

Pit Patter



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Dan Stewart, 1947 - 2012

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Martin Sports Car Club

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Martin Sports Car Club
ORLANDO, FLORIDA

TRANSMISSIONS

Event Schedule:

Sunday, March 11, 2012

Event #3, Lake County Tech Center

Event Chair: Mickey Gauldin and The Giddens Family

Sunday, April 8, 2012???

Event #4, Lake County Tech Center

Event Chair: Need Volunteers!!!

Sunday, May 13, 2012???

Event #5, Lake County Tech Center

Event Chair: Mikael Edstrom & Bert Foschini



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Monthly Club Meeting

Thursday, March 1, 2012

Perkins

989 West Orange Blossom Trail

Apopka, FL 32712

407-464-1075

7:30PM

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



March Autocross

Sunday, March 11, 2012
Lake County Tech Center



13000 Frankies Road
Tavares, FL

Registration: 8:00 to 8:30 **Regular price** (\$20 for members/\$30 for non-members)*
Late Registration 8:30 to 8:45 **\$10 Late Fee**
Tech: 8:00 to 9:00
Driver's meeting: 9:30 (approximate)
First car out: 10:00

- **Pre-register and pre-pay at myautoevents.com for a \$2 discount!**



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FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, February 2, 2012

Meeting Called to Order: 7:38 p.m. by **Chris Wells**

Pit Patters received? Everyone but the **Thackways**.

Motion to approve January general meeting minutes was motioned and seconded. All approved!

VP Report – Bob Blucher

Just a reminder to all event Hosts to show up early for course set-up
The 2012 Rule Book is in development and will be ready prior to the club's March meeting.

Treasurer – Ben Turner

The club started January with money in the bank. After tallying income and expenses, the club now has a little more money in the bank.

Secretary – Kim DeBower

Verified that all attendees had signed the meeting roster.

Events Director – Hien Nguyen

There were a few complaints about long lines for the second heat at the January event, so possible solutions are being considered. Further discussion tabled until new business portion of meeting

February event hosts will be **Joey Maier**, **Raddy Schatte** and the Thackways

March event hosts will be the **Giddens** family and **Mickey Gauldin**

Since it's been determined that the Mini Prix will not take place in April, Host volunteers are needed for that event. Dates for the Spring Mini Prix are TBD

May event hosts will be **Mikael Edstrom**, **Bert Foschini** and (possibly) Mickey Gauldin

Hosts are needed for all remaining months.

President – Chris Wells

Old Business

- The club's Halon fire extinguisher needs to be recharged or replaced. Cost to recharge is \$900, while cost to replace is only \$400. Since Halon is effective on all types of fires, including electrical, the club's lone Halon extinguisher is kept near the trailer during events. After discussion, the club voted to purchase a new Halon extinguisher
- Due to an oversight, the club did not assign mentors at the January event. Members were assured that this will not happen again. If anyone wishes to become a "permanent" mentor, please make the Board aware. An email blast will also be sent asking for mentor volunteers
- PCA is hosting the Grand Prix of Vero Beach, Sunday, February 26. Location for this high-speed autocross is a yet-to-be-completed section of the Grand Harbor Country Club
- A "Dyno Day" at PRS is still in the works. In an informal show of hands, 13 members expressed interest. If scheduled, it will likely take place on a Saturday. Stay tuned
- June 23-24 and October 6-7 are the scheduled dates for the potential NASA Florida/Evolution School/MSCC Mini Prix events at Sebring. NASA has also scheduled an event at Sebring for March 31-April 1, which may become an MSCC members-only event. More information to come
- Reminder: MSCC Autocross School at LCTC is scheduled for March 3-4. Only seven slots remain for Saturday and 10 for Sunday. Thanks for the interest!
Reminder: Dues are due! Renew prior to the March event to qualify for 2012 Tiger points championships

Vice President – Bob Blucher

There was a situation with the street tire rules for the new Pro Class at the January event. Following a discussion at the January meeting, an index modifier for stock cars running street tires was implemented. However, instead of being applied only to stock class cars, the index modifier was also applied to non-street tire class cars running on street tires. This affected January's final Pro Class results. After discussing the situation, a motion was made that, going forward, the street tire index modifier only be applied to stock class cars. Motion was seconded and carried. Since the Pro

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Class has been granted supplemental status for 2012, members agreed to abide by the final Pro Class results from the January event, despite being incorrect by current rule.

