	0.958	
5	420	Joel Castillo	VW Rabbit	76.393				76.393	1.069	
6	56	Richard Connor	VW Rabbit	81.186	81.564	80.458	79.705	79.705	1.115	
F Prepared			Times				Total	Index		
1T	63	Marc Dana	Mazda Rx-7	64.978+2	64.693	64.442	64.978+2	64.442	0.901	
2	163	Kim Ellis	Mazda Rx-7	OFF	76.914	73.774+1	73.775+1	76.774	1.074	
E Modified			Times				Total	Index		
1T	14	Bill Harvey	Datsun 2000	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	-	
F Modified			Times				Total	Index		
1T	6	Carl Metz	Lynx B Solo V	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ	DSQ	-	

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Street Touring				Times			Total	Index	
1T	249	Jeremy Allers	Corolla	76.876	76.642	75.103	75.384+1	75.103	1.051
2	134	John Impens	Acura Integra	OFF	76.081	75.978	75.560+1	75.978	1.063
3	111	Billy Ono	Toyota Yaris	OFF	80.823	80.898+2		80.823	1.131
Street Touring X				Times			Total	Index	
1T	17	Bryce Merideth	BMW 328is	65.801+1	66.104	66.388	65.950+1	66.104	0.925
2	41	Terry Glazar	Cooper S	71.884	69.859	69.177+1	69.763	69.763	0.976
3	11	William Kuykendall	Mustang GT	OFF	72.066	71.614		71.614	1.002
4	111	Jay Frizzell	Mustang GT	75.368+1	78.666	OFF		78.368	1.096
Street Touring U				Times			Total	Index	
1T	67	Chi Ho	S2000	75.470+1	73.723+1	OFF	71.210	71.210	0.996
Street Modified				Times			Total	Index	
1T	99	George Bonafede	Evo	64.545	62.292	61.846	61.581	61.581	0.861
2	8068	Randall Huls	Camaro SS	74.784	72.107	73.436	73.776	72.107	1.009
3	111	Rashaun Bush	Caliber	OFF	OFF	80.848	77.686	77.686	1.087
4	11	Danai Vira	Evo	OFF	OFF	83.123	78.942	78.942	1.104
Super Street Modified				Times			Total	Index	
1T	1	Mikael Edstrom	Corvette	72.188	62.941	62.335+1	OFF	62.941	0.880
2T	4	Matt Ferratusco	SL Vette	65.379	65.583	63.680	62.541+1	63.680	0.891
3	11	Julie Edstrom	Corvette	79.107	74.788	73.662+1	71.392	71.392	0.999
4	89	Salim Sanchez	Mazda Miata	76.142	74.115	72.598	73.292	72.598	1.015
5	52	Tyler Muench	S2000	75.243	74.354	73.756+1	74.125+1	74.354	1.040
Street Mod Street Tire				Times			Total	Index	
1T	11	Hien Nguyen	Evo	66.939	65.820	66.546+1	65.370	65.370	0.914
2T	38	Anthony Ford	Nissan GTR		67.593	66.736		66.736	0.933
3T	67	Harry Corbin	Subaru STI	67.533	71.241	67.665+1	75.858	67.533	0.945
4T	54	Steve Pierce	BMW M3	69.876	OFF	69.011	68.240	68.240	0.955
5T	6	Mark Goodall	Corvette TT	71.100	68.840	71.048		68.840	0.963
6	173	Bill Gallagher	S2000	72.303+1		70.924	69.110	69.110	0.967
7	1337	Matthew Lowe	Nissan 350z	70.233	70.414	69.644+1		70.233	0.982
8	777	Oliver Yao	Evo	75.765		71.338	71.282	71.282	0.997
9	77	Kevin King	Forester XT	71.728	71.590	71.423		71.423	0.999
10	256	Patrick Bee	Evo	72.835	71.447	71.636		71.447	0.999
11	14	Fred Zimmerman	Cooper S	72.707		72.467		72.467	1.014
12	114	Candy Zimmerman	Cooper S	88.605	82.293	OFF		82.293	1.151
F125 Shifter Kart				Times			Total	Index	
1T	9	Bert Foschini	Vanspeed Kart	68.919	66.877	73.752	68.307+1	66.877	0.935
Junior Kart A (FJA)				Times			Total	Index	
1T	9	Thomas Foschini	Vanspeed Kart	75.386	78.093+1	70.894	67.989	67.989	0.951
Junior Kart B (FJB)				Times			Total	Index	
1T	7	Ryan Collyer	Birell Ar28	80.137	76.038	84.953	81.824	76.038	1.064

