

Pit Patter



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This poor slalom cone was not fast enough to get out of Bill Collyer's way at the November event. Don't feel bad, Mr. Pylon, no one was fast enough to get out of Bill's way as he knocked down his first Top Time of Day honor.

Photography by Ryan Speaks

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TRANSMISSIONS

Event Schedule:

Saturday, December 12, 2009

2009 Awards Banquet

Sunday, December 13, 2009

Event # Pointless, Lake County Tech Center

Event Chair: Kevin Spence, Pedro Castillo and, hold the phone, Don Hosler

Sunday, January 10, 2010

Event # 1, Lake County Tech Center

Event Chair: Drivers Wanted

Sunday, February 14, 2010 (Valentine's Day)

Event #2, Lake County Tech Center

Event Chair: Who knows what the future holds?



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Monthly Club Meeting

Thursday, December 3rd, 2009

La Fiesta (NOT Errol Estates!)

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. Check the website for more info.

Pointless Event

Friday, December 13th, 2009

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

***** Please remember to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the event for our annual toy drive to assist underprivileged children. *****



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NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting 11/05/09

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by our President, **Chris Wells**. By 7:36, the October General Meeting Minutes were approved and carved in stone.

Reports

Vice-President, Mikael Edstrom:

The October Event Hosts were: The Board, **Bert Foschini, Matthew Hodges, Puck Cheaterson** and **Bill West**.

The first car left the starting line at 10:24 with the last car finishing at 3:00.

We collected \$70 from fun runs.

There were 67 competitors.

There was a concern about the fast finish but there were no other safety issues or protests.

Timing issues returned but not with the wireless system. The generator was also a problem.

Secretary, Mickey Gauldin:

Everyone signed the roster so life proceeded at $f(w)5$. That would be warp factor 5.

Treasurer, Robert Belvoir:

Our treasurer was blingless this month but his tawdry tale of dwindling resources added another chapter. We were still in the black but turning grey quickly!

Events Director, Patrick Wilson (Mikael Edstrom substituting):

November hosts (November 8): **Randall Huls, Joey Maier, Kim DeBower, Chuck Peterson** and **Terry Glazar**.

Awards Banquet: December 12

December hosts (December 13): **Kevin Spence, Pedro Castillo** and The Phone (**Don Hosler**).

Old Business

Fall Mini-Prix

The Mini-Prix was a success (we did not lose money).

The run order was not the typical MSCC. Most Members liked the run order.

GrassRoots Challenge

The GrassRoots Challenge competitors enjoyed the Mini-Prix and Grassroots Motor Sports wants MSCC to host a Mini-Prix next year on the Saturday of the Challenge.

State Champs

There was not a lot of propoganda but the event was a success.

General Meeting Location

The December General Meeting will be held on December 3, at La Fiesta, again.

Annual Tech

Cars will be re-teched and new cards will be issued for 2010. The completed forms will be kept by the Chief of Tech.

Auto-Cross School

The school is still "a go." Nineteen Members committed (at the October General Meeting) to attend the school.

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50/50 Raffle

The raffle collected \$60. **Richard Thackway** was the lucky winner of half that amount (\$30).

Active Member Points

Not much time left to acquire enough active member points for one of the grandiose shirts.

Car Classing Vote

The Members voted overwhelmingly against returning to MSCC car classing. 42 against, 5 for and 4 were apathetic.

Open Discussion

None

New Business

2010 Officers

The candidates for MSCC 2010 board were as follows:

President: Robert Belvoir and **George Bonafede**
Vice-President: **Bob Blucher** and **Ryan Speaks**
Secretary: **Leland Giddens**
Treasurer: Robert Belvoir, Don Hosler and **Ben Turner**
Events Director: **Karel Schneider**

Open Discussion

None

Swap Time

Several Members had items to sell, buy, borrow, loan, rent or trade. They should contact Bert "Da Hammer" Foschini (at: bfoschini@yahoo.com) with all the relevant information.

