

# Pit Patter



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When Travis Schneider put the number 2 on his car, it was straight up and down. But he was moving so fast at the May event, the number was holding on for dear life. The rest of CSP knows just how that feels.

Photography by Ryan Speaks

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# TRANSMISSIONS

## Event Schedule:

### **Sunday, June 14, 2009**

Event # 6, Lake County Tech Center

*Event Chair: Bob Blucher, George Bonafede, Walter Christoeffl, Harry Corbin,  
Hien Nguyne*

### **Saturday, July 11, 2009**

Event # 7, Lake County Tech Center

*Event Chair: Terry & Patsy Tabor*

### **Sunday, August 9, 2009**

Event # 8, Lake County Tech Center

*Event Chair: Volunteers needed*



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Orlando, Florida

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## Monthly Club Meeting

**Thursday, June 4th, 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.



## June Autocross



**Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 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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# MAY MEETING MINUTES

## General Meeting 05/07/09

The meeting was called to order at 7:50 PM by our president, Chris Wells.

A motion was quickly made and passed to approve the April General Meeting Minutes.

### Reports

#### **Vice-President, Mikael Edstrom:**

Spring Mini-Prix – We started late (10:40) because we had to redesign the start to reduce the speed into the first left hand turn. The late start also resulted in a late finish. There were no protests but there were two stops during the event to redesign around changing track conditions. We had wireless timing issues and problems with manually recording lap times.

#### **Secretary, Mickey Gauldin:**

Once again the lengthy presentation was abbreviated to: "Has everyone signed the roster?"

#### **Treasurer, Robert Belvoir:**

Heir Bling Meister went through the list of monthly debits and credits. When the bottom line was struck, we were still in the black.

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

June Event Hosts: **George Bonafede, Bob Blucher, Hien Nguyen, Walter Christoeffl and Harry Corbin.**

July Event Hosts: **Karel Schneider, Patsy and Terry Tabor.**

### Old Business

#### **Spring Mini-Prix wrap-up**

See VP report above.

#### **General Meeting Location**

The June General Meeting has not been determined.

#### **MSCC Autocross Training**

No change since last month.

#### **Blower Motor**

The blower should be operational by the Sunday event.

#### **Annual Tech**

Annual Tech forms were distributed.

Annual Tech can be performed at any event, if time permits.

#### **Auto-Cross School**

No change since the last meeting.

#### **Historical Plaque**

No change since the last meeting.

#### **50/50 Raffle**

The raffle collected a whopping \$11. The winner, **Bill Collyer**, won the \$6 pot (after having contributed \$10 of the \$11). Such a deal!

#### **Open Discussion**

None.

# MAY MEETING MINUTES

## New Business

### **Auto-Cross Forum Moderator**

**Ryan Speaks** will be one of the Forum moderators. Congratulations!

### **Members Only Event**

If the Porsche Club approves, we may have a Members Only Event at Sebring the last weekend in May. A Blast will make the official announcement, if the event comes to pass.

### **Open Discussion**

None.

## Swap Time

Want to sell, buy, borrow, loan, rent or trade your automotive stuff. Contact **Bert Foschini** at: [bfoschini@yahoo.com](mailto:bfoschini@yahoo.com)

We voted in two (2) new members: Bill and **Ryan Collyer**. Welcome!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

It is, as it was!

Mickey Gauldin, Secretary

**A point of view can be a dangerous luxury when substituted for insight and understanding.**  
- Marshall McLuhan

**In Attendance** – The Belvoirs, Blucher, Bonafede, Bonilla, Cady, Walter Christoeffl, the Collyers, Corbin, DeBower, Edstrom, FooFoo, the Foschins, Gauldin, The Giddens family, the Glazars, Hosler, Keller, the Maiers, Mertz, Hien Nguyen, Post, Schneider Jr. & Sr., Speaks, Stroud, the Tabors, the Turners, Vance, the Wells, West, Wilson, Woodley and the Zimmermans.