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Top 20 - MSCC Mini-Prix – 04/05/2009
Timed Entries: 101

Pos.	Class	#	Driver	Car Model	Time	Index
1	SM	99	George Bonafede	Evo	61.581	0.861
2	DP	79	Robert Belvoir	Toyota MR2	62.321	0.872
3	CSP	41	Elliott Harvey	Datsun 2000	62.745	0.878
4	SSM	1	Mikael Edstrom	Chevrolet Corvette	62.941	0.880
5	BSP	33	John Ward	Honda S2000	63.439	0.887
6	SSM	4	Matt Ferratusco	Stupid Loud Vette	63.680	0.891
7	BSP	24	Bill Collyer	Mitsubishi Evo	64.160	0.897
8	ASP	71	Don Hosler	Chevy Corvette	64.232	0.898
9	FP	63	Marc Dana	Mazda Rx-7	64.442	0.901
10	ASP	767	John Giddens	Mazda Rx-7	64.637	0.904
11	BSP	9	Ryan Speaks	Subaru WRX STi	64.724	0.905
12	CSP	2	Travis Schneider	Miata Gay Car	65.115	0.911
13	SMST	11	Hien Nguyen	Mitsubishi Evo	65.370	0.914
14	CSP	5	Karel Schneider	Mazda Miata	65.626	0.918
15	BSP	66	Mickey Gauldin	Mazda MiataSpeed	65.633	0.918
16	DP	87	Louis Murphy	Honda Civic	65.907	0.922
17	CP	62	Jeff McElyea	Pontiac Trans Am	65.950	0.923
18	CSP	13	Chris Wells	Mazda Miata	65.964	0.923
19	STX	17	Bryce Merideth	BMW 328is	66.104	0.925
20	AS	97	Robert Blucher	Porsche Boxster S	66.349	0.928



May Birthdays!!



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| * Penny Belvoir | * George Bonafede |
| * Justin Cady | * Matt Ferratusco |
| * Raddy Schatte | * Chris Wells |
| * Kim Wells | * Yogi Berra |
| * Mel Blanc | * George Carlin |
| * Ann B. Davis | * Clint Eastwood |
| * Megan Fox | * Sigmund Freud |
| * Robert Hensel | * Engelbert Humperdinck |
| * Harvey Keitel | * Niccolo Machiavelli |
| * Sugar Ray Robinson | * The Rock |
| * Jim Thorpe | * John Wayne |

APRIL RACE REPORT

By Bert "Hammer" Foschini

The inaugural running of the Spring Mini-Prix at Central Florida Road Course was an exercise in patience and adaptation. The name "CFRC" is misleading. While it is certainly in Central Florida, it is the "road course" part that is debatable. To call this a road course is akin to calling Matt Ferratusco a world famous driver who is a mountain of a man with a thick mane of flowing hair. In other words, it has potential, but also has quite a ways to go. Just like steroids, Rogaine and luck could let Matt match the description above, more asphalt – with much better quality – less light poles, less tire walls, less concrete barriers and better access could allow CFRC to become a true road course. It's just not there yet. Even with having to change the course several times before the event, and several more times during; even with the computer issues, even with the mishaps and the unseasonably hot weather, the event was unofficially deemed a success, with a side of whacky.

This month we had 8 drivers who raced with no competition, although Carl Metz committed the cardinal sin of making his runs, and then leaving without completing his course work. Therefore, Carl was disqualified, his runs did not count and he could be banned from future events. So, we officially had 7 single-car classes, starting with Mohammed Islam (really?) in, fittingly, BS. Ed Knerr ran in FS, Bill Harvey ran in EM, although he was not credited with an official time because all of his runs were off course (I told you it was a wacky event), and Chi Ho ran in STU. The last 3 were single kart classes, which included me, Thomas Foschini and Ryan Collyer. Not that anyone was keeping score, but in our first head-to-head contest, I beat Thomas like a drum! (We'll not mention the fact that I have been driving more than twice as long as he has been alive.) Interestingly, we only had 2 2-car classes, involving 3 women and a lady killer (sounds like an Alfred Hitchcock movie). In CS Patsy Tabor won the chick racer battle against Debra Knerr, and in FP Marc Dana edged Kim Ellis by 12.3 seconds.