There were three (3) visitors and no new members. The competition rules meeting commenced immediately after the General Meeting concluded. Remember: the 2010 competition rules will be voted on at the December General Meeting on December 3.

It is, as it was!

Mickey Gauldin, Secretary

Success is ninety-nine percent failure. - Soichiro Honda

In Attendance – Barrett, Bavetta, Penny & Robert Belvoir, Blucher, Bonafede, Cady, Castillo, Christian & Walter Christoeffl, Collyer, Connor, Corbin, DeBower, Edstrom, Everett, the Hammer, the Gauldins, the Giddens, the Glazars, the Hos, Huls, Keller, LaFlamme, Walter & Joey Maier, McGill, Mertz, Mueller, Hien Nguyen, Chuck & Steph Peterson, Pierce, Post, Schneider Sr. & Jr., Speaks, Spence, Stroud, Thackway, Ben & Travis Turner, Wells, West, Woodley, Yao and the Zimmermans.

Guests – Jeff Binford, Dave Weaver and Jon Adams.

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Final Results, November 8, 2009
Total Registered: 67, with Times: 67

Super Stock				Times			Total	Index	
1T	135	Wendy Mertz	Porsche Cayman S	39.788	39.932	38.891	38.457	38.457	0.962
2	35	Erich Mertz	Porsche Cayman S	40.298	39.609	OFF	38.613	38.613	0.966
3	15	Susie Roach	Corvette Z06	OFF	OFF	48.421	OFF	48.421	1.211
A Stock				Times			Total	Index	
1T	15	Terry Tabor	Honda S2000	40.403+1	37.370	38.083	37.601+2	37.370	0.935
2	5	Jack Neely	Honda S2000	38.920	42.736	39.132+2	37.703	37.703	0.944
C Stock				Times			Total	Index	
1T	121	Patsy Tabor	Mazda Miata	39.884	37.323+1	OFF	OFF	39.884	0.998
2	6	Doug Adams	Mazda Miata	42.337	OFF	41.751	42.005+1	41.751	1.044
D Stock				Times			Total	Index	
1T	861	Jeff Binford	BMW 135i	38.702	38.848	39.224	38.965	38.702	0.968
2T	76	Dawn Giddens	BMW 135i	42.023+2	40.982	40.350	40.204	40.204	1.006
3	21	Jason Stroud	BMW 328i	41.039	41.191	40.563	40.417	40.417	1.011
4	165	Richard Thackway	BMW 323ci	41.694	41.054	40.483+2		41.054	1.027
5	173	Roger Everett	Cobalt SS	43.882	47.116+1	43.072	42.335	42.335	1.059
E Stock				Times			Total	Index	
1T	113	Ben Turner	Porsche 944	43.725	43.449	42.932	43.933	42.932	1.074
G Stock				Times			Total	Index	
1T	115	Raddy Schatte	Mini Clubman	40.649+1	40.610	40.576	40.054	40.054	1.002
2	81	Bruce Abbott	Cobalt	43.647	43.153	43.522	42.835	42.835	1.072
H Stock				Times			Total	Index	
1T	130	Benjamin Loving	Mini Cooper	42.044	43.544	41.419	41.454	41.419	1.036
A Street Prepared				Times			Total	Index	
1T	277	Leland Giddens	Mazda RX-7	37.408	37.235+1	37.160	37.600	37.160	0.930
2T	767	John Giddens	Mazda Rx-7	37.975	37.358	37.885	OFF	37.358	0.935
3T	5	Randy Fillmore	Corvette Z06	37.461	39.638+1	37.948	OFF	37.461	0.938
4	71	Don Hosler	Corvette Z06	37.522	37.717	37.118+1	37.145+1	37.522	0.939
5	15	Rick Woodley	Corvette Z06	39.222	37.638	37.905	37.979	37.638	0.942
6	115	Joe Stoddard	Z06	50.670+2	37.809	37.636+1	38.748+1	37.809	0.946
7	69	John McGill	Corvette Z06	38.476	38.038+1	38.679+1	40.068+1	38.476	0.963
8	4	Terry Glazar	Lotus Elise	OFF	39.355	39.530+1	39.012	39.012	0.976
B Street Prepared				Times			Total	Index	
1T	24	Bill Collyer	Mitsubishi Evolution	36.593	36.565+3	36.065	35.607	35.607	0.891
2	66	Mickey Gauldin	Mazda MiataSpeed	OFF	37.568+1	36.529	37.093	36.529	0.914