**Guests** – John and Susan Adams, Josh Coffin, Salim Sanchez, Omar Serrano, Jovani Matas, Pete Pagan, Matt Lowe.



Tom McDonald, Miata

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**Final Results - May 2009 - Sun 05-10-2009**  
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| Super Stock       |      |                       |             | Times    |          |          |          | Total  | Index |
|-------------------|------|-----------------------|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|-------|
| 1                 | 35   | Erich Mertz           | Cayman S    | 46.605+1 | 45.600   | 45.535+1 | 45.252   | 45.252 | 0.925 |
| 2                 | 1135 | Wendy Mertz           | Cayman S    | 46.406   | 46.412   | 46.265   | 45.626   | 45.626 | 0.933 |
| 3                 | 77   | Ryan Acosta           | Corvette    | 51.471   | 49.603   | 49.917+1 | 49.984   | 49.603 | 1.012 |
| A Stock           |      |                       |             | Times    |          |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                 | 97   | Bob Blucher           | Boxster S   | 44.374   | 44.235   | 44.855   | 44.639   | 44.235 | 0.904 |
| 2                 | 67   | Harry Corbin          | Boxster S   | 47.819   | 46.648   | 45.639   | 45.688   | 45.639 | 0.933 |
| 3                 | 42   | Brad Gooch            | Subaru STi  | 48.569   | 47.718   | 48.233   | 46.573   | 46.573 | 0.952 |
| 4                 | 265  | Kevin Spence          | BMW M3      | 48.699   | 47.611   | 47.029   | 47.529   | 47.029 | 0.962 |
| B Stock           |      |                       |             | Times    |          |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                 | 1111 | Josh Coffin           | Mazda Rx-8  | 48.121   | 47.278   | Off      | 48.365   | 47.278 | 0.967 |
| C Stock           |      |                       |             | Times    |          |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                 | 121  | Patsy Tabor           | Mazda Miata | 160.404  | 49.595   | 49.007   | 54.684   | 49.007 | 1.002 |
| 2                 | 911  | Debra Knerr           | Mazda Miata | 49.900   | 50.399   | 55.539   | 57.112   | 49.900 | 1.020 |
| D Stock           |      |                       |             | Times    |          |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                 | 76   | Dawn Giddens          | BMW 135i    | 51.168   | 49.894   | 48.466+1 | 47.861   | 47.861 | 0.979 |
| 2                 | 165  | Richard Thackway      | BMW 323ci   | 49.451   | 48.828   | 48.396   | 47.916   | 47.916 | 0.978 |
| 3                 | 127  | Mark Gocken           | BMW 328i    | Off      | 48.611   | 47.752+1 | 48.498   | 48.498 | 0.992 |
| E Stock           |      |                       |             | Times    |          |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                 | 10   | Ludwig Bavetta        | BMW Z3      | Off      | 51.122   | Off      | 50.545   | 50.545 | 1.033 |
| 2                 | 269  | Rob Post              | Mazda Miata | 52.633   | 52.294   | 52.517   | 50.762   | 50.762 | 1.038 |
| F Stock           |      |                       |             | Times    |          |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                 | 411  | Ed Knerr              | Camaro      | 50.305   | 49.267   | 49.205   | 49.581   | 49.205 | 1.006 |
| G Stock           |      |                       |             | Times    |          |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                 | 000  | Christian Christoeffl | GTI         | 50.663   | 48.885   | 48.799   | 47.911   | 47.911 | 0.980 |
| 2                 | 115  | Raddy Schatte         | Cooper S    | 49.079   | 48.545   | 48.197   | 47.930   | 47.930 | 0.980 |
| 3                 | 101  | Walter Christoeffl    | VW GTI      | 50.860   | 49.295   | 48.543   | 47.943   | 47.943 | 0.980 |
| 4                 | 80   | Bruce Abbott          | Cobalt      | Off      | Off      | 50.003   | Off      | 50.003 | 1.022 |
| H Stock           |      |                       |             | Times    |          |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                 | 17   | Brad Collins          | Tiburon     | 48.160   | Off      | 53.116   |          | 48.160 | 0.985 |
| 2                 | 113  | Ben Turner            | Mini Cooper | 48.868   | 48.575   | 48.653   | 48.494   | 48.494 | 0.992 |
| 3                 | 300  | Travis Turner         | Mini Cooper | 72.689+1 | Off      | Off      | 48.849   | 48.849 | 0.999 |
| 4                 | 130  | Benjamin Loving       | Mini Cooper | 49.222   | 49.391   | 48.785+1 | 48.924   | 48.924 | 1.000 |
| 5                 | 351  | Craig Miller          | Cressida    | 51.566   | 51.015   | 50.948   | 50.231   | 50.231 | 1.027 |
| 6                 | 930  | Joey Maier            | Geo Storm   | 55.034   | 146.762  | 51.448   | 53.045   | 51.448 | 1.052 |
| 7                 | 61   | Bill West             | Kia         | Off      | Off      | Off      |          | DNF    | -     |
| A Street Prepared |      |                       |             | Times    |          |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                 | 767  | John Giddens          | Mazda RX-7  | 44.432   | 43.035+2 | 43.373   | Off      | 43.373 | 0.887 |
| 2                 | 71   | Don Hosler            | Chevy Z06   | 45.109   | 44.540   | 44.262   | 44.963   | 44.262 | 0.905 |
| 3                 | 15   | Rick Woodley          | Chevy Z06   | 45.464   | Off      | Off      | 44.491+1 | 45.464 | 0.930 |
| 4                 | 69   | John McGill           | Chevy Z06   | 47.651+4 | 46.841   | 46.944   | 47.201   | 46.841 | 0.958 |