SS witnessed one of the closest battles of the day, and some revenge, as Erich Mertz earned a narrow victory over his daughter, Wendy. A Stock was unusually large and had a few names that are typically seen in other classes. Kevin Spence finished 4th, while Jack Neely claimed the final podium spot in 3rd. Bob Blucher and Bill Van Tassel went at it Porsche Boxster style, but it wasn't even close as Bob took the class win by over 2 seconds. In DS Mark Gocken (it's pronounced like "Go, Ken, get Barbie a new pink Corvette") won the BMW 3 Series battle by almost 1.5 seconds, with Richard Thackway 2nd and Latch Hristov 3rd. In GS Raddy Schatte used a Club, man, to beat the rest of the class by over 1.7 seconds, with Christian Christoeffl 2nd and Walter Christoeffl 3rd. And in HS Travis Turner took his father, and the rest of the class, to school, beating defending class champion Bradley Collins, with Craig Miller 3rd. And father Ben (not to be confused with Uncle Ben) – he was more than 4 seconds slower than Travis. Did I not say this event was wacky?

John Giddens found himself in the middle of a Z06 sandwich. And yes, it was as bad as it sounds. Anyway, Don Hosler was able to stay off of his cell phone long enough to take the class victory, with John Giddens 2nd and Rick Woodley 3rd. BSP had some nice variety as John Ward took the win in his S2000, with Bill Collyer 2nd in an Evo, Ryan Speaks 3rd in an STi and Mickey Gauldin 4th in a Mazdaspeed Miata. In DSP Justin Cady took the win over John David, while in ESP Bill Adams won the Mustang battle over Sean Day. But, as usual, all of the action was camped in CSP. Elliott Harvey joined the fray and simply dominated in a Datsun (that's what Nissan's used to be called, kids), taking the class win by over 2 seconds and finishing with the 3rd fastest time of the day. That left the rest of the usual suspects chasing 2nd place. Patrick Wilson was coming off of 2 straight class wins, but could only muster a 5th place finish, more than 1.5 seconds behind 4th place finisher Chris Wells. Chris is the defending class and Tiger

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champion, but 2009 has been rough as Chris started the year with a win, then finished 2nd and then 3rd before this month's 4th place finish. At this rate he'll finish 11th in November. Travis Schneider, meanwhile, started the year with cone trouble that landed him an 8th place finish, followed by a 4th place finish and a 2nd place finish. This month Travis won the "except for Elliott Harvey" contest and finished 2nd, over a half second better than his old man, Karel Schneider, who finished 2nd, 3rd and 4th in the first 3 races this year. It's pretty clear that these guys are going to be beating up on each other all year long. Sounds like fun – to watch.

In CP Jeff McElyea returned just in time to take the class win by over 1.5 seconds ahead of 2nd place finisher Jim Mueller. Joe Stoddard returned from a tough house-sitting gig in Las Vegas (the poor lad) and finished 3rd, less than 0.4 seconds back. Meanwhile, the King of Bling (aka Robert Belvoir) was happy enough to sing when he saw he would be competing in a 6-car class. That would explain why he was jumping around giggling, "I'm rich, I'm rich!" While Robert may not be a thousandaire, he certainly scored a healthy amount of points by taking the class win by a margin of over 3.5 seconds. Louis Murphy finished 2nd, Pedro Castillo was 3rd and Penny Belvoir finished 4th. In ST it was the Toyota Corolla of Jeremy Allers that overpowered the Acura Integra of John Impens (you don't hear that every day), with the Toyota Yaris (see, you can race anything!) of Billy Ono 3rd. In STX nationally known driver Bryce Merideth piloted his sweet-sounding Beemer to an easy 3.6 second victory over Terry Glazar, while William Kuykendall finished 3rd.

If you will recall, last month I commented that George Bonafede's yellow Evo, the Atomic Banana II, was in danger of being dubbed the Atomic Lemon. Apparently my crystal balls were right on target as George experienced some car trouble and ended up co-driving Bill Collyer's Evo. Different car, same result as George won the SM class by a cartoonish 10.5 seconds (did I mention this was a wacky event?) over Randall Huls, with Rashaun Bush 3rd in a rather graphic Dodge Caliber. Meanwhile, in SSM, Mikael Edstrom allowed Matt Ferratusco to co-drive his car, which used to mean an automatic loss for the kind host. Lately, however, that has not been the case as Matt has been spending more time on his career as a stunt driver and child star stand-in than as a lowly autocrosser. Still, baldness notwithstanding, the shrimp can drive, but then again, so can Mikael. They both had cone trouble and both had very fast raw time runs, but in the end Mikael was the victor, after which he performed his traditional Swedish victory dance, which looks a lot like a guy with 5 kids trying to round them all up before losing his mind. Matt took 2nd and Julie Edstrom (she is the brains and beauty of the Edstrom family) took 3rd.