“I can’t drive 55.” ~ Sammy Hagar

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C Street Prepared				Times			Total	Index
1T	2	Travis Schneider	Mazda Miata	36.961+1	37.754+1	37.576+2	37.367	37.367 0.936
2T	98	Robert Blucher	Mazda Miata	39.357+4	37.703+1	37.540	41.683+3	37.540 0.940
3	5	Karel Schneider	Mazda Miata	38.190	OFF	38.762	OFF	38.190 0.956
4	13	Chris Wells	Mazda Miata	39.868	OFF	38.998	39.190	38.998 0.976
5	971	Scott Swartz	Mazda Miata	40.059	39.525	39.746	39.097	39.097 0.979
6	410	Tom McDonald	Mazda Miata	42.356+1	42.174	39.885	39.990	39.885 0.998
D Street Prepared				Times			Total	Index
1T	183	Justin Cady	Audi A4	OFF	54.067	38.131	37.758	37.758 0.943
E Street Prepared				Times			Total	Index
1T	7	Charles Woolford	Subaru WRX	40.772	40.502+1	39.862	38.268	38.268 0.958
2	3	Chuck Peterson	Camaro SS	39.915	OFF	39.395	38.379	38.379 0.960
3	351	Craig Miller	Mustang	43.528	43.586	43.890	44.320	43.528 1.089
X Prepared				Times			Total	Index
1T	91	Kim DeBower	Factory 5 Cobra	43.571+1	41.199	39.244+2	39.897	39.897 0.998
2	222	Dustin Besch	Honda Civic	41.770+3	OFF	OFF	OFF	50.770 1.269
C Prepared				Times			Total	Index
1T	69	Jim Mueller	Chevy Camaro	38.055+1	38.508			38.508 0.964
2	31	Gary Walls	Mustang	41.150	OFF	OFF	41.834	41.150 1.030
D Prepared				Times			Total	Index
1T	79	Robert Belvoir	Toyota MR2	39.088	38.739	36.969	36.868	36.868 0.923
2	19	Penny Belvoir	Toyota MR2	40.199	39.444+2	38.708+1	39.161	39.161 0.980
E Prepared				Times			Total	Index
1T	68	Shiva Wilson	Dodge Neon	39.582	38.475	38.768+1	40.099+1	38.475 0.963
2	98	Steve Marcum	Dodge Neon	OFF	41.754	39.943	39.800	39.800 0.996
Street Touring X				Times			Total	Index
1T	11	Bill Kuykendall	Mustang	40.674	40.564	40.060	39.988+11	40.060 1.003
Street Modified				Times			Total	Index
1T	124	Jean Kinser	Mitsubishi Evolution	37.128+1	35.745+2	OFF	35.256+1	38.256 0.957
2	24	Fello Ambivero	Mitsubishi Evolution	36.271+1	35.953+2	35.351+3	36.936+2	39.271 0.983
3	8068	Randall Huls	Camaro SS	41.102	40.582	41.591	40.471	40.471 1.013
Super Street Modified				Times			Total	Index
1T	1	Mikael Edstrom	C5 Corvette	47.419	38.702+1	38.433+2	37.797	37.797 0.946
2	89	Salim Sanchez	Mazda Miata	39.959	39.760	38.851	38.661	38.661 0.967

“Well-weathered leather, hot metal and oil;
the scented country air.
Sunlight on chrome, the blur of the landscape;
every nerve aware.” ~ Neil Peart