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| B Street Prepared     |     |                  |              | Times    |        |          |          | Total  | Index |
|-----------------------|-----|------------------|--------------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|-------|
| 1                     | 66  | Mickey Gauldin   | MiataSpeed   | 46.109   | 45.414 | 45.240   | 46.206+2 | 45.240 | 0.925 |
| 2                     | 212 | Scott Anderson   | MiataSpeed   | Off      | Off    | 50.326   | 51.093   | 50.326 | 1.029 |
| C Street Prepared     |     |                  |              | Times    |        |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                     | 2   | Travis Schneider | Mazda Miata  | 43.287   | 43.289 | 44.064   | 44.296   | 43.287 | 0.885 |
| 2                     | 5   | Karel Schneider  | Mazda Miata  | Off      | 45.289 | 43.535   | 43.564+1 | 43.535 | 0.890 |
| 3                     | 47  | Patrick Wilson   | Mazda Miata  | 44.440   | 44.790 | Off      | 44.611+1 | 44.440 | 0.909 |
| 4                     | 13  | Chris Wells      | Mazda Miata  | 45.293+2 | 45.425 | 45.097   | 44.856   | 44.856 | 0.917 |
| 5                     | 971 | Scott Swartz     | Mazda Miata  | Off      | Off    | Off      | 45.905   | 45.905 | 0.939 |
| 6                     | 410 | Tom McDonald     | Mazda Miata  | 48.806   | 47.726 | 49.669   | Off      | 47.726 | 0.976 |
| D Street Prepared     |     |                  |              | Times    |        |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                     | 183 | Justin Cady      | Audi A4      | 46.150   | 45.927 | 45.359   | 45.095   | 45.095 | 0.922 |
| 2                     | 4   | Terry Glazar     | Cooper S     | Off      | 48.538 | 46.533   | 45.978   | 45.978 | 0.940 |
| 3                     | 95  | Alex Velez       | Honda Civic  | 54.920   | 54.989 | 55.774   | 52.432   | 52.432 | 1.072 |
| E Street Prepared     |     |                  |              | Times    |        |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                     | 3   | Chuck Peterson   | Camaro SS    | 47.198   | 46.439 | 46.499   | 46.034   | 46.034 | 0.941 |
| 2                     | 200 | Bill Adams       | Mustang      | 48.832   | 48.038 | 47.591+1 | 48.660+1 | 48.038 | 0.982 |
| 3                     | 247 | Sean Day         | 'Stang Cobra | 48.907+1 | 48.448 | 48.529+1 | 48.653+1 | 48.448 | 0.991 |
| X Prepared            |     |                  |              | Times    |        |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                     | 91  | Kim DeBower      | Factory Five | 48.585+1 | 46.536 | 45.748+1 | Off      | 46.536 | 0.952 |
| C Prepared            |     |                  |              | Times    |        |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                     | 69  | Jim Mueller      | Chevy Z28    | 44.934   | 45.761 | 45.617   | 45.230   | 44.934 | 0.919 |
| 2                     | 31  | Gary Walls       | Ford Cobra   | 48.977   | Off    | 48.145   | 47.817   | 47.817 | 0.978 |
| D Prepared            |     |                  |              | Times    |        |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                     | 79  | Robert Belvoir   | Toyota MR2   | 43.962+1 | 42.533 | 42.711   | 42.342   | 42.342 | 0.866 |
| 2                     | 19  | Penny Belvoir    | Toyota MR2   | 46.874   | 46.378 | 46.423   | 45.499   | 45.499 | 0.930 |
| F Prepared            |     |                  |              | Times    |        |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                     | 63  | Marc Dana        | Mazda Rx-7   | 46.302   | 45.509 | 45.233+1 | 46.262+1 | 45.509 | 0.931 |
| Street Touring        |     |                  |              | Times    |        |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                     | 134 | John Impens      | Integra      | 48.833   | 49.037 | 48.717   | 48.248   | 48.248 | 0.987 |
| Street Touring X      |     |                  |              | Times    |        |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                     | 154 | George Murray    | Cooper S     | 49.315   | 47.506 | 47.611   | 47.672+1 | 47.506 | 0.971 |
| Super Street Modified |     |                  |              | Times    |        |          |          | Total  | Index |
| 1                     | 1   | Mikael Edstrom   | C5 Corvette  | 45.003+4 | 42.560 | 42.583   |          | 42.560 | 0.870 |
| 2                     | 89  | Salim Sanchez    | Mazda Miata  | 47.227   | Off    | 49.612   | 47.810   | 47.227 | 0.966 |

Scientists tell us that the fastest animal on earth, with a top speed of 120 feet per second, is a cow that has been dropped out of a helicopter. ~ Dave Barry

