

Pit Patter



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Peter Lier and his “Boss” came out to play in the rain.

Photography by Chris Wells

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TRANSMISSIONS

Event Schedule:

Sunday, April 1, 2012 (No Fooling!)

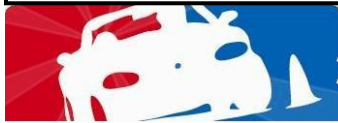
Event #4, Lake County Tech Center

Event Chair: Tom McDonald, Steve Pierce, Scott Swartz

Sunday, May 13, 2012

Event #5, Lake County Tech Center

Event Chair: Mikael Edstrom, Bert Foschini & Mickey Gauldin



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Monthly Club Meeting

Thursday, April 5, 2012

La Fiesta

140 South US Hwy 17/92

Longwood, FL 32750

407-478-1473

7:30PM

Located next to Albertsons on the southwest corner of Highway 17/92 & S.R. 434 in Longwood, FL. Check the website for more info.

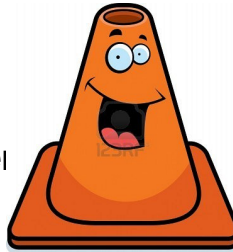
April Autocross

Sunday, April 1, 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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MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Martin Sports Car Club
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 1, 2012

Meeting Called to Order: 7:33 p.m. by **Chris Wells**.

Pit Patters received? Everyone but **John Giddens**.

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

VP Report – **Bob Blucher**

Reported that the PAX index and street tire modifiers for the Pro Class will be published in the next issue of the Pit Patter

The 2012 Rule Book is nearly updated pending a possible rule change re: protests, which will be discussed in more detail at the April meeting (see item under new business).

Treasurer – **Ben Turner**

Rumor has it that Ben lent his vast collection of bling to NBA big-wigs for their wardrobe ensembles at the recent All-Star Weekend. Hopefully, it will all soon be returned. In the meantime, Ben reported that the club finished February with more money than it had at the end of January. We're moving in the right direction.

Secretary – **Kim DeBower**

Verified that all attendees had signed the meeting roster.

Events Director – **Hien Nguyen**

Reported on the first event using the new, three-heat run system. Most have reacted favorably. Going forward, members are encouraged to continue providing comments/feedback on this system

Thanks to **Joey Maier** for helping out with event organization

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

Date for the April event is TBD. Easter is April 8, so we're trying to secure an alternate date

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

Hosts are needed for all remaining months.

President – **Chris Wells**

Old Business

MSCC Autocross School at LCTC for March 3-4 sold out. Thanks everyone!

Anyone else who'd like to volunteer to assist with the Mentor Program should see Chris

A "Dyno Day" at PRS for MSCC members is April 21. Cost is \$50 for three pulls, with lunch included. Limit is 25 cars. Registration to be set up on MyAutoEvents.com

Details are still pending on potential NASA Florida/Evolution School/MSCC Mini Prix events at Sebring

A proposal from a driver wanting to participate at our events as a non-competitor for "test-and-tune" purposes was submitted in error at the previous meeting. Instead of unlimited runs, this driver only requests the same number of runs as competitors. This driver would also bring their own course worker. A new motion was submitted to allow this request. Motion was seconded and carried.

MARCH MEETING MINUTES

New Business

The club heard a presentation from **Jim Bounds** of Fire Fight Products LLC. The company offers cost-effective supplemental fire suppression systems for auto, marine and RV applications. More information can be found at www.FireFightProducts.com or www.FireFightMarine.com.

Events Director – Hien Nguyen

With the current run order system, there's no longer a need for a separate course worker lane. In its place, it was proposed to split the staging of each heat into two lanes: Drivers making their first run in any heat would stage in the right lane; drivers making their second run in that heat would then stage in the left lane. Multi-driver cars would stage separately in the "tech" lane. Motion to try this staging system was made and seconded. Motion carried.

Vice President – Bob Blucher

To acquire data and evaluate the progress of MSCC's supplemental Pro Class, a Competition Board Committee is being formed (with final members TBD). This Comp Board will recommend any future rules adjustments for consideration by the club

Due to a shortage of workers at some past events, course audits at corner stations had been discontinued. However, if the club were to continue conducting events without course audits, the rule governing competition protests would need revision. Any such rule change would be published for member review prior to a vote. A motion was made and seconded to officially eliminate course audits and discuss changes to the rule governing protests. Motion was tabled until the April general meeting.