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1T	9	Ryan Speaks	Impreza WRX STi	35.703	35.776	36.056	38.696+1	35.703	0.894
2T	11	Hien Nguyen	Mitsubishi Evo	36.744+3	36.618	36.258	35.949	35.949	0.900
3T	99	George Bonafede	Mitsubishi Evo IX	39.177+2	35.996	OFF	36.191	35.996	0.901
4	54	Steve Pierce	BMW M3	38.354	38.897	38.448	38.222	38.222	0.957
5	67	Harry Corbin	Subaru STi	38.681	36.794+1	36.566+1	37.072+1	38.681	0.968
6	256	Patrick Barrett	Mitsubishi Lancer	39.085+1	38.967	39.047	39.796+1	38.967	0.975
7	87	Carlos Ortiz	BMW 325 Is	39.556	40.981	40.300+3		39.556	0.990
8	187	Aaron Nash	BMW 325is	40.441	38.845+2	39.992+2		40.441	1.012
F125 Shifter Kart				Times				Total	Index
1T	9	Bert Foschini	VanSpeed Kart	40.024+1	40.381+4			43.024	1.077
Junior Kart A (FJA)				Times				Total	Index
1T	9	Thomas Foschini	VanSpeed Kart	39.606				39.606	0.991
Novice				Times				Total	Index
1T	713	Larry Dillard	Nissan Nx2000	OFF	42.439	41.588	41.076	41.076	1.028
2T	718	Jay Michaud	Nissan Nx2000	43.450	OFF	42.061		42.061	1.052
3	717	Jay Besch	Honda Civic	49.452+3	44.466	44.107	43.682	43.682	1.093
4	771	Nicolla Binford	BMW 135i	52.209	47.193	46.303	45.312	45.312	1.133
5	711	Jessica Dow	BMW 325is	OFF	51.739			51.739	1.294
Junior Kart B (FJB)				Times				Total	Index
1T	7	Ryan Collyer	Birell Ar28	OFF	43.208	45.084	41.825	41.825	1.046
2	17	Dylan Dana	Birell Ar28	101.885	50.632	49.892	49.780	49.780	1.245



December Birthdays!!



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|------------------------|---------------------|
| * Bob Blucher | * Ryan Collyer |
| * Richard Connor | * Harry Corbin |
| * Steve Grey | * Don Hosler |
| * Joey Maier | * Jennifer Peterson |
| * Stephanie Peterson | * Melanie Vance |
| * Dick Butkus | * Jesus H. Christ |
| * Walt Disney | * Harvey Firestone |
| * Emerson Fittipaldi | * Redd Foxx |
| * Charles Goodyear | * Eugene Levy |
| * Jim Morrison | * Nichelle Nichols |
| * Nostradamus | * Frank Sinatra |
| * Ludwig van Beethoven | * Eddie Vedder |
| * Flip Wilson | * Steven Wright |

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Due to various factors, including continued declining attendance, and the declining revenue that comes with it, combined with increasing costs for site fees and insurance, the Executive Board made the difficult decision to increase entry fees beginning in January 2010. Membership fees will remain at \$40.00 per year. However, entry fees will increase to \$20.00 for Members and \$30.00 for Non-Members. When the announcement was made it was also pointed out that entry fees had not been raised since 2001, while the costs of everything associated with running the events have steadily increased. However, the early bird catches the worm - if you pre-register AND pre-pay via myautoevents.com (which usually closes at midnight of the Friday immediately before the event) you will receive a \$2.00 discount, meaning members will pay \$18.00 and non-members will pay \$28.00. If you pre-register without pre-paying you will not receive the discount. In addition, for the time being, there will be only one myautoevents registration page to include both members and non-members, and the 40 driver non-member cap is also being suspended indefinitely.

We are encouraging (which is a polite way of saying "begging") members to pay their 2010 annual dues (which is remaining at the ridiculously low cost of \$40.00) at the December meeting. The balance sheet is very low right now, so paying early will greatly reduced the chances of Robert Belvoir having a heart attack.

