

Pit Patter



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If you look very closely you can see the dying cone's spirit leaving it's body as Matt Ferratusco smashes the life out of it.

Photography by Kevin Abel

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Event Schedule:

Sunday, May 13, 2012 (Mother's Day)

Event #5, Lake County Tech Center

Event Chair: Mikael Edstrom, Bert Foschini & Mickey Gauldin

Sunday, June 24, 2012

Spring Mini Prix, Sebring

Event Chair: Executive Board

Saturday, July 7, 2012

Event #7, Orange County Convention Center

Event Chair: TBD



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Monthly Club Meeting

Thursday, May 3, 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.

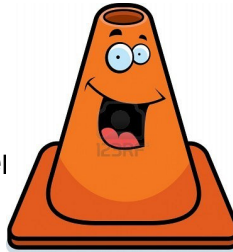
May Autocross

Sunday, May 13, 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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APRIL MEETING MINUTES

General Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 5, 2012

Meeting Called to Order: 7:35 p.m. by **Chris Wells**.

Pit Patters received? Yes.

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

VP Report – **Bob Blucher**

April event went smoothly. However, for the first time this year, no one entered the Pro Class.

Treasurer – **Ben Turner**

First quarter financial performance was very good. Club income continues to trend higher than expenses.

Secretary – **Kim DeBower**

Verified that all attendees had signed the meeting roster.

Events Director – **Hien Nguyen**

April event attracted 47 drivers. The low turnout forced us to run a two-heat system instead of three

The only negative issue was a small coolant loss from one of the competitors. However, it was cleaned up quickly, so very little time was lost

May 13 event hosts will be **Mikael Edstrom, Bert Foschini and Mickey Gauldin**

Additional hosts are needed to help **Robert Belvoir** at July event. Hosts are also needed for all remaining events.

President – Chris Wells

Old Business

- A “Dyno Day” at PRS is for MSCC members is April 21. Cost is \$50 for three pulls, with lunch included. At least 15 cars are needed (limit is 25). Register on MyAutoEvents.com
- Scheduling is set for NASA Florida/MSCC Mini Prix events at Sebring. First event is June 23-24 (executive board to host). Saturday is a test-and-tune, with a points event on Sunday. Fall Mini Prix is Oct. 6-7, with an Evo School scheduled for Saturday and MSCC points event Sunday. NASA will cover track rental and MSCC will receive 25% of net revenue plus all travel-related expenses for equipment set-up
- Scheduling is also set for two Saturday events at the Orange County Convention Center, July 7 and Oct. 20. SCCA will conduct events the following day (July 8 and Oct. 21). More info. to come
- MSCC and PCA have group-purchased 10 brand-new, Snell-rated loaner helmets. MSCC’s share of the expense is lower than was forecast (approx. \$200-\$300). Unused funds will go towards construction of new trailer shelving to safely store the helmets. We’re also looking into securing inexpensive

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disposable head socks

- The wireless microphone has been cleaned and repaired at no expense. One speaker is still to be repaired and a speaker cable replaced.

Vice President – Bob Blucher

Club members were asked to vote on proposed changes to the Competition Rules that had been discussed at the March General Meeting. It was determined that a clarification of the protest procedure and determination on whether to continue keeping course logs at each safety station was needed. Members voted to update the protest rules and retain the manual station logs. These changes will now be incorporated into the 2012 MSCC Rule Book.

President – Chris Wells

New Business

- The new course walk procedure has received favorable reactions from experienced drivers. We'll also try to get feedback from novices
- To help reinvigorate the mentor program, novices will now be assigned course work for their first heat, working alongside a mentor. This will constitute the only required mentor/novice contact, though mentors are encouraged to offer additional instruction (ride-alongs, etc.). Following each event, a brief thank-you note/comment card will be e-mailed to all novice participants
- An open discussion was held re: no participation in the pro class at the April event. Most present felt that the overlap with a concurrent SCCA event was primarily to blame. It was agreed to leave the class in place for now to try and secure more data.

Upcoming Meeting Location

The next general meeting will be held Thursday, May 3 at Perkins in Apopka. Alternative meeting locations are being sought, so please forward any suggestions to the executive board.

Swap Time

Bob Blucher is selling his Miata and his truck.

Matt Ferratusco is selling a set of Bilsteins for a Miata.

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

Mickey Gauldin is selling a medium-sized, full-face, Snell-rated Pyrotec helmet that's only a few races old. Asking \$200.

50/50 raffle

Won by Matt Ferratusco.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:42 p.m. by Chris Wells

Members in Attendance: R. Belvoir, B. Blucher, J. Cady, K. DeBower, M. Edstrom, M. Ferratusco, J. & M. Gauldin, D. Hosler, K. King, J. Maier, T. McDonald, H. Nguyen, K. & T. Schneider, R. Speaks, A. & K. Spence, S. & S. Taylor II, B. Turner, C. Wells, P. Wilson.