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| Street Mod Street Tire |      |                    |              | Times    |          |          |        | Total  | Index |
|------------------------|------|--------------------|--------------|----------|----------|----------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1                      | 11   | Hien Nguyen        | Evo          | 44.534+1 | 43.848+1 | 43.989   | 43.238 | 43.238 | 0.884 |
| 2                      | 9    | Ryan Speaks        | Subaru STi   | 44.093   | 44.074   | 45.086   | 43.585 | 43.585 | 0.891 |
| 3                      | 14   | Fred Zimmerman     | Cooper S     | 47.555   | 47.292   | 46.838+1 | 46.270 | 46.270 | 0.946 |
| 4                      | 54   | Steve Pierce       | BMW M3       | 46.942   | 46.521   | 46.371   | 46.318 | 46.318 | 0.947 |
| 5                      | 77   | Oliver Yao         | Evo          | 48.739   | 49.368   | 47.675   |        | 47.675 | 0.975 |
| 6                      | 1337 | Matthew Lowe       | Nissan 350Z  | 48.714+1 | 47.795   | 46.745+1 | 47.991 | 47.795 | 0.977 |
| 7                      | 207  | Joey Szoke         | Lexus Is300  | 60.180   | 55.541   | Off      |        | 55.541 | 1.136 |
| F125 Shifter Kart      |      |                    |              | Times    |          |          |        | Total  | Index |
| 1                      | 9    | Bert Foschini      | Vspeed Kart  | 52.293   | 48.380   | 47.580   |        | 47.580 | 0.973 |
| Junior Kart A (FJA)    |      |                    |              | Times    |          |          |        | Total  | Index |
| 1                      | 9    | Thomas Foschini    | Vspeed Kart  | Off      | 57.125   | Off      | 46.911 | 46.911 | 0.959 |
| 2                      | 92   | Stephanie Peterson | Phoenix Kart | 56.706   | 54.533   | 53.702   | 53.610 | 53.610 | 1.096 |
| Novice                 |      |                    |              | Times    |          |          |        | Total  | Index |
| 1                      | 20   | Adam Lowe          | Mustang      | 51.850+1 | Off      | 49.334   | 49.733 | 49.334 | 1.009 |
| 2                      | 750  | Omar Serrano       | Toyota MR2   | Off      | 51.826   | Off      | 49.402 | 49.402 | 1.010 |
| 3                      | 1421 | Richard Rugless    | Subaru STi   | Off      | 53.324   | 50.040   | 50.482 | 50.040 | 1.023 |
| 4                      | 710  | Michael Pagan      | Honda Civic  | 52.345   | 51.566+2 | 54.084   | 51.371 | 51.371 | 1.050 |
| 5                      | 34   | E Gareth Morgan    | Eclipse      | 52.923   | 52.022   |          |        | 52.022 | 1.064 |
| 6                      | 1337 | David Perez        | 240SX        | Off      | 54.451   | 55.495   | 52.440 | 52.440 | 1.072 |
| 7                      | 747  | Pete Pagan         | Cooper S     | Off      | 55.443+1 | Off      | 52.896 | 52.896 | 1.082 |
| 8                      | 795  | Cara Stubbs        | Honda Civic  | 62.094   | 57.377   | 55.195   | Off    | 55.195 | 1.129 |
| 9                      | 715  | Marjorie Karwowski | Roush Stang  | Off      | Off      | Off      | 57.556 | 57.556 | 1.177 |
| 10                     | 717  | Peggy Fisher       | BMW 328i     | 76.669   |          |          |        | 76.669 | 1.568 |
| 11                     | 931  | Mabel Maier        | Geo Storm    | Off      | Off      | 89.404   |        | 89.404 | 1.828 |
| 12                     | 711  | Danielle Gocken    | BMW 328i     | Off      | Off      |          |        | DNF    | -     |
| 13                     | 719  | Erik Hagen         | Ferrari 360  | Off      | Off      | Off      | Off    | DNF    | -     |
| 14                     | 714  | David Shen         | Ferrari 360  | Off      | Off      | Off      |        | DNF    | -     |
| Junior Kart B (FJB)    |      |                    |              | Times    |          |          |        | Total  | Index |
| 1                      | 97   | Heather Peterson   | Phoenix Kart | 203.105  | 52.983   | 52.947+1 | 52.902 | 52.902 | 1.082 |
| 2                      | 9    | Cameron Schultz    | Honda Kart   | Off      | 57.677   | 61.506   | 53.805 | 53.805 | 1.100 |

Auto racing is boring except when a car is going at least 172 miles per hour upside down. ~ Dave Barry