For those who qualify - meaning an active member in good standing with the club whose car will not undergo any changes or modifications that would affect it's classing - we will allow people to complete Annual Tech for the 2010 season at the December event (you see, it's not so pointless after all). However, you will not receive the Annual Tech card until your 2010 dues are received.

We will be voting for 2010 Executive Board positions (see the meeting notes on page 5 for the various candidates) as well as voting for 2010 Competition Rules changes. The following proposals have been submitted:

- 1) The current SMST class will be broken up into two classes: AWD and other, thereby creating SMST2 and SMST4.
- 2) All AWD vehicles will be removed from their current class and will be grouped only with other AWD vehicles. Classing to be determined if this proposal passes.
- 3) Stock class cars originally equipped with 13" or 14" wheels will be allowed to "up size" to 15" wheels without penalty. If applicable, wheel width may be increased to 6", but no wider.
- 4) Allow DOT approved R-compound tires in stock as per SCCA.
- 5) Clarify rules regarding "off course" incidents:
 - If you go off course prior to a red flag condition you do not get a rerun.
 - If you have cone penalties before a red flag condition, the cone penalties will be added to your rerun.
 - If you are the cause of the red flag condition you do not get a rerun.

Don't forget to RSVP for the 2009 Awards Banquet on or before Tuesday, December 8. And don't forget to bring a gag gift to impress/annoy/embarass your friends! In addition, feel free to donate any cool door prizes and/or hit up a local business for door prizes.

* * * Please remember to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the December meeting or December event for our annual toy drive! * * *

NOVEMBER RACE REPORT

By Bert "Hammer" Foschini

As we Italianos say in the old country – e' fatta: it is done. And, just like that, the 2009 Tiger Championship season is over. It seems like only 11 months ago that we started this racing season. Heck, the weather we finished the season with was very similar to the weather we enjoyed to kick the year off. However, one thing we all had back in January, which we did not have in November, was an equal shot at winning the Tiger Points Championship. Conversely (no, not the sneaker), something we had at the November event that we did not have back in January were some National-level drivers and a famous face; names such as Aaron Nash and Jean Kinser and the face of Dylan Dana. The continuing economic struggles notwithstanding, it was a successful year and the November event concluded our season in fine fashion.

We had half a dozen, which is a long-winded way of saying 6, single-car drivers and a whopping 10, which is a short-winded way of saying a deuce less than a dozen, 2-driver classes. The single guys (many of whom are married, go figure) were Ben Turner in ES, Ben Loving in HS, Justin Cady in DSP, Bill Kuykendall in STX, Thomas Foschini in FJA and yours truly in F125. Due to a fried clutch (tastes like chicken) I was only able to make 2 runs and poor Thomas was only able to make 1. One run was all the loud-mouthed, ungrateful, disrespectful little puke needed to beat me – again. Thomas is enjoying the most amazing run of Beginners Luck I have ever seen in my life. The couples racers (most of which have no relation to each other, go figure) started with Terry Tabor and Jack Neely in AS, with Terry the winner. Not to be outdone, Terry's wife Patsy Tabor was victorious in CS over Doug Adams. In GS Raddy Schatte beat Bruce Abbott, while in BSP Bill Collyer took the win from Mickey Gauldin. Bill also managed to take his very first TTD. In XP Kim DeBower murderized Dustin Besch by over 10 seconds, while in CP Jim Mueller suffered a drive train malfunction on the way to beating Gary Walls. In DP Robert Belvoir continued to mercilessly beat his daughter Penny Belvoir; in EP Shiva Wilson bested Steve Marcum and in SSM Mikael Edstrom officially killed his already dead tires, in addition to putting a serious hurt on his transmission's 2nd gear, on his way to victory over an over-matched Salim Sanchez.

As an additional sign of our continuing bleak economic times, we had only 5 drivers in the Novice class. The economy may be down, but the fun quotient was at record levels for the Novices. The irony is, to have the most fun (going fast) you had to spend the least amount of time doing it. This distinction went to Larry Dillard, who ran a very respectable 41.076 to take the Novice class win by just under a second over his co-driver, Jay Michaud. Jay Besch finished 3rd and Nicolla Binford was 4th.