APRIL GALLERY



Justin Cady, BMW 325i



Ben Turner, Porsche 944



Above:
Tom McDonald
Mazda Miata

Right:
Fred Zimmerman
Mini Cooper



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Travis Schneider, Miata Gay Car



Mark Burt, Mazda RX-7 Hybrid



Kenny Gifford, Subaru WRX



Bill Kuykendall, Mazda Miata

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Jason Stroud, BMW 325i



Steve Taylor, Ford Mustang



Chris Wells, Mazda Miata



Travis Turner, BMW 325i

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Above:
Hien Nguyen
Mitsubishi Evo



Left:
Richard Thackway
BMW M3



Above:
Samuel Zuniga
Datsun 510



Left:
Mikael Edstrom
C5 Corvette

RACE REPORT

By Bert "Hammer" Foschini

A Novice finished in the Top 5. April Fools. Robert Belvoir took TTD. April Fools. Chris Wells beat Matt Ferratusco by over 1.1 seconds. April Fools. There were no drivers in the Pro class. April Fools. Can you figure out that the April event fell on April Fool's day? Those pesky Mayans are relentless. This month they messed with us by having Easter fall on the 2nd Sunday, so the April event was scheduled a week earlier, placing it squarely on April Fool's day. However, I cannot recall hearing about a single April Fools prank that was pulled at the April event, so I made up for it with this first paragraph. Clever, eh? No? Are you fooling me? Anyway, with the changed date and having been scheduled against another event in the area our attendance topped out at a mere 48 drivers, which is the fewest number of drivers we have had since August of 2010. No fooling! It forced us split the event into 2 heats, where drivers made all 4 of their runs at one time. A few short years ago this would have resulted in prophecies of the end of the world, which is obviously crazy, but there was no upheaval and the event carried on.

The results start out like a dyslexic band leader who just really does not want to get the song started as the first 9 classes had 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, 2 drivers. For the event the 1 and 2-driver classes finished in a dead heat, with 6 drivers each, and accounted for 12 of the 19 classes. Those drivers that were just fooling themselves included Brian Smith in BS (no, really), Ben Turner in ES, Raddy Schatte in HS, Steve Taylor in CP (Car Puked), Carolyn Smith in STR and Fred Zimmerman in SMF. Those who had a partner to fool around with were Don Hosler over Aaron Stogsdill in SS, Tom McDonald over Scott Swartz in CS, Steve Marcum over Yang Hu in GS, Chris Wells over Matt Ferratusco in CSP (revenge is a dish best served in 86 degree heat), Robert Belvoir over Penny Belvoir in DP, and Steven Taylor over Rebecca Rodriguez in FJA.

There was certainly some joking going on in the Novice class. Can you ever recall a true novice finishing with the 5th fastest time of day? Well, that's what allegedly occurred at the April event as Mark Burt (cool last name, even if it is spelled wrong) turned in a 51.431 in what was rumored to be an LS3-powered, completely gutted Mazda RX7. It was extremely confusing to the senses to watch this car get around the course while the soundtrack of a C6 Corvette was playing. It was like watching one of the old English-dubbed Bruce Lee movies. Anyway, the rest of the Novice class turned in more traditional novice-like times and were all within less than a second of each other, including Samuel Zuniga in a very cool Datsun 510. Kenny Gifford finished 2nd and Mike Lambert finished 3rd. How weird is it to type the name "Datsun"? Spellcheck wants to change it to "Dotson" or "Datum". Are those even real words?

The STS class has been the domain of Kevin King and Colm Roe and their epic Miata battle. Bill Kuykendall has decided to join the fray to see what all of the fuss is about. You've heard the term "no muss, no fuss"? No? Too bad. Colm Roe was all muss and no fuss as he wiped out a total of 7 cones in his 4 runs and failed to record a single clean time. Meanwhile, the King was sitting in 1st place after the first 2 runs, holding a commanding 1.1 second lead. Staking his claim to the throne, Bill knocked over 2.5 seconds off of his time to take the win by over 1.4 seconds. Long live the Kuykendall? In STX Travis Turner offered up his BMW 325i to Justin Cady while Justin was hoping for a new rack. A steering rack, that is. Brandon Kalarovich was the only driver to record 4 clean runs in this class but once everyone else cleaned up their act they caught him. After the cone carnage was cleaned up Justin came away with a 0.9 second win, with Travis 2nd. STU saw the return of the Richard Thackway and Kevin

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Spence show. They told me that people get them mixed up all of the time, which makes no sense considering Richard is normal sized (or is that Kevin?) and Kevin is a giant (or is that Richard?). They have only each other to blame (actually, it's Richard's fault) for perpetuating the confusion as they now both drive a 2004 Silver BMW M3. How similar are these guys? After the first run they were separated by 0.004 seconds. However, the real Richard Thackway eventually stood tall and took the class win.