President – Chris Wells

New Business

- The Board has been asked to consider adjusting the equipment usage fees the club charges to PCA. Treasurer will review costs incurred for use of equipment and report those results to the Board for consideration.
- A proposal had been made to eliminate the club's initiation fees as a means to help attract new members. After discussion, a motion was made to eliminate initiation fees in 2012. Motion was seconded and carried.
- A proposal had been made to alter the current run order so that not all four runs are made in the same heat. There have been complaints about working long heats. There was a discussion regarding a four-heat system that allowed for shorter heats and more breaks. Many other clubs, including MSCC, have successfully used such a system. On a trial basis, modified run order systems will be utilized at future events
- Though the club webmaster could not be in attendance, it was noted that the club website will soon be updated with current club event procedures
- A proposal had been made from a driver wanting to participate at our events as a non-competitor for "test-and-tune" purposes. This driver proposed to bring their own course worker and pay on a per-run basis at a rate determined by club membership. During discussion, it was pointed out that the club's insurance regulations may not allow for "test-and-tune" at a competition event. A motion was made to disallow this request. Motion was seconded and carried
It was announced that SCCA is planning a PDX event during their Competition School April 14-15 at Daytona. Another SCCA PDX event is scheduled for Sebring July 21-22. There may also be another event in the fall.

Upcoming Meeting Location

March general meeting will be held Thursday, March 1 at Perkins in Apopka.

New Members

Mike Brau, Drew Hackett and **Alan Moore** applied for membership. After kicking their tires and peering under their hoods, all were given enthusiastic thumbs up. Welcome!

Swap Time

Steven Hughes is looking to borrow a car trailer for the Dixie National event in mid-March.
Chris Wells still has a Turbo Miata for sale, plus a customized tire trailer. Asking \$275 for the trailer.

50/50 raffle

Won by Richard Thackway.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:53 p.m. by Chris Wells

Members in Attendance: P. Belvoir, R. Belvoir (back from Hawaii!), B. Blucher, J. Cady, H. Corbin, K. DeBower, M. Edstrom, J. & M. Gauldin, D. & J. Giddens, D. Hosler, S. Hughes, K. King, B. Kuykendall, T. McDonald, H. Nguyen, S. Pierce, R. Schatte, K. Schneider, R. Speaks, K. Spence, S. & S. Taylor, J. & R. Thackway, B. Turner, C. Wells, P. Wilson, R. Woodley.

Guests in Attendance: Mike Brau, Drew Hackett, Allan Moore, Sean Monett, Amber Spence, Clay Weaver

March Birthdays!!

- * Rose Bartl
- * Brandon Kalarovich
- * Oliver Yao
- * Jackie Gauldin
- * Tom McDonald

FEBRUARY GALLERY



Above: Doniq Henry,
Mazda 3



Right: Harry Corbin,
Subaru WRX STi



Above: Kim DeBower
Mini Cooper S

Right: Erik Hagen
Chevy Aveo



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Left: Blake Shields
Mitsubishi Lancer

Below: Mickey Gauldin
MazdaSpeed Miata



Christopher Mendola, VW Jetta



Jessica Thackway
BMW M3

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Right:
Oliver Yao,
Mitsubishi Evo



Below:
Tim Reardon,
Toyota MR2



Above: Bill Kuykendall,
Ford Mustang GT

Right: Ryan Speaks,
JCW Mini Cooper S



FEBRUARY GALLERY



Above: Bob Blucher,
Porsche Boxster S



Left: Steven Hughes,
Honda S2000



Above: Steve Marcum,
VW GTI



Left: Jeff McElyea
Pontiac Trans Am

RACE REPORT

By Bert "Hammer" Foschini

As you read this chances are the outside temperature is in the mid to high 70 degree range (unless you are not in Central Florida, for which you have only yourself to blame), and as I write this the outside temperature is in the mid to high 70 degree range. During the February event, this was certainly NOT the case as the thermometer dipped BELOW freezing (at least on the ride there) and the wind was pushing that cold air around with great zeal. Yes, February is technically a winter month, but this is Florida we are talking about, where winter usually means you have to wear longer shorts, or, on occasion, even a sweatshirt. The February event was a long pants, long sleeve, so-that's-why-they-make-wool-hats kind of day. A total of 61 hearty souls showed up to race and contend with ice cold tires, as well as to contend with not one, but two wagon wheels (it was actually one wagon wheel, but you had to go around it twice, though a few folks liked it so much they went around it an extra time, either that or they got so dizzy they lost count). By the afternoon the mercury bumped into the mid 50 degree range and the tires went from rock hard to pumice hard and the feeling finally returned to my toes.