The Super Stock class has been the personal playground of Erich and Wendy Mertz all year, where this father and daughter tandem has been battling back and forth like a couple of prize fighters. For the November event Susie Roach decided to show up and try this autocross stuff. Susie had trouble staying on course (as did many others, so don't feel bad Susie) and was not a factor. Wendy took the early lead, but Erich led at the midway

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point by just 0.179 seconds. Wendy re-took the lead in the 3rd round, but after Erich's final run he clung to a 0.278 advantage. On her final run Wendy knocked over 4/10 of a second off of her time and knocked her dad off of the victory stand with a 0.156 win. In DS it was a slew of Beemers vs. Roger Everett's Cobalt. Jeff Binford set the early time to beat, no one got close and Jeff's 38.702 was good enough for a 1.5 second win over Dawn Giddens, with Jason Stroud 3rd.

The ASP class seemed to show no ill effects as it was the largest class at the November event (tied with SMST) with 8 drivers. It was Terry Glazar in his Elise along with John & Leland Giddens against a herd of Corvettes. Leland Giddens led after round 1, with Randy Fillmore 2nd, Don Hosler 3rd and John Giddens 4th. After the 2nd run John was in 1st, with Leland 2nd, Randy in 3rd and Don in 4th. Leland reclaimed the lead after the 3rd run and held on to win the class by just 0.198 over his dad, John, with Randy and Don remaining in 3rd and 4th, respectively. In CSP Karel Schneider set the early pace, but could not improve and finished 3rd. Bob Blucher suffered from acute coneage all day but managed to hold the lead after the 3rd round, but ended up 2nd. Travis Schneider battled cone trouble all day and found himself DFL after 3 rounds, but managed to clean up his act on his final run to take the class win by just 0.173 seconds. Charles Woolford decided to join ESP, which also saw Craig Miller make an appearance. Chuck Peterson held the lead through the first 3 runs but could not hold off Charles, who took the victory by only 0.111 seconds.

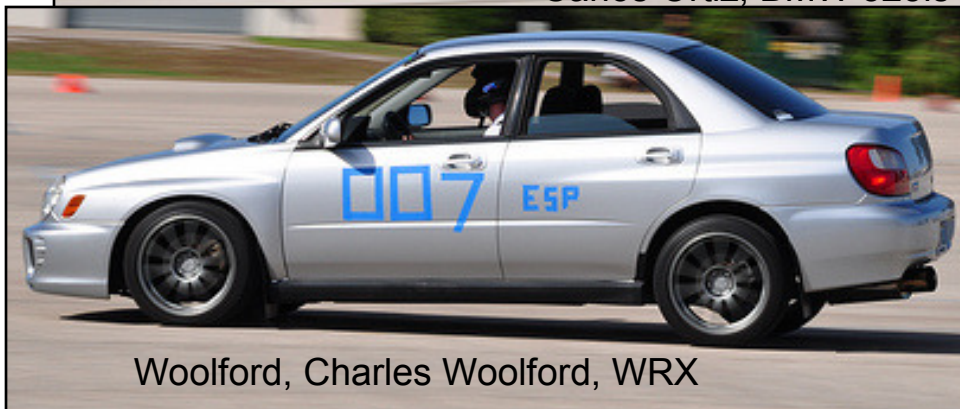
In SM Randall Huls was joined by Jean Kinser and a fellow named Fello Ambivero. Randall put up a valiant fight and even managed to keep it close by keeping it clean, while Jean and Fello competed to see who could knock down more cones. Fello managed to knock down more cones, but Jean managed to take the class win, in spite of failing to record a clean run. Last, but certainly not least, we had SMST, which has consistently boasted heavy participation and stiff competition. George Bonafede took it upon himself to crown Hien Nguyen as the 2009 Tiger Points Champion at the November event, but George failed to take a few things into consideration. From June through August Ryan Speaks went on a tear, reeling off 3 dominant wins, while Hien finished 4th, 3rd and 2nd. Our scoring system allows for 2 drops, but Ryan scored more head-to-head wins and continued that trend at the November event. Ryan made his fastest run right out of the box and Hien couldn't catch him, the aforementioned George finished 3rd and Steve Pierce finished 4th.