SSM was a 3-way Corvette battle as Mikael Edstrom's Corvette was back in action, with Mickey Gauldin co-driving. Rick Woodley's Corvette returned as well. Mikael and Mickey took turns seeing who could hit the most cones (Mikael won, 7 to 6) while Rick was Mr. Clean on all 4 runs. Both Mikael and Mickey finally made a clean run on their last attempt but it was too little, too late and Rick took the victory. Had Mickey not clipped the 2nd to last cone on the course he would have won the class and would have recorded the 4th fastest time of the day. But, as I have mentioned a time or 2 before, those cones are no joke, they are serious. SMST4 reminded me of that famous car comedy "3 Evo's and an STI." The lead role in the April version was played by Hien Nguyen, who won the class by over 1.6 seconds and finished with the 3rd fastest time of the day. Patrick Barrett finished 2nd, just 0.156 ahead of Terry Glazar. Leaving us with, by far, the largest class of the day, SMST2, which boasted 9 drivers, or more than the next 2 biggest classes combined. SMST2 also boasted the closest competition of the day. It seems SMST2 was very boastful in April. Although the class was full of Miatas there were also 2 Porsches and 2 BMWs to be found as well. Of the 48 people who competed, only 3 made their fastest run on their first run. 2 of those 3 were in the SMST2 class. The usual progression is to get quicker with each run. Making your fastest run on your first run is never, ever a good thing. Never. Due to over half the class failing to make a clean run in the first round, Erich Mertz was sitting in 3rd, but would finish out of the top 5, while Kevin Abel was sitting in 4th, but would finish 3rd. At the halfway point Karel Schneider was sitting in 5th, but would finish 6th, Travis Schneider was sitting in 4th, but would finish 5th, and Steve Pierce was sitting in 3rd, but would finish 4th. Confused? No joke. Anyway, the 2 unfortunate drivers who made the fatal mistake of making their fastest run on their first run? That would be Bob Blucher and Patrick Wilson. They finished 1 and 2 in the class, separated by a mere 0.007 of a second. They both slowed down on their 2nd runs, by 0.094 and 0.015, respectively, for a 2nd run difference of 0.049. Bob Blucher is a 2 time Tiger Champion. In 2006 Patrick Wilson finished a mere 2 points from the Tiger Championship, so it is no secret these guys can drive. Patrick Wilson was neither shaken, nor stirred, and took the hard fought victory by that 0.007 margin. Wilson, Patrick Wilson. Well done.

So, for the 3rd month in a row, and the 3rd time in 4 months, the TTD winner came from a 2-driver class. And, for the 4th time in a row the TTD winner was in a small, low-powered (relatively speaking) vehicle. However, for the 1st time this year the TTD winner was not Chris Wells or Matt Ferratusco. It was none other than Robert "Bobby Sox" Belvoir, who piloted his hamster-powered MR2 to the only sub-50 second run of the entire day, finishing with a sock-dropping 49.724. Robert may be old (there is no "may" about it, he is old!) but he certainly has not slowed down. Nicely done, Robert.

And thus concludes this foolishness. So, it turns out all of those April Fools jokes I successfully pulled on every single person reading this (all 7 of you!) at the beginning of this report were, in fact, no joke. A Novice did finish in the top 5, Robert Belvoir did take TTD, Chris did beat Matt by over 1.1 seconds and there were no drivers in the extremely popular Pro Class. What will May have in store? Only the Mayans know, and they ain't talkin'!

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Final Results - Event #4 - Sun 04-01-2012