One thing I love about the month of February is that some of the coolest people in the history of mankind were born in it and also the fact that the month is symmetrical - with 28 days it is the only month comprised of no more and no less than 4 weeks. Of course, this is the year that the world ends, so that symmetry gets thrown out of whack with Leap Day (that is a day when you are not allowed to walk anywhere, you have to leap everywhere you go). We stubbornly retained double symmetry in the 1 and 2 driver classes, with 12 single driver classes and six 2-driver classes this month. Those who froze nearly to death all alone were Aaron Stogsdill in SS, Reed LaFerriere in BS, David Darrow in CS, Kim DeBower in DS, John Giddens in ASP, Randall Huls in ESP, Steve Taylor in CP, Greg Shumaker in EP, Francisco Flores in STR, Ivan Drusc in SM, Rick Woodley in SSM and Steven Taylor in a kart. Those who got to huddle with another driver for warmth were Tim Reardon over Ben Turner in ES, Steve Marcum over Christopher Mendola in GS, Matt Ferratusco over Chris Wells in CSP, Robert Belvoir over Penny Belvoir in DP, Kevin King over Colm Roe in STS and Jason Phillips over Travis Turner in STX.

There were six drivers in the Novice class, but no domestic vehicles to be found as two of the Axis powers went to war. After the first battle Riley Lundquist was in 1st, but finished 4th. After the 2nd skirmish Mark Williams was in 2nd and would get faster but not fast enough. Blake Shields dropped over 7.2 seconds throughout the day, but finished 3rd. Meanwhile, Jace Micklos battled early cone trouble to come blitzing forward to conquer the Novice class and claim victory for Japanese vehicles and, in the process, knocked himself out of Novice and into the great wide world of open classing. FS saw the Hristov brothers take on Bruce Abbott and his NASCAR adorned T-Bird. In the end, Latch Hristov latched onto the victory over Ross Hristov. And in HS Hien Nguyen and Erik Hagen teamed up in a Chevy Aveo against Raddy Schatte in a teeny tiny Austin Mini. It was close, but Hien Nguyen took the win with Raddy

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Schatte finishing 2nd. STU saw the return of the dynamic non-American duo of Kevin Spence and Richard Thackway, but Richard got rid of the BMW 335 and is now driving a BMW M3, same as Kevin. Kevin battled cones half of the day, while Richard just went fast and claimed the class win by over 0.8 of second. SMST2 was the biggest non-Pro class of the day, boasting seven drivers, five of which were in a Miata. This was a very dirty crowd as only one driver recorded four clean runs, but in this instance cleanliness is next to lastliness. Mickey Gauldin was fast first, middle and last and took the class win by over 0.7 of a second, with Steve Pierce 2nd. Mickey and Steve were the only two in the group to finish under 40 seconds. This month it was Mikael Edstrom's turn to co-drive Mickey's car and he was fast, but also clipped some cones and finished 3rd, while Patrick Wilson started off, well, OFF and finished 4th. SMST4 showed some growth as Terry Glazar was joined by Oliver Yao and Drew Hackett, in addition to the return of Harry Corbin. This, too, was a dirty bunch as only Drew made four clean runs and finished 2nd. Oliver Yao cleaned up his act and was the only driver in the class to crack the 39 second barrier and took the victory by over a full second.

Which leaves the Pro Pax Class, which Stephen Hawking reviewed and declared to be the most confusing mess he has ever seen. After hanging up with Steph (that's what all of his close buds call him) I examined the results and found that Bob Blucher had both the fastest time and the best Pax and won the class and, with the victory, scored the maximum haul of Tiger Points allowed. Ryan Speaks had the 5th fastest time but Paxed 2nd, while Dat Nguyen had the 2nd fastest time and Paxed 3rd. James Sauceman had the 7th fastest time and Paxed 4th. Mike Brau had the slowest time of the group, yet he Paxed 5th in class, while poor Don Hosler was the 3rd quickest and Paxed 6th and Justin Cady was 4th fastest and Paxed 7th. What does it all mean? I asked Steph and he said he could explain gravitational singularities in half the time it would take to figure out how MSCC is applying their Pax numbers. He said it has something to do with the fact that we are using a Pax system that was created based on cars set up in a manner that we don't allow, so we have taken an inexact science and tweaked it, making it even more inexact. I asked Steph if that was why Don and Justin Paxed so poorly and he said "that is inexactly correct!"