Upcoming Meeting Location

The next general meeting will be held Thursday, April 5. Tentative location is La Fiesta in Longwood. If there's a location change, members will be notified via e-mail blast.

Swap Time

Joey Maier has several sets of stock car seats. Contact him to see if he has any you might need

Ryan Speaks has a couple of race seats, plus assorted other items. For more information, see Craigslist.

Mickey Gauldin knows someone who is selling a complete set of 16 x 6.5 wheels that would fit a Miata MX-5, MINI, etc. Mickey has contact info

Karel Schneider has a spare engine for a Miata MX-5 with around 44,000 miles. Asking \$900.

50/50 raffle

Won by **Steve Taylor**.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:25 p.m. by Chris Wells

Members in Attendance: B. Abbott, R. Belvoir, B. Blucher, J. Cady, H. Corbin, K. DeBower, M. Edstrom, J. & M. Gauldin, J. Giddens, J. Maier, T. McDonald, H. Nguyen, R. Schatte, K. Schneider, R. Speaks, A. Stogsdill, S. Swartz, S. & S. Taylor, B. Turner, C. Wells, P. Wilson, C. & F. Zimmerman.

Guests in Attendance: Joyce Abbott, Jim Bounds, Janie Bounds, James Lineberger, Maggie Lineberger, Becca Lineberger, Walter Maier

MARCH GALLERY



Jace Micklos, Mazda Miata



Bruce Abbott, Ford Thunderbird



Above:
Yang Hu,
Ford Mustang

Right:
Kevin Spence,
BMW M3



MARCH GALLERY



Kevin King, Mazda Miata



Aaron Stogsdill, Chevy Corvette



Above:
Reed James,
Honda S2000



Right:
Bert Foschini
BMW 335i

MARCH GALLERY



Above:
Rick Woodley,
C6 Corvette



Right:
Hien Nguyen,
Mitsubishi Evo



Above:
Francisco Luciano,
BMW 335i



Right: Robert Belvoir,
Toyota MR2

MARCH GALLERY



Colm Roe,
Mazda Miata



Raddy Schatte,
Classic Mini
&
Mickey Gauldin,
Cone Connoisseur



Left: Colm Roe,
Mazda Miata

Below:
George Hammerbeck,
BMW M3



RACE REPORT

By Bert "Hammer" Foschini

I'm confused. I've always heard that March comes in like a lion, but I've also been told that cats (a lion is just a big cat, right?) do not like water. If that is the case, what the heck was going on with the March event? What is this, the end of the world or something? Or was it just payback for all of those times you chanted "rain, rain go away"? Could the March event have been the elusive "other day"? In true mother nature fashion, it did not rain during set up and the rain pretty much had dissipated by the time we packed up, but in between it was a mix of annoying drizzle, irritating light rain, frustrating heavy rain, with some sprinkles sprinkled in for the fun of it. When all was said and done, 54 wet and weary drivers had driven a course on which the Giddens showed where X marks the spot – the spot where time was gained or lost in what turned out to be a very nicely flowing course.

Last month the single car classes dominated the 2-driver classes by a 2-1 margin. This month the contest was much closer as we had 7 single car classes and 8 2-driver classes. Those who had to sing solo in the rain were Aaron Stogsdill in SS, Brian Smith in BS, Kim DeBower in DS, Bruce Abbott (or was that Bill Elliott?) in FS, Raddy Schatte in HS, Randall Huls in ESP and Fred Zimmerman in SMF (WTF?). Those who had a partner with which to play in the puddles were Ben Turner over Ludwig Bavetta in ES, Steve Marcum over Yang Hu in GS, John Giddens over Dawn Giddens in ASP, Luis Richard over Francisco Luciano in BSP, Matt Ferratusco over Chris Wells in CSP, Robert Belvoir over Penny Belvoir in DP, Leland Giddens over Rick Woodley in SSM and a draw in FJA, where both Rebecca Rodriguez and Steven Taylor made half a run in a kart. The Novice class gave us some extremely close action. One interesting tidbit - each person in the Novice class went off course, which is not uncommon. However, each person in the Novice class went off course only once. Coincidence or conspiracy? What is even more interesting is that Scott Zink, in a Miata, was battling Dalton Zink, in a Trans Am, while Carl Moore, in a Miata was getting faster each round. In the end, Carl Moore took the Novice class win by a mere 44 thousandths of a second, with Dalton 2nd and Scott 3rd. The good news for the Zink duo is that they will not have to worry about Carl next month as his win floated him out of Novice forever, or until the world ends, whichever comes first. And, just like that, 15 of the 23 classes are covered, with an umbrella, a day too late.