**Martin Sports Car Club  
Top 20 - May Event - 05-10-2009  
Timed Entries: 81**

| Pos. | Class | #    | Driver           | Car Model         | Time   | Index |
|------|-------|------|------------------|-------------------|--------|-------|
| 1    | DP    | 79   | Robert Belvoir   | 86 Toyota MR2     | 42.342 | 0.866 |
| 2    | SSM   | 1    | Mikael Edstrom   | 00 Corvette       | 42.560 | 0.870 |
| 3    | SMST  | 11   | Hien Nguyen      | 03 Mitsubishi Evo | 43.238 | 0.884 |
| 4    | CSP   | 2    | Travis Schneider | 94 Mazda Miata    | 43.287 | 0.885 |
| 5    | ASP   | 767  | John Giddens     | 93 Mazda RX-7     | 43.373 | 0.887 |
| 6    | CSP   | 5    | Karel Schneider  | 94 Mazda Miata    | 43.535 | 0.890 |
| 7    | SMST  | 9    | Ryan Speaks      | 05 Subaru STi     | 43.585 | 0.891 |
| 8    | AS    | 97   | Robert Blucher   | 04 Boxster S      | 44.235 | 0.904 |
| 9    | ASP   | 71   | Don Hosler       | 02 Chevy Z06      | 44.262 | 0.905 |
| 10   | CSP   | 47   | Patrick Wilson   | 94 Mazda Miata    | 44.440 | 0.909 |
| 11   | CSP   | 13   | Chris Wells      | 91 Mazda Miata    | 44.856 | 0.917 |
| 12   | CP    | 69   | Jim Mueller      | 98 Chevy Z28      | 44.934 | 0.919 |
| 13   | DSP   | 183  | Justin Cady      | 01 Audi A4        | 45.095 | 0.922 |
| 14   | BSP   | 66   | Mickey Gauldin   | 04 MiataSpeed     | 45.240 | 0.925 |
| 15   | SS    | 35   | Erich Mertz      | 08 Cayman S       | 45.252 | 0.925 |
| 16   | ASP   | 15   | Rick Woodley     | 04 Chevy Z06      | 45.464 | 0.930 |
| 17   | DP    | 19   | Penny Belvoir    | 86 Toyota MR2     | 45.499 | 0.930 |
| 18   | FP    | 63   | Marc Dana        | 86 Mazda Rx-7     | 45.509 | 0.931 |
| 19   | SS    | 1135 | Wendy Mertz      | 08 Cayman S       | 45.626 | 0.933 |
| 20   | AS    | 67   | Harry Corbin     | 04 Boxster S      | 45.639 | 0.933 |



***June Birthdays!!***



**Happy Fathers Day**

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|--------------------|---------------------------|
| * Ludwig Bavetta   | * Mark Goodall            |
| * Terry Keller     | * Ryan Speaks             |
| * Joe Stoddard     | * Jason Stroud            |
| * Patsy Tabor      | * Wayne Brady             |
| * Jack Dempsey     | * Morgan Freeman          |
| * Lou Gehrig       | * Moe Howard              |
| * Elizabeth Hurley | * Heidi Klum              |
| * Vince Lombardi   | * Jerry Mathers           |
| * Marilyn Monroe   | * Pat Morita              |
| * Les Paul         | * Dr. Ruth                |
| * Jerry Stiller    | * Babe Didrikson Zaharias |

## MAY RACE REPORT

By Bert "Hammer" Foschini

I like hot moms just as much as the next guy. Why, I'm even married to one. But the 2009 May/Mother's Day (MM for short) event had a little too much heat and a little too few moms, in my opinion. With competing events, not to mention Mother's Day (though I already mentioned in twice – but who's counting?) we had a lower than usual turnout, which is usual for Mother's Day. So, in that regard, it was unusually usual. A total of 81 drivers competed at the MM event, and though only a handful were moms, all 81 of us were hot – although some more than others. The oppressive heat notwithstanding, it turned out to be a mother of a day for racing.

I have no idea how many single moms we had out there, but I do know that we had 7 drivers who were orphaned into a single car class. Josh Coffin is getting so used to competing alone that the "BS" on the side of his car stands for **By mySelf**. Ed and Debra Knerr split up. No, not their marriage, their classing; Ed was the lone entrant in FS. Kim DeBower in XP, Marc Dana in FP, John Impens in ST and George Murray in STX also flew solo. As has been said many times, I was in a class all by myself – F125. The "F" is for my last name and the "125" is for my height in centimeters. The results only show 3 times for me – the missing time is where I am sure I beat my son, Thomas. Which brings us to the 2-driver classes. Patsy Tabor won the Lady Miata battle over Debra Knerr in CS, while Ludwig Bavetta edged Rob Post in ES. In BSP Mickey Gauldin won the MazdaSpeed Miata battle over Scott Anderson, Jim Mueller won the my little pony car contest over Gary Walls in CP and Robert Belvoir beat his daughter Penny in DP. Don't feel bad Penny, your old man beat everyone this month as he finished with a blistering time of 42.342 to take TTD honors. Not bad for an old guy! Robert's TTD competition was Mikael Edstrom, who beat Salim Sanchez in SSM and was the only other driver to run under 43 seconds. Thomas Foschini won the FJA contest over Stephanie Peterson, and Heather Peterson won the FJB battle over newcomer Cameron Schultz. Head-to-head Thomas beat me, but that will be our little secret; don't tell anyone, especially mom.

The Novice class was the mother of all classes, boasting 14 drivers. Those 14 drivers accounted for 22 off course runs, including a total of 0 clean runs for the bottom 3 finishers. Everyone knows that a Ferrari is fast, but everyone who autocrosses knows that clean and slow beats fast and off course every single time – just ask your mother. Anyway, taking the 5<sup>th</sup> and final trophy spot was E Gareth Morgan in an Eclipse, with Michael Pagan 4<sup>th</sup> in a Civic. Richard Rugless was 3<sup>rd</sup> in an STi and Omar Serrano was 2<sup>nd</sup> in an MR2, leaving your class winner Adam Lowe in a Mustang. Congratulations Adam, you earned yourself a first class ticket to open classing. I just know your mom is proud.