And so concludes the February race report. What? TTD? Do people really care about that stuff? I mean, we have Pax numbers, we have our own MSCC "Index" number and now you still want to know who had top time? Fine. It was some short, bald guy. Happy? OK, OK. Not only was Chris Wells nice enough to allow Matt Ferratusco to co-drive his car, Chris was also nice enough to serve as Matt's tire warmer, which was huge given the conditions at the February event. Not only that, Chris was nice enough to purposely hold back on his final run and handed Matt TTD. Happy now? Great!

I checked the Mayan calendar with an asymmetrical eye and concluded that the March event will be substantially warmer than the February event. Only time will tell if the Mayans were right, or if they just ran out of stone to carve on.

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Final Results - Event #2 - 02-12-2012

Total Registered: 61

Pro Pax Class				Times				Total	MPax
1	BS	98 Robert Blucher	Boxster S	42.314	40.656	40.313	38.916	38.916	31.986
2	DS	9 Ryan Speaks	Cooper Works	41.460	40.591	40.997	40.206	40.206	32.183
3	CS	73 Dat Nguyen	Mazda MX-5	OFF	40.118	39.256	39.098+1	39.256	32.700
4	HS	85 James Sauceman	Acura RSX	OFF	41.969	41.275	41.200	41.200	32.918
5	STF	1 Mike Brau	Focus	47.709	42.735	43.638+1	43.597	42.735	33.931
6	SS	71 Don Hosler	Z06 Corvette	40.978	39.806	40.235+1	39.760	39.760	34.114
7	DSP	183 Justin Cady	Audi A4	42.659	40.530	40.820+1	40.157	40.157	34.173
8	STR	187 Steven Hughes	S2000	43.375	41.866	41.793	40.985	40.985	34.222
9	CS	97 Scott Swartz	Mazda Miata	43.331	42.188	42.163	42.325	42.163	34.243
10	AS	35 Erich Mertz	Cayman S	41.636	41.959+1	47.055	42.504	41.636	34.262
Super Stock				Times				Total	Index
1	1	Aaron Stogsdill	C6 Corvette	OFF	43.945	43.821	43.320	43.320	1.022
B Stock				Times				Total	Index
1	271	Reed LaFerriere	Honda S2000	44.566+1	42.345	42.542	41.504	41.504	0.979
C Stock				Times				Total	Index
1	6	David Darrow	MazdaSpeed MX5	OFF	44.516	45.324	43.842	43.842	1.034
D Stock				Times				Total	Index
1	91	Kim DeBower	Mini Cooper S	43.257+1	43.991	42.794	41.929	41.929	0.989
E Stock				Times				Total	Index
1	21	Tim Reardon	Toyota MR2	43.358	OFF	41.866+1	51.373	43.358	1.023
2	113	Ben Turner	Porsche 944	46.656	45.548	44.455	44.073	44.073	1.040
F Stock				Times				Total	Index
1	202	Latch Hristov	BMW 323is	46.086	45.182+1	44.888	44.358	44.358	1.046
2	203	Ross Hristov	BMW 323is	47.280	45.883	45.376	44.826	44.826	1.057
3	9	Bruce Abbott	Ford T-bird	49.280	49.505	48.983	48.623	48.623	1.147
G Stock				Times				Total	Index
1	98	Steve Marcum	VW GTI	42.576	41.988	42.507	42.258	41.988	0.991
2	47	Christopher Mendola	VW Jetta	50.300	48.877	49.979	49.932	48.877	1.153
H Stock				Times				Total	Index
1	11	Hien Nguyen	Chevy Aveo	45.560	44.556	44.178	44.168	44.168	1.042
2	115	Raddy Schatte	Austin Mini	44.508	44.877	45.159	44.936	44.508	1.050
3	1	Erik Hagen	Chevy Aveo	51.310	48.215	48.279	46.969	46.969	1.108
A Street Prepared				Times				Total	Index
1	767	John Giddens	Mazda RX7	40.849	41.547+1	42.320+3	OFF	40.849	0.964
C Street Prepared				Times				Total	Index
1	4	Matt Ferratusco	Mazda Miata	39.792+1	39.439	38.971	38.200	38.200	0.901
2	13	Chris Wells	Mazda Miata	40.458	39.297	39.031	38.238	38.238	0.902
E Street Prepared				Times				Total	Index
1	68	Randal Hulls	Pontiac Firebird	OFF	OFF	45.895	44.568	44.568	1.051
C Prepared				Times				Total	Index
1	66	Steve Taylor	Ford Mustang	42.219	41.492	42.586	41.279	41.279	0.974