Apparently rain had a type of shrinking effect on the Pro class as there were only 4 populating the class in March, down from 10 in February and 11 in January. Who could have seen that coming? The Mayans. Anyhoo, what was interesting here was that there were 2 stock cars and 2 non-stock cars and the non-stock cars finished 1-2 and the stock cars finished 3-4. The other interesting tidbit was that the car in each sub-group with the fastest time finished behind the other car in that sub-group. Confused? Welcome to my world. Once the PCU was done pu'ing, Reed James came in 1st, with Justin Cady 2nd. There were 4 ST classes represented this month, and each featured 3 drivers. Coincidence or conspiracy? If you have been with the club for the last year or 2 you know that STS has been a fierce battle between the king of the class, Kevin King and Colm Roe. Last year Colm recorded one win over Kevin in STS, and it took until the August event to do it. Colm got revenge much quicker this year as he took the victory by over 6 tenths of a second. Long live the Roe? In STR Carolyn Smith found her class being invaded by a couple of guys with names like Jace Micklos and Huey Askins. It turned out to be a fairly close battle - for 2nd place - as Carolyn put the beat down on the boys by over 2 full seconds. To be fair, Jace and Huey are fresh out of the Novice class, so this is going to be interesting to watch as the year unfolds.

RACE REPORT

STX was the only ST class featuring more than one manufacturer, pitting Brandon Kalarovich in a Subaru WRX against Jason Phillips in a VW GTI and Travis Turner in a BMW 325i. It was also the class with the narrowest margin of victory. Coincidence? Yes. After the 3rd run Brandon found himself over 3 tenths behind Jason. Once this alphabet soup of cars finished sloshing around the course Brandon took the victory by just 0.031! The “U” in STU stood for “ultimate driving machine” with yours truly taking on Kevin Spence and George Hammerbeck. What? The Hammer vs. Hammerbeck? Coincidence or just weird? Anyway, for some reason the course seemed to agree with my car and I somehow won the class, with Kevin 2nd.

The 2 SMST classes used to be where most of the cars could be found, but these 2 classes started the year with a combined total of 5 cars between them. Last month that number grew to 11 and this month it held steady, with SMST2 boasting the largest class of the day. And, talk about diversity – a Miata, M3, Boss Mustang, Boxster and Cayman could be found here this month, with varying degrees of disgust for the wet conditions. Half way through the event Mickey Gaudin was sitting in 1st, Bob Blucher was sitting in 2nd, Peter Lier was sitting in 3rd, Steve Pierce was sitting in 4th, Patrick Wilson was sitting in 5th and Mikael Edstrom was sitting in timeout, having gone off course on both runs. When the spilsh-spalshing was over Mickey found himself with a 0.675 second victory and the 4th fastest time of the day, with Steve 2nd, Mikael 3rd, Peter 4th and Patrick 5th. SMST4 has been mired in a recession all year, though it showed some signs of life after beginning the year with only 1 car, improving to 4 drivers in February, but regressing to only 3 cars this month. These are the cars that are usually sporting the “Pray For Rain” decals, but Hien Nguyen seemed to be the most devout as he dominated the class by over 2 full seconds, recording a 45.903 on his first run, then proceeding to hit cones the rest of the day. His raw time of 44.545 would have been TTD by almost 6 tenths, but those cones aren’t just there for looks and he had to settle for the 2nd fastest time of the day. Terry Glazar finished 2nd in the class.