So, did Hien build a sufficient lead to hold on and win the Tiger Championship, or was Ryan's late charge enough to complete the comeback? You will have to join us at the 2009 Awards Banquet to find out. So, even though participation was down this year, excitement and drama was at an all-time high. And just like those fans who follow the Chicago Cubs say - there's always next year.

NOVEMBER GALLERY



Carlos Ortiz, BMW 325is



Woolford, Charles Woolford, WRX



Dustin Besch, Bone Stock Civic

Dylan Dana,
Birell Kart



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Jeff Binford, BMW 135i



Justin Cady, Audi A4

Kim DeBower,
Factory Five
Cobra



Hien Nguyen, Evo

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Jessica Dow, BMW 135i



Salim Sanchez, Miata



Shiva Wilson, Neon

Thomas
Foschini,
VanSpeed
Kart



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Steve Pierce, BMW M3



Karel Schneider, Miata



Randall Huls, Camaro SS



Terry Glazar, Lotus Elise

FINAL WORDS AS PRESIDENT

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

It's been a little while since I offered any tips to help make you a better driver, so I figured now would be a great time. Our racing season is over, but the 2010 season is just around the corner, so hopefully you can apply this to next year.

I see a lot of folk's video taping their runs either on the car or having a buddy video taping it from the side lines. That got me to thinking . . . are they doing it for the fun factor and posting it on the internet or are they using it to analyze each run. Both have merits, but I am going to focus on using the camera to make you a better driver. If you don't currently own one, Christmas is less than a month away, so you better put it on your list to Santa.

Mounting the camera to the outside of your car, typically on the roof, helps show your driving line and whether you are attacking the course that best fits your car (I see a lot of people do this). Consider mounting the camera on the inside of the car and have it face you, the driver (wide angle lens would be very helpful). Mount the camera so your head, steering and shifting are all visible to the camera, but not in a location that blocks your view of the course.

By watching the video of your sessions, you'll be able to see how smooth you are or not. The video will let you see if you're "jerking" the wheel too fast into a turn. If the car experiences "under-steer" in a turn that may be telling you to be smoother with your steering input. Maximizing speed through corners requires smooth car control which comes from smooth steering. The purpose of this smoothness is to maximize the traction of the tires. Maximized tire traction is what leads to fast driving. How are you gripping the steering wheel? The grip itself should be relaxed - just tight enough to maintain control and good contact for sensory input. While it is a natural tendency to grip the wheel tightly while cornering, no amount of squeezing on that wheel will increase the traction of your tires!

Another thing to review in the video is you're shifting. Are you relaxed and smooth or are you tense and trying to force the shifter? Having a tight grip and slamming from one gear to another will actually slow your shifting down and cause excessive mechanical wear. Proper shifting uses a gentle but fast guide from one gear to another. Do you constantly have one hand on the shifter trying to be too cool? Your hand belongs on the steering wheel - always. When you need to shift - shift, and get your hand back on the steering wheel.

What about "looking ahead"? A driver cannot be *only* focused on where they are on the track. They also have to focus on where they want to be next on the course. Remember - hands follow the eyes. To drive the smoothest and fastest line through a corner, or a series of corners, your brain must get input from far enough down the course to calculate the smoothest lines and anticipate the amount of steering and pedal input to use. As you watch the video pay attention to how much you move your head and see if you are *really* looking ahead. This may surprise you!

So, while the camera can provide great entertainment, it can also be a tremendously useful tool to coach yourself into making improvements in your driving. The principle of driving smoothly is paramount to every factor of improving a car's handling performance. Smooth equals fast.