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D Prepared			Times				Total	Index	
1	79	Robert Belvoir	Toyota MR2	45.833	40.221	39.601	38.621+1	39.601	0.934
2	19	Penny Belvoir	Toyota MR2	48.690	45.500	42.159	41.909	41.909	0.989
E Prepared			Times				Total	Index	
1	77	Greg Shumaker	Dodge Neon	43.832	41.427	40.610	39.979	39.979	0.943
Street Touring S			Times				Total	Index	
1	8	Kevin King	Mazda Miata	44.852	43.817+1	43.248+1	43.959	43.959	1.037
2	9	Cd/m Roe	Miata	52.190+1	45.617	53.102	44.299+1	45.617	1.076
Street Touring R			Times				Total	Index	
1	8	Francisco Flores	Mazda Miata	42.922	41.599	42.826+1	41.605	41.599	0.981
Street Touring X			Times				Total	Index	
1	18	Jason Phillips	VW GTI	45.443	42.069	42.391	OFF	42.069	0.992
2	300	Travis Turner	BMW 325i	OFF	42.690	42.112	41.138+1	42.112	0.993
Street Touring U			Times				Total	Index	
1	1	Richard Thackway	BMW M3	43.208	41.987	40.616	41.186	40.616	0.958
2	21	Kevin Spence	BMW M3	46.452+1	43.287	42.327+1	41.470	41.470	0.978
3	07	Bill Kuykendall	Mustang GT	45.806	43.154	42.582	42.090	42.090	0.993
4	13	Bert Foschini	BMW 335i	44.497	42.179	42.802+1	42.120	42.120	0.994
Street Modified			Times				Total	Index	
1	77	Ivan Drusc	VW Golf TDI	45.718	43.482+1	42.378+1	42.855+1	44.378	1.047
Super Street Modified			Times				Total	Index	
1	11	Rick Woodley	Corvette Z06	44.237+1	46.023	43.233	41.981	41.981	0.990
Street Mod Street Tire 2WD			Times				Total	Index	
1	66	Mickey Gaudin	MiataSpeed	39.936	38.940+1	39.102	39.371+1	39.102	0.922
2	54	Steve Pierce	BMW M3	41.753	40.164+1	40.261+1	39.841	39.841	0.940
3	1	Mikael Edstrom	Mazda Miata	40.369+1	44.761	40.105+1	40.089	40.089	0.946
4	47	Patrick Wilson	Mazda Miata	OFF	40.904	62.451	40.148	40.148	0.947
5	5	Karel Schneider	Mazda Miata	43.770+1	41.429	42.046	42.419	41.429	0.977
6	62	Jeff McElyea	Trans Am	43.434+4	41.536	41.663+3	44.003+2	41.536	0.980
7	420	Huey Askins	Mazda Miata	46.221	44.303	43.148	42.824	42.824	1.010
Street Mod Street Tire 4WD			Times				Total	Index	
1	7	Oliver Yao	Mitsubishi Evo	70.980+3	40.184	39.845	39.193	39.193	0.925
2	70	Drew Hackett	Subaru WRX STi	42.307	40.656	41.070	40.256	40.256	0.950
3	67	Harry Corbin	Subaru STi	41.948	40.073+1	41.825+2	40.404	40.404	0.953
4	4	Terry Glazar	Mitsubishi EVO	42.734	41.299	41.062+1	40.782+1	41.299	0.974
Junior Kart A			Times				Total	Index	
1	11	Steven Taylor	Merlin Kart	OFF	46.085	46.174	OFF	46.085	1.087
Novice			Times				Total	Index	
1	11	Jace Micklos	Mazda Miata	48.475+2	44.238+1	43.214	43.185	43.185	1.019
2	68	Mark Williams	Jetta TDI	OFF	45.672	43.966	43.586	43.586	1.028
3	7	Blake Shields	Mitsubishi Lancer	52.778	48.758	45.577	45.531	45.531	1.074
4	1	Riley Lundquist	Mazda Miata	47.823	47.225	48.140	46.217	46.217	1.090
5	17	Doniq Henry	Mazda 3	49.058	OFF	46.429	OFF	46.429	1.095
6	711	Jessica Thackway	BMW M3	55.578	49.912	47.181+1	46.635	46.635	1.100