Once again, the TTD could be found in a 2-driver class. And, once again, it was the co-drive situation of Chris Wells and Matt Ferratusco. I jokingly reported last month that Chris purposely allowed Matt to beat him in his own car. There was a rumor that someone thought that I was actually serious. Seriously? Are you new around here? Have you never met me, read my race reports or listened to me on the mic? Anyone who knows me knows that I suffer from HSD – Hyperactive Sarcasm Disorder. I try to tone it down, but sometimes I just can’t help myself. I can’t think of a single member of this club who would ever purposely lose a race, unless their co-driver was some smokin’ hot hottie. That is clearly not the case with Chris and most certainly not the case with Matt. Besides, each of these guys has his own hot hottie sitting at home, so they never hold anything back out on course. Anyway, this month was a repeat of last month as Matt Ferratusco once again took TTD with perhaps the greatest feat of driving that has ever been witnessed in the history of mankind. (HSD? Ask the Mayans.) Chris had one more run remaining, but by the time his turn came around the conditions had deteriorated to the point where there was no chance to catch Matt. This will be another interesting class to watch this year.

I went way out on a limb last month and predicted that the March event would be warmer than the February Freeze out. I will continue my daring prognosticating ways by predicting that the April event will not only be warmer than the March event, but it will be drier, too. Dry, with a lot of hot air? Is that a weather prediction or a description of my typical race report? Sounds suspiciously like both. Coincidence?

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Final Results - Event #3 - Sun 03-11-2012

Total Registered: 54, with Times: 54

Pro Pax Class			Times					Total	M-Pax		
1T	STR 271	Reed James	Honda S2000	OFF	51.439	49.872	47.748	47.748	39.245		
2	DSP 183	Justin Cady	Audi A4		48.847	47.569+1	47.503	47.153	47.153	40.127	
3	CS 97	Scott Swartz	Mazda Miata	OFF	OFF		51.512	51.686	51.512	41.836	
4	SS 71	Don Hosler	Z06 Corvette		62.968	OFF	51.835	51.189	51.189	42.822	
Super Stock			Times					Total	Index		
1T	1	Aaron Stogsdill	C6 Corvette		53.976		51.903	51.938	52.144	51.903	1.013
B Stock			Times					Total	Index		
1T	06	Brian Smith	Honda S2000	OFF	55.332	52.258		51.934	51.934	1.014	
D Stock			Times					Total	Index		
1T	91	Kim DeBower	Mini Cooper S		54.479	50.481	50.004	50.132	50.004	0.976	
E Stock			Times					Total	Index		
1T	113	Ben Turner	Porsche 944		59.962		54.894	55.183	OFF	54.894	1.072
2	10	Ludwig Bavetta	BMW Z3	OFF	61.139		57.181	60.006		57.181	1.116
F Stock			Times					Total	Index		
1T	9	Bruce Abbott	Thunderbird		67.140	63.025	61.893	63.349		61.893	1.208
G Stock			Times					Total	Index		
1T	98	Steve Marcum	VW GTI		52.128	49.976	49.385	49.218	49.218	0.961	
2	7	Yang Hu	Ford Mustang	OFF	55.170		54.808	OFF	54.808	1.070	
H Stock			Times					Total	Index		
1T	115	Raddy Schatte	Austin Mini		55.200	53.172+1	54.089+2	52.761	52.761	1.030	
A Street Prepared			Times					Total	Index		
1T	767	John Giddens	Mazda RX7		48.332	OFF	48.797	46.111	46.111	0.900	
2	76	Dawn Giddens	Mazda RX7		60.355	52.504	52.888	52.401	52.401	1.023	
B Street Prepared			Times					Total	Index		
1T	3	Luis Richard	BMW 335i		51.043		50.133	49.336+1	OFF	50.133	0.979
2	007	Francisco Luciano	BMW 335i		57.201	OFF	52.148	52.241		52.148	1.018
C Street Prepared			Times					Total	Index		
1T	4	Matt Ferratusco	Chris's Miata		46.086	46.393	45.735+1	45.139	45.139	0.881	
2	13	Chris Wells	Mazda Miata		47.103+1	46.478+1	46.559			46.559	0.909
E Street Prepared			Times					Total	Index		
1T	68	Randall Huls	Firebird		58.140	54.923	53.775	53.343	53.343	1.041	
D Prepared			Times					Total	Index		
1T	79	Robert Belvoir	Toyota MR2		52.748	OFF	47.427	47.430		47.427	0.926
2	19	Penny Belvoir	Toyota MR2		56.213	53.699+1	52.283	51.908	51.908	1.013	
Street Touring S			Times					Total	Index		
1T	6	Colm Roe	Mazda Miata		67.926+1	84.618+1	51.428	50.378	50.378	0.983	
2	8	Kevin King	Mazda Miata		53.423	52.930+1	51.031	51.048+1	51.031	0.996	
3	0	Bill Kuykendall	Mazda Miata		52.654		51.496	52.776	52.499	51.496	1.005