In keeping with recent tradition, the largest class of the day was SMST, the lone holdover from MSCC's previous car classification rules. So far this year, this class has been the playground of Hien Nguyen, giving him the early Tiger points lead. But at the Mini Prix, where the speeds are higher and drivers who usually do not run with us join in, things can change. Yeah, right. Hien led from his first run and never looked back, turning an extremely impressive time of 65.370, on street tires, taking the class win by over 1.3 seconds, as well as another boat load of points. Anthony Ford, in his beautiful GTR, managed a 2nd place finish and Harry Corbin took 3rd. Steve Pierce managed a 4th place finish and Mark Goodall slipped and slid his way to the 5th and final trophy spot. And talk about diversity, this class boasted several Evos, a GTR, an STi, an M3, a Corvette (twin turbo, no less), an S2000, a 350Z, a Forester (the car, not the park ranger) and a Mini.

So, with the Spring Mini-Prix behind us, its time to look forward to the heat of summer and the heating up of the various class battles. Will anyone rise up and take control of CSP? Can anyone keep up with Hien Nguyen? Will George be able to race the same car for more than 2 months in a row? Only time will tell, though my crystal balls sometimes give me a little sneak peek. It's wacky I tell ya.

SPRING MINI PRIX GALLERY



Wendy Mertz, Porsche Cayman S



William Kuykendall, Mustang GT



Jeff McElyea, Trans Am



Blake Argenziano, Mustang

WORK DUTIES—A REMINDER

Work Duties during Competition Runs

Trailer Positions:

Computer Data Entry - for trained personnel only. Responsible for inputting a driver's number and class to ensure times are entered correctly. Responsible for inputting any cone penalty or off course calls radioed from a station worker, as well as acknowledging receipt of the call from the station worker. If there is a problem with the computer or timing software, this person is responsible for notifying the starter to hold the start until the problem is corrected.

Manual Times Entry - Responsible for accurately writing down the car number, the car class, run time, and any cone or off course penalties. This position is vitally important as it is the backup in case of computer issues. If there is a problem with keeping track of the manual times, this person is responsible for notifying the starter to hold the start until the problem is corrected.

Announcer - Announces driver name and time once the driver has finished his/her run, in addition to any cone or off course penalties. Serves as an extra set of eyes if a cone is down and can use the PA system to call "Red Flag" if an unsafe condition is observed on course or if the start needs to be held for any reason.

Station Worker: (Minimum of 2 per station)

Responsible for accurately writing down, on the clipboard provided, car number and class, along with any cone penalty or off course call that occurs at the station they are working. In addition, the cone penalty or off course call must be radioed to the timing trailer. If the trailer does not acknowledge the call, it must be repeated. A different station worker must be holding the red flag, unfurled and ready to waive, if a "Red Flag" call is heard, or if a dangerous or potentially dangerous situation is observed on course. The red flag is not to be waived if a cone is down. All station workers must hustle when picking up cones that have been knocked down or pushed out of the box. Look behind the car for cones, and be aware of other vehicles out on course at all times. If a cone is still in the box it is not a penalty, but must be re-set to the center of the chalked box.

Starter

This must be an experienced person. Responsible for radioing to the timing trailer the car number and the car class of the vehicle at the starting line. Responsible for making sure the course is "green" and clear of station workers prior to waiving the green flag to send the vehicle onto the course. Responsible for starting vehicles at the appropriate safe point, which is pre-determined (and adjusted) by the executive board. If a driver does not have his/her seatbelt fastened and helmet on and secured, the starter can not allow the car on course.