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Top 20 - Event #2 - 02-12-2012

Timed Entries: 61

Pos.	Class	#	Driver	Car Model	Time	Index
1	CSP	4	Matt Ferratusco	91 Mazda Miata	38.200	0.901
2	CSP	13	Chris Wells	91 Mazda Miata	38.238	0.902
3	PBS	98	Robert Blucher	04 Porsche Boxster S	38.916	0.918
4	SMST2	66	Mickey Gauldin	04 MazdaSpeed Miata	39.102	0.922
5	SMST4	7	Oliver Yao	06 Mitsubishi Evolution	39.193	0.925
6	PCS	73	Dat Nguyen	07 Mazda MX-5	39.256	0.926
7	DP	79	Robert Belvoir	86 Toyota MR2	39.601	0.934
8	PSS	71	Don Hosler	02 Chevrolet Corvette	39.760	0.938
9	SMST2	54	Steve Pierce	97 BMW M3	39.841	0.940
10	EP	77	Greg Shumaker	95 Dodge Neon	39.979	0.943
11	SMST2	1	Mikael Edstrom	04 Mazda Miata	40.089	0.946
12	SMST2	47	Patrick Wilson	93 Mazda Miata	40.148	0.947
13	PDSP	183	Justin Cady	01 Audi A4	40.157	0.947
14	PDS	9	Ryan Speaks	08 JCW Mini Cooper	40.206	0.948
15	SMST4	70	Drew Hackett	05 Subaru WRX STi	40.256	0.950
16	SMST4	67	Harry Corbin	05 Subaru STi	40.404	0.953
17	STU	1	Richard Thackway	04 BMW M3	40.616	0.958
18	ASP	767	John Giddens	93 Mazda rx7	40.849	0.964
19	PSTR	187	Steven Hughes	06 S2000	40.985	0.967
20	PHS	85	James Sauceman	05 Acura RSX	41.200	0.972



That's Greg Shumaker in a Mazda Miata, which is *not* a Dodge Neon and does NOT have anti-lock brakes. But it does have quite a few flat spots.

Dan Stewart

1947 – 2012

Dan Stewart, father of Ian Stewart, passed away on Wednesday February 15th, 2012. Dan was involved in numerous car clubs; he was a classic car enthusiast and a former sports car driver. Dan was a part of the extended Martin family and was very involved with our club in the early days of Ian's racing. In his final years with our club, Dan scaled back his driving time but was sure to participate in Lord Duckham's Revenge, the annual British car invitational held at our September autocrosses during the Lockheed days. Dan loved all things British, including his yellow MG. Though he drove just once annually in his final few years with the club, Dan still enjoyed attending monthly club meetings.

Dan was truly a gentleman and his passing is a great loss to everyone who knew him.

FROM THE BOARD

And Now A Word From Our President . . .

I made a statement at the Award's Banquet and followed it with my Presidential words in the January Pit Patter.

"Another goal will be to encourage the "fun" part of this sport. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in the competition aspect that we forget to have fun also."

As defined from an online dictionary:

FUN:

Something that provides amusement, enjoyment or playfulness.

COMPETITION:

Rivalry between two or more persons or groups for an object desired in common, usually resulting in a victor and a loser, but not necessarily involving the destruction of the latter.

RACE:

Any contest or competition, especially to achieve superiority.

FRIENDLY:

Of, relating to, or befitting a friend

Showing kindly interest and goodwill

Not hostile

FAMILY:

A group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation

A unit of a crime syndicate (as the mafia) operating within a geographical area

I feel we all need to refresh our memory of what these words mean. During the past few events some situations have come up that have taken some of the "fun" out of our sport. We, as the board, are addressing some of these issues and all that we ask is to not dwell on the past. Please try to make these words work in harmony as much as possible.