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Total Registered: 54, with Times: 54

Street Touring R			Times					Index	
1T	51	Carolyn Smith	Mazda Miata	63.197	57.024	55.446	53.976	53.976	1.054
2	1	Jace Micklos	Mazda Miata	59.150	60.623	56.072	56.423	56.072	1.095
3	11	Huey Askins	Mazda Miata	58.963	58.107	57.747	57.016	57.016	1.113
Street Touring X			Times					Total	Index
1T	4	Brandon Kalarovich	Impreza WRX	68.811+2	49.638	48.909	47.188	47.188	0.921
2	18	Jason Phillips	VW GTI	OFF	48.292	48.575	47.219	47.219	0.922
3	300	Travis Turner	BMW 325i	OFF	50.919	51.036	49.185	49.185	0.960
Street Touring U			Times					Total	Index
1T	13	Bert Foschini	BMW 335i	52.155	50.277	48.956+1	48.352	48.352	0.944
2	21	Kevin Spence	BMW M3	53.858	52.540+1	51.239+1	50.236	50.236	0.981
3	135	George Hammerbeck	BMW M3	OFF	OFF	54.051	52.567	52.567	1.026
Street Modified FWD			Times					Total	Index
1T	14	Fred Zimmerman	Cooper S	52.243	49.337	50.380	61.201	49.337	0.963
Super Street Modified			Times					Total	Index
1T	277	Leland Giddens	Mazda Miata	48.686	48.575	48.864+1	47.563	47.563	0.928
2	11	Rick Woodley	C6 Corvette	53.260+1	50.205			50.205	0.980
Street Mod Street Tire 2WD			Times					Total	Index
1T	66	Mickey Gauldin	MiataSpeed	48.006	46.859	46.463	46.523	46.463	0.907
2T	54	Steve Pierce	BMW M3	49.715	49.429	47.789	47.138	47.138	0.920
3T	1	Mikael Edstrom	MiataSpeed	OFF	OFF	47.417	47.324	47.324	0.924
4	61	Peter Lier	Boss Mustang	50.908	48.327	48.126+1	47.653	47.653	0.930
5	47	Patrick Wilson	Mazda RX-8	50.791	49.685	OFF	47.981	47.981	0.937
6	98	Robert Blucher	Boxster S	48.986	48.023	48.780	48.345	48.023	0.937
7	35	Erich Mertz	Cayman S	67.766+1	51.114	49.744	48.782	48.782	0.952
8	6	David Darrow	MiataSpeed	54.836+1	OFF	54.755	54.375+1	54.755	1.069
Street Mod Street Tire 4WD			Times					Total	Index
1T	11	Hien Nguyen	Mitsubishi Evo	45.903	64.245+3	56.057+2	44.545+2	45.903	0.896
2	4	Terry Glazar	Mitsubishi Evo	55.274	50.895	51.370	48.093	48.093	0.939
3	70	Drew Hackett	WRX STi	49.005+1	47.856+3	49.377	50.126	49.377	0.964
Junior Kart A			Times					Total	Index
1T	111	Rebecca Rodriguez	Merlin Kart	OFF				OFF	-
2	11	Steven Taylor	Merlin Kart	OFF				OFF	-
Novice			Times					Total	Index
1T	82	Carl Moore	Mazda MX-5	OFF	67.067+1	61.595	58.847	58.847	1.149
2	144	Dalton Zink	Trans-Am	OFF	60.802	57.045+1	58.891	58.891	0.150
3	475	Scott Zink	Mazda MX-5	84.787	70.193	62.427	OFF	62.427	1.219
4	69	Alex Bingaman	Crown Vic	OFF	75.991	65.023	62.930	62.930	1.228

April Birthdays!!