Up until last month Wendy Mertz had been beating her father like a disobedient wild child, but Erich Mertz regained parental control with another win in SS this month. In AS Bob Blucher loaned his car to Harry Corbin, but he didn't loan him any mercy as Bob won by over 1.4 seconds, with Harry 2<sup>nd</sup> and Brad Gooch 3<sup>rd</sup>. In DS it was the BMW battle and, as fate would have it, a mom showed the young guys how it's done as Dawn Giddens toyed with the boys all day before clipping Richard Thackway by just 0.055 seconds on her final run, with Mark Gocken 3<sup>rd</sup>. In GS the battle was about as tight as it can get. Raddy Schatte held the lead after each of the first 3 runs, but on his final try Christian Christoeffl nipped Raddy by just 0.019, with Walter Christoeffl only 0.013 behind Raddy. The top 3 were within 0.032 of each

## MAY RACE REPORT

other – that is Mother-Lovin' close! Finishing off the stock classes was HS, where Brad Collins put down a 1<sup>st</sup> run time of 48.160 and dared someone to beat it. Ben Turner came the closest, but fell just short and finished 2<sup>nd</sup>, his son Travis Tuner took 3<sup>rd</sup> and relative newcomer Benjamin Loving finished 4<sup>th</sup>.

In ASP John Giddens once again found himself battling a den of Z06's, but this month John was the snake charmer as he won the class by 0.889 over Don Hosler, with Rick Woodley 3<sup>rd</sup>. In CSP Travis Schneider took a lot of the mystery and intrigue away by putting down a hair-raising time of 43.287 on his 1<sup>st</sup> run, which no one else in the class could touch for the rest of the day. Papa Karel Schneider came within 0.248 to finish 2<sup>nd</sup>, but Patrick Wilson was over a full second off of the pace in 3<sup>rd</sup> and Chris Wells found himself with another 4<sup>th</sup> place finish. There is a rumor floating around that Karel and Travis are going to make that car even faster in the very near future, which could spell a mother load of trouble for the rest of the class. In DSP newlywed Justin Cady was able to hold off Terry Glazar and in ESP oldlywed Chuck Peterson scored an easy 2-second victory over Bill Adams.

I guess MSCC is not immune to the effects of the slumping economy as the SMST class continued to show declining numbers. In both March and April SMST showed a rebound, with 13 drivers, meaning maximum Tiger points. This month that number was cut nearly in half as only 7 drivers showed up. That's still a good number of drivers and even managed to tie for the largest points-paying class of the day, but it pales in comparison to the good old days, meaning last month. However, is it really the economy, global warming, or the prospect of having to face the seemingly unbeatable Hien Nguyen? One person who felt up to the challenge was Ryan Speaks, who decided to put the same type of tires on both ends of his vehicle – just like mom used to. Would Hien crack under the pressure of a heavy hitter like Ryan jumping into his class? At the beginning it sure seemed to as Hien coned on both of his 1<sup>st</sup> 2 runs, giving the early lead to Ryan by default. Ryan actually had a quicker raw time on his 1<sup>st</sup> run, but Hien was more worried about the cones that kept jumping in front of him than big old Ryan. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> round Hien cleaned things up and took a slim lead of just 0.085 as Ryan slowed down by a full second. If Ryan had anything for Hien he would have to step up on his 4<sup>th</sup> a final run, which is exactly what Ryan did by dropping almost a half a second to finish with a 43.585, which was 0.4 seconds faster than Hien. Now all of the pressure was back on Hien – he had only 1 clean run up to this point and was facing a 0.4 second deficit. How would he respond? Hien may not be the biggest guy around, but he certainly stood tall when it counted as he dropped over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a second to take the win from Ryan with a red-hot time of 43.238, on street tires! Hien's time was good enough to be the 3<sup>rd</sup> fastest time of the day, beating a slew of very good drivers who were on race tires. Ryan was no slouch either as his time was 7<sup>th</sup> quickest overall. Fred Zimmerman took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in his Cooper S, while Steve Pierce finished 4<sup>th</sup> and Oliver Yao finished 5<sup>th</sup>.

So, with 5 of 11 events now in the books, we are officially preparing to pass the halfway point of the season. The small fact that it was so hot, and its not even summer yet, is a little worrisome. But this club has managed to survive for 50 years because we don't let small things like hurricanes and heat stroke stand in the way of a good time. Speaking of which, I'm having a good time watching the various class battles. Now that we are entering the heart of the season it's only going to get better. I'm pretty sure mom would agree, and I know she's watching. Moms are like that—isn't it great?