If you have any comments or suggestions, I will do my best to make the time to listen.

Chris Wells

2012 MSCC President

From your Events Director:

Working the course during Florida summer heat is no fun, so one of my main goals is to try to encourage more people to return to our events through minimizing work duties. We ran a 3 heat run order during our February event, where you worked only one heat and ran two, and it was met with lots of approval and interest. I'd like to continue using this 3 run order system until we get our participant count up. The more drivers we have, the less we will work, so please encourage your friends or even co-workers to experience racing with MSCC. In the coming months, I will work out the kinks to make our events run as smoothly as possible. I also need your help by listening to the PA speaker system for when your class is called to the starting line so that we can keep the lines shorter.

In other news, the Pro class appears to be a hit this year being the largest class, by far, with a large variety of cars. In the future, we will run the Pro-classed cars together to level the playing field. We are also in need of event hosts for April and June and beyond. Hate wagon wheels? Time for you to design the course you have always wanted to race!

-Hien



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TIGER POINTS & MEMBER POINTS

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

The table above shows how Tiger points are awarded. For example, if there are 5 cars in your class and you finish 3rd, you will acquire 29 Tiger points. The winner of the 5-car class will acquire 40 Tiger points. Points are earned for the 11 events from January through November. Your 2 lowest point totals are then dropped to figure your final Tiger Standings. Overall class awards and individual class awards use the same points system. This is not to be confused with Active Member points, which are earned by MSCC members for attending events and meetings, and for hosting an event. See below.

Tiger Points are discussed above, here we will talk about Active Member points. For all of you Old Dogs out there (and you know who you are!) this is redundant stuff. But for some of the newer people, this will explain how you can earn a coveted, and very exclusive, Active Member shirt. You've seen the shirts that some of the members are sporting, from the latest Baby Blue Belvoir shirt, to some that are so old they are back in style, and you've asked yourself "how can I become that cool?" Well, by earning enough Active Member points. If you are a member and have attended a meeting or event this year, you have earned Active Member points. However, in order to count any points that have been earned so far this year, you must be "paid up". In order to be considered a Member in Good Standing, you have to pay your dues, literally. Membership dues are due by the March General meeting. If you pay your membership dues after the March General meeting (we will take your money all year long) only Active Member and Tiger points earned after your membership dues are collected will be awarded. That is why our Treasurer, Sir Bling Ben Turner, has been yelling out "dues are due" at the General meetings. It's not because he likes the way the phrase rolls off of his lips (though that is certainly part of it), it is because he is performing a public service to anyone who wants to earn a really cool Active Member shirt at the end of the year or compete for a Class Championship trophy. If you join after the March meeting, your Active Member and Tiger points will accrue beginning the month you join. You need to participate in at least 6 events in the same class to qualify for a Class Champion. Do you really want to risk it? Again, this is not to be confused with Tiger Points as discussed above, but keep in mind that only Active Members earn Tiger Points. And, if you have not paid your dues and have not been to a meeting or event this year this is the last Pit Patter you will receive until you renew. You have been warned!

New applicants must be sponsored by an experienced MSCC member from a previous season. There is a \$40 membership fee.

Oh yeah—Dues are due!!!

MSCC BUSINESS INDEX

Automotive Services		
Vega's Hi-Tech	216 E. Church Ave., Longwood	407-677-5380
Maitland Tire Co.	233 N. Orlando Ave, Maitland	407-539-0800
Discount Tire	330 S. Alafaya Trail, Orlando	407-275-8133
Crucial Motorsports	90 Willow Ave. Altamonte Springs	904-652-9732
Performance Tire & Wheel	630 S. Volusia Ave., Orange City	386-228-2500
Restaurants & Catering		
Errol Estate Country Club	1355 Errol Pkwy, Apopka	407-886-5000
Pink Pig	Jim Gathings	386-734-4237
Other Services		
Bridport Printing Group	1338 W. Church Street, Orlando	407-716-4966
Motorsports Organizations		
Central FL. Region SCCA	Dat Nguyen & Tim Reardon	www.cfrsolo2.com
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March 2012

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

Coming events— Please see page 3 for more details!



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