- * Patrick Barrett
- * Brian Smith
- * Rick Woodley

- *Gerardo Bonilla
- * Richard Thackway

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Top 20 - MSCC Event #3 - Sun 03-11-2012

Timed Entries: 54

Pos.	Class	# Driver	Car Model	Time	Index
1	CSP	4 Matt Ferratusco	91 Chris's Miata	45.139	0.881
2	SMST4	11 Hien Nguyen	03 Mitsubishi Evo	45.903	0.896
3	ASP	767 John Giddens	93 Mazda rx7	46.111	0.900
4	SMST2	66 Mickey Gauldin	04 Mazda MiataSpeed	46.463	0.907
5	CSP	13 Chris Wells	91 Mazda Miata	46.559	0.909
6	SMST2	54 Steve Pierce	97 BMW M3	47.138	0.920
7	SDSP	183 Justin Cady	01 Audi A4	47.153	0.920
8	STX	4 Brandon Kalarovich	02 Subaru Impreza WRX	47.188	0.921
9	STX	18 Jason Phillips	08 VW GTI	47.219	0.922
10	SMST2	1 Mikael Edstrom	00 Chevrolet Corvette	47.324	0.924
11	DP	79 Robert Belvoir	86 Toyota MR2	47.427	0.926
12	SSM	277 Leland Giddens	94 Mazda Miata	47.563	0.928
13	SMST2	61 Peter Lier	12 Ford Boss Mustang	47.653	0.930
14	SSTR	271 Reed James	08 Honda S2000	47.748	0.932
15	SMST2	47 Patrick Wilson	07 Mazda RX-8	47.981	0.937
16	SMST2	98 Robert Blucher	04 Porsche Boxster S	48.023	0.937
17	SMST4	4 Terry Glazar	05 Mitsubishi EVO	48.093	0.939
18	STU	13 Bert Foschini	09 BMW 335i	48.352	0.944
19	SMST2	35 Erich Mertz	08 Porsche Cayman S	48.782	0.952
20	STX	300 Travis Turner	91 BMW 325i	49.185	0.960

Pro (PAX) Class

a) In order to be eligible for this class the drivers must be knowledgeable of cars proper as sitting SCCA class and PAX number. It is 100% the competitor's responsibility to be certain his car is legal for the SCCA class. If the car is found to be illegal later in the year the competitor must forfeit all previous wins and points.

b) SMST classes do not have an SCCA PAX therefore shall not be eligible to run in the "Pro" class as SMST. Since SMST cars must meet an SCCA Solo Classification those cars choosing to run in "Pro" shall run in their SCCA class and use the appropriate PAX number.

c) SCCA legal Stock Class cars may mount race tires as governed by the Stock Class rules. Those choosing to run DOT street tires with a wear rating of 140 or higher will receive an additional multiplier of .975. For the year 2012 this multiplier is subject to change as the class is further developed and event results reviewed. The formula used for Street Tires is as follows: $\text{Time} \times \text{PAX} \times .975 = \text{PAX Time}$

d) If a Stock legal car running Pro on Dot-r tires chooses to run in a non-Pro stock class the competitor must run street tires or move to the appropriate Dot-r legal class.

e) If the class fails to get at least 2.5 entry average per event (30 total entries for the year) through out 2012 it will be dropped.

Bob Blucher
Vice President

AUTOCROSS SCHOOL



Students: John Giddens, Patrick Barrett, Kevin Spence, Kevin Abel, Richard Thackway, Patrick Wilson, Burr Clausen, Harry Corbin, Brian Smith, Rick Woodley, Phillip Fretwell, Carlos Morales, Gary Bitner, Priscilla Fretwell, Paul Rodgers, Richard Brillhart, Ben Turner, Charles Shieren, Kristen Abel.