MAY GALLERY



Harry Corbin, Boxster S



Christian Christoeffl, GTI



Erik Hagen, Ferrari 360

Cameron Schultz,  
familiar-looking  
kart



MAY GALLERY



Oliver Yao, Evo



Rob Post, Miata



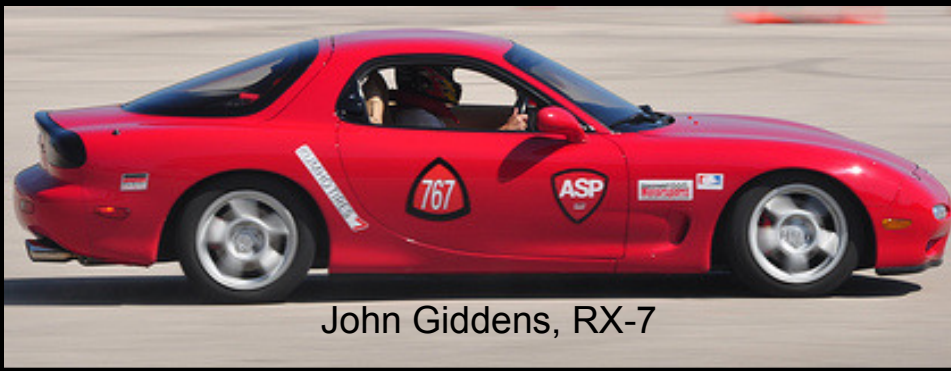
John Impens, Integra



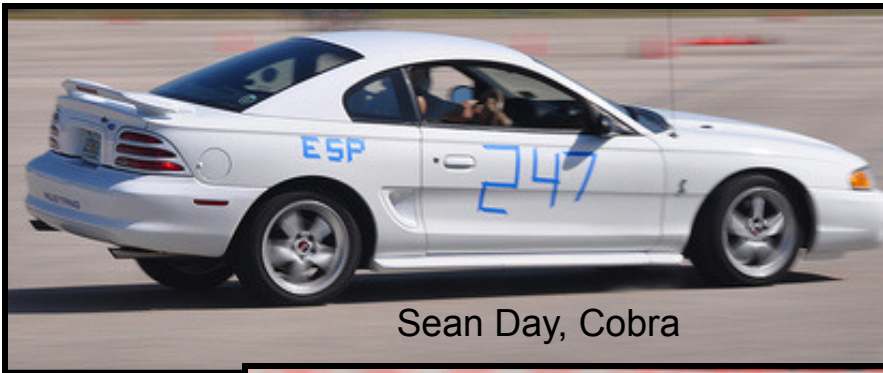
Dawn Giddens, 135i

MAY GALLERY

Joey Maier,  
Racing  
Storm



John Giddens, RX-7



Sean Day, Cobra

Stephanie  
Peterson, Kart



MAY GALLERY



Mikael Edstrom, Corvette



Steve Pierce, BMW M3



Salim Sanchez,  
Miata



Terry Glazar,  
Cooper S

## PRESIDENTIAL WORDS OF ADVICE

When walking the course in the morning there are several things you should be analyzing, other than just memorizing the course design. Here are a few things that will provide a more beneficial course walk and should improve your lap times.

Walk the course as many times as needed to solidify your plan (too many times may lead to 2<sup>nd</sup> guessing)

Keep the conversations with your friends to a minimum. Concentrate on the course.

Walk the course in the same location as if you were in your car (i.e. left side of gates).

Pay attention to when you will need to up-shift/down-shift.

Pay attention to braking points.

Ask other drivers for advice.

Participate in the "Novice walk-thru" even if you are an experienced driver.

Try to visualize the course as if you were floating above it; the "bird's eye view".

Recite the course out loud (i.e. launch, slight right, big left, short straight into slalom, big left, wiggle, big left, finish). Our courses are usually longer, but you get the idea.

No need to memorize every cone, only the ones you plan to be near - the important ones.

As a final note . . . while sitting in grid run the course through your head or recite it out loud and plan your attack. If you cannot visualize the whole course in your head, consider getting out of the car and watch a few of the other drivers on course. You can always ask an experienced driver if you can ride with him/her, too.

I have yet to master this great sport and I'm sure there are more suggestions out there. These are just a few things I do at each event and I still learn something new almost every time.

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

Sincerely,

Chris Wells  
2009 MSCC President





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## Who am I. . . .?

This club member was born on the small island of Calgari, Italy, (located north of Sicily) but he is not Italian. This person moved to Kenya when he was 2, but he is not African. This person moved to the United States when he was 7 years old, but it took him over 30 years to become a US citizen. In his youth he was involved in chorus, soccer, Boy Scouts and he wrestled in high school. English is not his first language, but he does a passable job with it. In addition to English and his native language, he speaks a little Italian, Spanish, Dutch and Norwegian. His favorite movie is "The Sound of Music", but he is a general movie lover. His collection of movies easily tops 500. He comes from a long line of green masters and plays a very mean hand of pinochle.

Meet Mikael Edstrom.