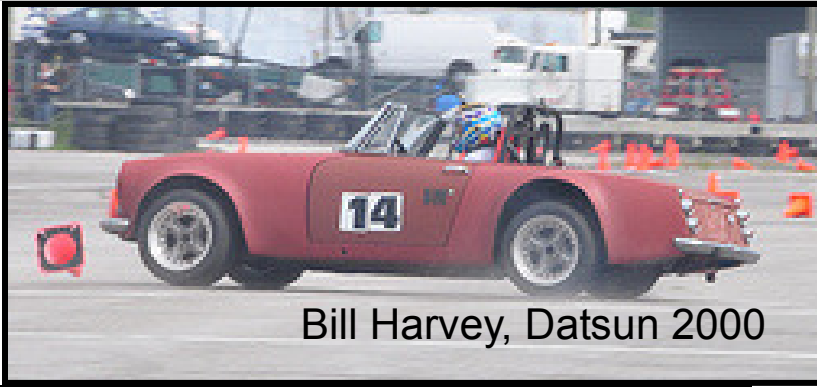
Staging

Responsible for sending vehicles to the start line when it is safe to do so. Responsible for making sure that the vehicles in the "Course Worker and Multi-driver" lane are sent at a rate of at least 2 course worker or multi-driver vehicles to every one car in the regular line. Vehicles sent to the start line must be prepared to race, including seat belt fastened and helmet on and secured.

Event Hosts

During competition runs - responsible for filling in any vacant course worker position or any other duties the events director assigns.

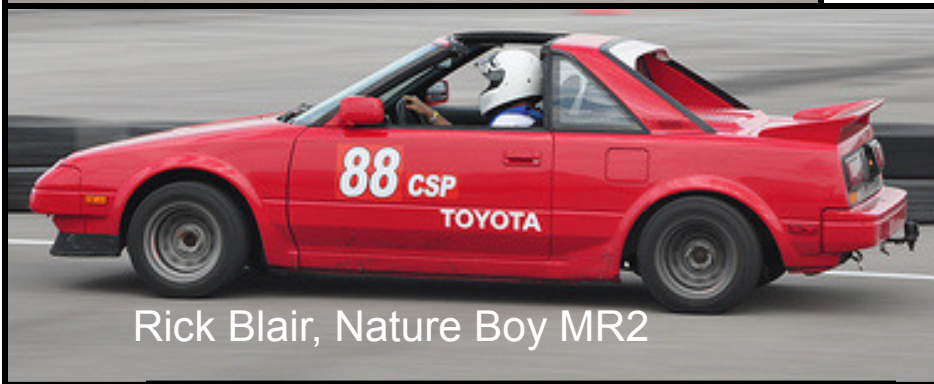
SPRING MINI PRIX GALLERY



Bill Harvey, Datsun 2000



Kevin King, Forester



Rick Blair, Nature Boy MR2

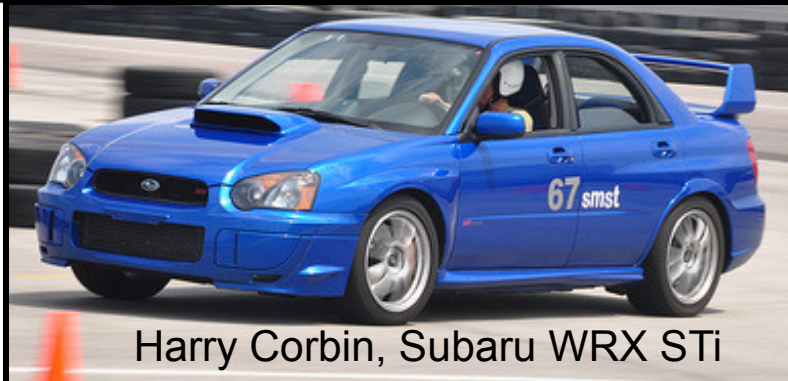


Bryce Merideth, BMW 328is

SPRING MINI PRIX GALLERY



Rashaun Bush, Dodge Caliber



Harry Corbin, Subaru WRX STi



Joe Stoddard, C4 Corvette



Patsy
Tabor,
Killer Bee
Miata

PRESIDENTIAL WORDS OF WONDER

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

The members of Martin Sports Car Club are the BEST !!! I consider you all a part of my extended family. The professionalism and patience shown by all of you at our Spring Mini-Prix is greatly appreciated. We had the opportunity to try a new race venue, The Central Florida Road Course. As with any new adventure there are always challenges to overcome (this event may hold the record). Thankfully, the executive board and several volunteers set up most of the course the night before.

While finalizing the course layout (in the light of day) the morning of the event, a couple of potential safety concerns were discovered. With safety our #1 priority, I reviewed the situations, which required us to make a few adjustments to a few of the tire barriers and the first segment of the course. Unfortunately, this delayed the start of the competition runs by about an hour.

As if we were not far enough behind schedule, a couple more issues occurred during the competition runs that delayed the event even further. This included a couple of course adjustments that were required due to the pavement breaking apart. You could say we were tearing up the track!!! I realize that course design changes mid-way through an event is not fair for Top Time of Day competitors, but, again, safety had to win this battle.