Instructor: Gerardo Bonilla, Matt Ferratusco, Mark Dana, Chris Wells



Students: Mickey Gauldin, Jim Andersen, Kevin King, Jose Garcia, Jose Velez, Reed James, Jimmy Hughes, Ryan Speaks, Terry Glazar, Drew Hackett, Kevin Bonitz, Kim DeBower, Karel Schneider, Colm Roe, James Buckheim, Brandon Kalarovich, Michael O'Halloran, David Darrow, Michael Andersen.

Instructors: Gerardo Bonilla, Matt Ferratusco, Mark Dana, Chris Wells

FROM THE BOARD

And Now A Word From Our President . . .

I want to thank everyone who participated in the Autocross School on March 3rd & 4th. We had about a 50/50 mix of MSCC members and people from other organizations, who we had never met. I hope they enjoyed themselves and our club to the point that they will want to come back to one of our monthly races.

I also need to thank the other coaches, Gerardo Bonilla, Matt Ferratusco & Marc Dana for taking the time out of their busy schedules to provide their expert advice & guidance. All 4 of us truly enjoy the coaching aspect of our sport and hope to continue offering this school at least once a year. You advanced drivers . . . WHOA . . . you really make us dig deep into our coaching abilities and challenge us to knock hundredths of a second off of your times or advise you on how to approach the courses a little differently. Totally awesome and fun!!! We all learn from you guys too. I wish I would analyze my runs as thoroughly as I analyzed your runs, then maybe I'll be fast enough to beat Matt – LOL!!!

The volunteers who helped with course managing and computer work deserve a big round of applause. We couldn't have done the school without you and your commitment to our club.

Now . . . Hopefully you will remember *everything* we taught you and lay down some smoking fast times at the next race. Even if you only remember a couple of things we taught then the school was a success. Speaking of success, it also brought a nice profit to the club.

For the future . . . As many of you know I've been providing the Novice Walk in the morning for the past couple of years. This year Matt has been able to assist and we've been considering trying a new approach to the Novice Walk at the next event.

For some unknown reason we continue to have experienced drivers participate in the novice walk (which I guess is a compliment to Matt & I or you just like to patronize us). Therefore we want to be able to provide coaching for them, but to do so will require a separate walk. We will split the group into 2 groups – one group will be drivers who have less than a year of autocrossing and the other group will be for the advanced drivers. The Advanced Walk will address high-level concepts that require greater experience to apply, while the Novice Walk will continue to address the key fundamentals that are important to autocrossing. The goal is avoid overwhelming the inexperienced drivers with too much complex information, while providing value to the experienced autocrossers.

I don't foresee the 2-group format taking any longer than normal. As always, I look forward to hearing feedback from everyone.

I'll see you at the races!!!

Chris Wells
2012 MSCC President

From your Events Director:

The 3-heat run order seems to be picking up traction now. The only issue I'm seeing is that we need to have people listen to the PA to hear their classes called to staging so that we do not have long lines, but other than that, I have been hearing mostly positive feedback. Please do not hesitate to let me know your thoughts. Also, we need hosts for June and beyond.

-Hien

RULES DISCUSSION

Changes to our Competition Rules were discussed at the March General Meeting and will be voted on at the April General Meeting. The proposed changes are to: 1- clarify (and expand on) the protest procedure; and 2- determine whether we continue to keep cone count and off course logs at each of the safety stations. You will be able to cast your vote for "ONE" of the following four (4) options.

Option A: This is the keep everything "as is" option. No rule clarification and retain manual cone count logs at each station.

2.4 Competition protests must be submitted to the Events Director or Vice-President within 15 minutes of the last competition run of the day at any event. For the period of ½ hour (30 minutes) Executive Council members and appointed agents will audit the event results recorded at each safety station against the event results recorded in the timing trailer. If sufficient evidence is found to support the competition protest then the official final results will be modified accordingly.

Option B: This keeps the present protest rules but eliminates the manual station logs. Since there will be no station logs with this option, any protest audit will be based on the data logged in the Timing Trailer.

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Option C: This updates the protest rules and retains the manual station logs.