As a safety precaution, remember the camera must be extremely secure in the car. Regardless of how it is secured, remember that there will be extreme forces in acceleration, braking and cornering. I don't want anything to happen to you or your camera other than getting smoother & faster.

Sincerely,

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Who am I. . . .?

This member was born in a teepee and raised by a pack of wolves. He was forced to live off the land and stave off wild beasts, thus his gargantuan size is not by chance but by necessity. While removing massive oak trees from the earth with his bare hands, he was soon discovered by the women of a nearby village east of Manhattan, who were enamored by his good looks and enchanting persona. Accepted by the townspeople, he was no longer a lover of the land but a lover to women, who battled each other for his attention. He learned about modern society and discovered the art of driving motorized vehicles. He immediately stunned (as usual) the townspeople with his natural ability and, before long, was competing at the highest rungs of Power Wheels competition. Swiftly he progressed through the motorsports ladder, claiming one championship after another. After long, the brutal physical demands of racing and women riding him like a Clydesdale took a great toll on his seemingly undefeatable body, and he was forced to retire and begin a life of mortality amongst the autocross community. We are blessed with his presence and fortunate to have his membership. Who is he? As you guessed from the opening sentence, this was written by (but certainly not about) Foo Foo.

**Martin Sports Car Club
Top 20 - November 8, 2009
Timed Entries: 67**

Pos.	Class	#	Driver	Car Model	Time	Index
1	BSP	24	Bill Collyer	06 Mitsubishi Evolution	35.607	0.891
2	SMST	9	Ryan Speaks	05 Impreza WRX STi	35.703	0.894
3	SMST	11	Hien Nguyen	03 Mitsubishi Evo	35.949	0.900
4	SMST	99	George Bonafede	06 Mitsubishi Evo IX	35.996	0.901
5	BSP	66	Mickey Gauldin	04 Mazda MiataSpeed	36.529	0.914
6	DP	79	Robert Belvoir	86 Toyota MR2	36.868	0.923
7	ASP	277	Leland Giddens	93 Mazda RX-7	37.160	0.930
8	ASP	767	John Giddens	93 Mazda Rx-7	37.358	0.935
9	CSP	2	Travis Schneider	94 Mazda Miata	37.367	0.935
10	AS	15	Terry Tabor	02 Honda S2000	37.370	0.935
11	ASP	5	Randy Fillmore	04 Corvette Z06	37.461	0.938
12	ASP	71	Don Hosler	02 Chevrolet Corvette	37.522	0.939
13	CSP	98	Robert Blucher	91 Mazda Miata	37.540	0.940
14	ASP	15	Rick Woodley	04 Corvette Z06	37.638	0.942
15	AS	5	Jack Neely	01 Honda S2000	37.703	0.944
16	DSP	183	Justin Cady	01 Audi A4	37.758	0.945
17	SSM	1	Mikael Edstrom	00 Chevrolet Corvette	37.797	0.946
18	ASP	115	Joe Stoddard	04 Z06	37.809	0.946
19	CSP	5	Karel Schneider	94 Mazda Miata	38.190	0.956
20	SMST	54	Steve Pierce	97 BMW M3	38.222	0.957



That's all, folks.

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2. **Kart and/or jet ski Trailer.** Single axel, 54" wide, 10'2" long, \$200 Contact Bert Foschini at bfoschini@yahoo.com

3. **1994 Mazda, CSP legal.** 1.8L, Torsion LSD, rebuilt 5spd, 1 set 99 Miata Sport wheels/tires, 1 set Lenso 13x7.5 wheels/tires, 1 spare 1.8L motor. \$4500. Contact Patrick Wilson at 321-228-3729.


4. **2007 Anderson Trailer.** Tandem axle with dual electric drum brakes. \$1500. Contact Patrick Wilson at 321-228-3729

5. **Used Koni Challenge tires,** 275/40-17 for track use. 11 available @ \$35 each or all 11 for \$250. These would NOT be good for autocross. Contact Steve Pierce at 386-228-2500

December 2009

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