# TIGER POINTS

## 2009 Tiger Points

| As of May 11, 2009      |                       |       |     | Prev Rank |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------|-----|-----------|
| After 5 events, 1 drops | 1 Drop                | Total |     |           |
| 1                       | Nguyen, Hien          | 177   | 217 | 1         |
| 2                       | Edstrom, Mikael       | 157   | 157 | 4         |
| 3                       | Belvoir, Robert       | 156   | 192 | 5         |
| 4                       | Schatte, Raddy        | 155   | 188 | 8         |
| 5                       | Giddens, John         | 154   | 186 | 10        |
| 6                       | Wilson, Patrick       | 154   | 181 | 2         |
| 7                       | Collins, Brad         | 154   | 154 | 13        |
| 8                       | Cady, Justin          | 153   | 191 | 9         |
| 9                       | Schneider, Travis     | 149   | 167 | 16        |
| 10                      | Wells, Chris          | 148   | 174 | 7         |
| 11                      | Peterson, Chuck       | 148   | 148 | 14        |
| 12                      | Hosler, Don           | 146   | 175 | 11        |
| 13                      | Adams, Bill           | 145   | 177 | 12        |
| 14                      | Speaks, Ryan          | 143   | 168 | 19        |
| 15                      | Schneider, Karel      | 142   | 172 | 18        |
| 16                      | Thackway, Richard-r   | 141   | 173 | 15        |
| 17                      | Turner, Ben           | 141   | 166 | 20        |
| 18                      | Mueller, Jim          | 140   | 167 | 21        |
| 19                      | Christoeff, Christian | 138   | 170 | 24        |
| 20                      | Tabor, Patsy          | 138   | 166 | 22        |
| 21                      | Mertz, Erich          | 136   | 136 | 27        |
| 22                      | Glazar, Terry         | 131   | 163 | 25        |
| 23                      | Foschini, Thomas      | 129   | 160 | 30        |
| 24                      | Foschini, Bert        | 129   | 159 | 26        |
| 25                      | Belvoir, Penny        | 127   | 153 | 28        |
| 26                      | Bavetta, Ludwig       | 127   | 127 | 33        |
| 27                      | DeBower, Kim          | 125   | 125 | 29        |
| 28                      | Gauldin, Mickey       | 122   | 144 | 38        |
| 29                      | Tabor, Terry          | 122   | 122 | 3         |
| 30                      | Christoeff, Walter    | 121   | 145 | 31        |
| 31                      | Bonafede, George      | 120   | 120 | 6         |
| 32                      | Pierce, Steve         | 118   | 145 | 32        |
| 33                      | Miller, Craig         | 118   | 142 | 34        |
| 34                      | Zimmerman, Fred       | 113   | 122 | 41        |
| 35                      | Abbott, Bruce         | 113   | 113 | 35        |
| 36                      | Spence, Kevin         | 112   | 136 | 36        |
| 37                      | Giddens, Dawn         | 112   | 112 | 45        |
| 38                      | Blucher, Robert       | 110   | 110 | 50        |
| 39                      | Ford, Anthony         | 108   | 108 | 17        |
| 40                      | Huls, Randall         | 108   | 108 | 39        |
| 41                      | Goodall, Mark         | 108   | 108 | 40        |
| 42                      | Corbin, Harry         | 106   | 106 | 47        |
| 43                      | Post, Rob             | 102   | 102 | 48        |
| 44                      | Ferratusco, Matt      | 100   | 100 | 23        |
| 45                      | Woodley, Rick         | 100   | 100 | 49        |
| 46                      | Maier, Joey           | 98    | 119 | 43        |
| 47                      | Knerr, Ed             | 98    | 98  | 55        |
| 48                      | Turner, Travis        | 98    | 98  | 56        |
| 49                      | Knerr, Debra          | 90    | 90  | 59        |
| 50                      | Murray, George        | 88    | 88  | 62        |

r = rookie

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### Automotive Services

|                    |                                       |              |
|--------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
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|                           |                         |              |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
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|                           |                                       |              |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
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| Chin Motorsports                   | <a href="http://www.chinmotorsports.com">www.chinmotorsports.com</a>                              |              |
| Grassroots Motorsports<br>Magazine | David Wallens<br><a href="http://www.grassrootsmotorsports.com">www.grassrootsmotorsports.com</a> | 888-676-9747 |
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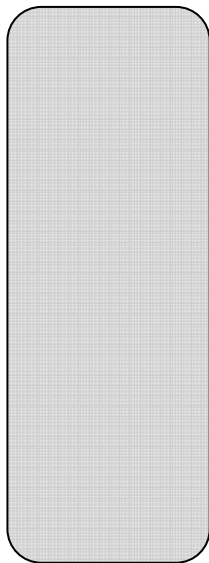
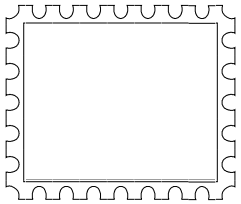
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# June 2009

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

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