2.4 While the right to protest in certain cases is unquestionable, it should be remembered that autocross events are sporting events, to be conducted in a sporting spirit; that all events are organized and managed by amateurs who cheerfully give their time and do their best, that the competitor may expect some imperfections of the event and its organizers and of his/her fellow competitors; and that, to a reasonable extent, these things are part of the chances he or she takes in entering the competition.

Competition protests specifying which sections of the MSCC or SCCA Solo® rulebooks alleged to have been violated shall be submitted to the Events Director or Vice-President within 15 minutes of the last competition run of the day at any point's event. For a period not to exceed 30 minutes the Executive Council members in attendance and appointed agents will review the specific point(s) of the protest and review the protest against the governing rules of the competition. If the driver/entrant being protested is found in violation of the specific rule(s) being protested, the review board shall determine the severity of the penalty based on the nature of the infraction. The penalty could be loss of position(s), disqualification from the event, loss of points, or a combination there of. The official results will be modified accordingly to the outcome of the protest. If the violation is specific to a vehicle being in non-compliance to the governing rulebooks then proof will have to be made to the Chief Tech Inspector before the vehicle can be cleared to run future MSCC events.

A protest against the actions of a driver/entrant, or official during competition, including a protest against Timing and Scoring, shall be lodged no later than 15 minutes after the alleged violation. The protest will go to the Events Director or Vice-President. The Executive Council members in attendance and appointed agents will review the specific point(s) of the protest and make judgment(s), if applicable, based on the nature of the infraction. All timing and cone count audits will be based on the event results recorded at each safety station compared with the event results recorded in the timing trailer.

Option D: This updates the protest rules but eliminates the manual station logs. Again, since there will be no station logs with this option, all protests audits will be based on data logged in the Timing Trailer.

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TIGER POINTS

2012 Tiger Points

As of March 12, 2012				Prev Rank
After 3 events, 0 drops	0 Drops	Total		
1	Gauldin, Mickey	115	115	
2	Pierce, Steve	106	106	
3	Ferratusco, Matt	104	104	
4	King, Kevin	104	104	
5	Turner, Ben	104	104	
6	Giddens, John	103	103	
7	Spence, Kevin	103	103	
8	DeBower, Kim	100	100	
9	Nguyen, Hien	100	100	
10	Edstrom, Mikael	99	99	
11	Roe, Colm	98	98	
12	Wells, Chris	98	98	
13	Turner, Travis	95	95	
14	Foschini, Bert	94	94	
15	Schatte, Raddy	94	94	
16	Stogsdill, Aaron	92	92	
17	Wilson, Patrick	91	91	
18	Woodley, Rick	88	88	
19	Belvoir, Penny	87	87	
20	Glazar, Terry	87	87	
21	Hosler, Don	84	84	
22	Speaks, Ryan	84	84	
23	Cady, Justin	78	78	
24	Swartz, Scott	73	73	
25	Belvoir, Robert	72	72	
26	Kalarovich, Brandon	70	70	
27	Smith, Carolyn	69	69	
28	Blucher, Bob	67	67	
29	Taylor, Steven	67	67	
30	Bavetta, Ludwig	62	62	
31	Huls, Randall	62	62	
32	Taylor, Steve	62	62	
33	Nguyen, Dat	61	61	
34	Smith, Brian	61	61	
35	Giddens, Dawn	60	60	
36	Hacket, Drew - r	60	60	
37	Abbott, Bruce	58	58	
38	Giddens, Leland	57	57	
39	Kuykendall, Bill	55	55	
40	Schneider, Karel	52	52	
41	Brau, Mike	45	45	
42	Zimmerman, Fred	43	43	
43	Thackway, Richard	39	39	
44	Yao, Oliver	39	39	
45	Abel, Kevin	32	32	
46	Moore, Alan - r	31	31	
47	Corbin, Harry	28	28	
48	Abel, Kristin	27	27	
49	McDonald, Tom	27	27	
50	Mertz, Erich	27	27	

r = rookie

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
Chin Motorsports	www.chinmotorsports.com	
Grassroots Motorsports Magazine	David Wallens www.grassrootsmotorsports.com	888-676-9747
Skip Barber Racing School	Gerardo Bonilla www.skipbarber.com	800-221-1131

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April 2012

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

Coming events— Please see page 3 for more details!



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