All in all, I believe everyone had a good time. And, we got to try a new race site, one that is fairly local to all of us. The verdict is still out as to whether we'll return for another Mini-Prix and I would love to hear comments from you guys. There are also some issues that will need to be resolved by the people who own the site as well.

There are several people that I owe a huge "thank you" to that helped out so much throughout the day. The combined racing experience of Matt Ferratusco, Marc Dana & Bob Blucher is a benefit to all of us. There are so many members that helped with all of the shifting of tire barriers and cones that I can't remember all of you, but you know who you are and your help is also appreciated. And, of course, I have to thank the other board members that stepped up to additional roles to make sure we made this event successful. . . Thank you guys !!!

Remember...Race Safe, Race Smart, but always Have Fun.

Sincerely,

Chris Wells
2009 MSCC President



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TIGER POINTS

2009 Tiger Points

As of April 6, 2009				Prev
After 4 events, 1 drops		1 Drop	Total	Rank
1	Nguyen, Hien	135	175	1
2	Wilson, Patrick	124	151	2
3	Tabor, Terry	122	122	3
4	Edstrom, Mikael	121	121	33
5	Belvoir, Robert	120	156	6
6	Bonafede, George	120	120	32
7	Wells, Chris	118	148	4
8	Schatte, Raddy	117	155	5
9	Cady, Justin	115	153	7
10	Giddens, John	115	147	8
11	Hosler, Don	113	142	13
12	Adams, Bill	112	145	11
13	Collins, Brad	112	112	35
14	Peterson, Chuck	110	110	9
15	Thackway, Richard - r	109	141	10
16	Schneider, Travis	108	126	28
17	Ford, Anthony	108	108	42
18	Schneider, Karel	107	137	14
19	Speaks, Ryan	107	132	15
20	Turner, Ben	105	130	12
21	Mueller, Jim	104	131	20
22	Tabor, Patsy	102	130	22
23	Ferratusco, Matt	100	100	44
24	Christoeff, Christian	99	131	16
25	Glazar, Terry	99	131	17
26	Foschini, Bert	98	128	19
27	Mertz, Erich	98	98	47
28	Belvoir, Penny	97	123	18
29	DeBower, Kim	94	94	21
30	Foschini, Thomas	93	124	23
31	Christoeff, Walter	93	117	25
32	Pierce, Steve	91	118	27
33	Bavetta, Ludwig	91	91	24
34	Miller, Craig	90	118	26
35	Abbott, Bruce	89	89	45
36	Spence, Kevin	88	112	29
37	Castillo, Pedro	87	87	48
38	Gauldin, Mickey	86	108	30
39	Huls, Randall	86	108	38
40	Goodall, Mark	84	108	34
41	Zimmerman, Fred	82	91	31
42	Giddens, Leland	78	78	36
43	Maier, Joey	76	98	37
44	Genduso, John	74	74	39
45	Giddens, Dawn	74	74	40
46	McElyea, Jeff	74	74	62
47	Corbin, Harry	73	73	58
48	Post, Rob	72	72	41
49	Woodley, Rick	72	72	56
50	Blucher, Robert	71	71	69

r = rookie

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Pink Pig	Jim Gathings	386-734-4237

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

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Grassroots Motorsports Magazine	David Wallens www.grassrootsmotorsports.com	888-676-9747
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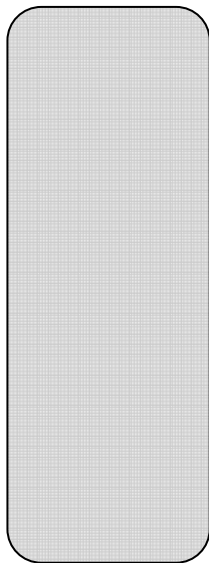
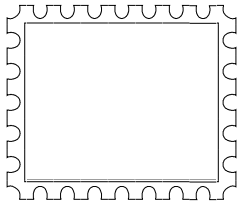
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3. **2005 Mini Cooper S.** Dark Silver with Black roof. 32,000 miles. The car is parked under cover during the week and inside a cozy garage at night. It has a 16% reduction pulley, but is otherwise stock. \$18,000, which includes an extra set of Rota wheels. Contact Bert Foschini at bfoschini@yahoo.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7 Club Meeting	8	9
10 Tavares Event	11	12	13	14	15	16
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Coming events— Please see page 3 for more details!

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