Total Registered: 48, with Times: 48

Super Stock			Times				Total	Index	
1T	71	Don Hosler	C5 Corvette	54.429	53.324+1	52.173+1	52.583	52.583	0.968
2	1	Aaron Stogsdill	C6 Corvette	57.368	55.848	56.358	55.885	55.848	1.029
B Stock			Times				Total	Index	
1T	06	Brian Smith	Honda S2000	OFF	57.536	56.780	57.224	56.780	1.046
C Stock			Times				Total	Index	
1T	41	Tom McDonald	Mazda Miata	OFF	55.419+1	54.639	54.636	54.636	1.006
2	97	Scott Swartz	Mazda Miata	55.289	54.717	55.544	55.604	54.717	1.008
E Stock			Times				Total	Index	
1T	113	Ben Turner	Porsche 944	59.469	57.408	56.496+3	57.185	57.185	1.053
G Stock			Times				Total	Index	
1T	98	Steve Marcum	VW GTI	57.242	OFF	57.185	59.188+2	57.185	1.053
2	7	Yang Hu	Ford Mustang	60.837+1	58.183+6	59.912	59.616	59.616	1.098
H Stock			Times				Total	Index	
1T	115	Raddy Schatte	Austin Mini	66.673	59.870+1	60.434	60.760	60.434	1.113
C Street Prepared			Times				Total	Index	
1T	13	Chris Wells	Mazda Miata	50.978	50.993	50.014	OFF	50.014	0.921
2	4	Matt Ferratusco	Wells Miata	51.835	50.843+3	50.124+1	51.182	51.182	0.943
C Prepared			Times				Total	Index	
1T	66	Steve Taylor	Ford Mustang	55.548+1	55.542	55.038	DNF	55.038	1.014
D Prepared			Times				Total	Index	
1T	79	Robert Belvoir	Toyota MR2	53.057	50.431	49.744	49.724	49.724	0.916
2	19	Penny Belvoir	Toyota MR2	54.490+1	53.589+2	54.529	52.152	52.152	0.960
Street Touring S			Times				Total	Index	
1T	0	Bill Kuykendall	Mazda Miata	57.514	57.484	54.904	55.059	54.904	1.011
2	8	Kevin King	Mazda Miata	56.495	56.379	55.677+1	56.472	56.379	1.038
3	6	Colm Roe	Mazda Miata	56.987+1	56.600+3	56.220+1	56.739+2	58.220	1.072
Street Touring R			Times				Total	Index	
1T	51	Carolyn Smith	Mazda Miata	60.260	OFF	60.602	60.134+1	60.260	1.110
Street Touring X			Times				Total	Index	
1T	183	Justin Cady	BMW 325i	54.848+2	53.434	52.725	52.189	52.189	0.961
2	300	Travis Turner	BMW 325i	55.322+3	53.851	53.187+1	53.103	53.103	0.978
3	21	Jason Stroud	BMW 328i	54.564+1	53.579+3	OFF	53.691	53.691	0.989
4	4	Brandon Kalarovich	Subaru WRX	55.786	54.537	54.296	53.837	53.837	0.992

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Street Touring U			Times				Total	Index	
1T	1	Richard Thackway	BMW M3	54.256	52.566	51.611	51.750	51.611	0.951
2	21	Kevin Spence	BMW M3	54.260	53.625	52.338	52.244	52.244	0.962
3	13	Bert Foschini	BMW 335i	56.830	OFF	OFF	55.366	55.366	1.020
Street Modified FWD			Times				Total	Index	
1T	14	Fred Zimmerman	Mini Cooper S	55.031	55.192	53.738	53.468	53.468	0.985
Super Street Modified			Times				Total	Index	
1T	11	Rick Woodley	Corvette Z06	55.273	53.338	52.812	52.141	52.141	0.960
2	1	Mikael Edstrom	C5 Corvette	52.091+3	52.811+2	51.241+2	52.642	52.642	0.970
3	66	Mickey Gauldin	C5 Corvette	53.800+3	52.729+1	52.486+1	50.904+1	52.904	0.974
Street Mod Street Tire 2WD			Times				Total	Index	
1T	47	Patrick Wilson	Mazda Miata	51.500	51.650	51.786	53.139+1	51.500	0.948
2T	98	Robert Blucher	Boxster S	51.507	51.601	60.318+4	51.954	51.507	0.949
3T	8	Kevin Abel	BMW M Coupe	53.949	OFF	51.916	52.122	51.916	0.956
4	54	Steve Pierce	BMW M3	52.351+2	52.704	52.475+1	52.107	52.107	0.960
5	2	Travis Schneider	Miata	54.578+1	53.227	54.475	53.460	53.227	0.980
6	5	Karel Schneider	Mazda Miata	54.857+1	53.867	54.263	54.120	53.867	0.992
7	35	Erich Mertz	Cayman S	53.916	53.633+1	53.898	54.231	53.898	0.993
8	187	Huey Askins	Mazda Miata	55.366+1	54.410	58.347+2	OFF	54.410	1.002
9	11	Jace Micklos	Mazda mx-5	OFF	59.192	OFF	57.569	57.569	1.060
Street Mod Street Tire 4WD			Times				Total	Index	
1T	11	Hien Nguyen	Mitsubishi Evo	51.498	50.170	50.061+1	50.506	50.170	0.924
2	256	Patrick Barrett	Mitsubishi Evo	52.724	51.069+1	50.705+1	51.800	51.800	0.954
3	4	Terry Glazar	Mitsubishi Evo	54.130	53.629	52.200	51.956	51.956	0.957
4	70	Drew Hackett	Subaru WRX STI	53.858	53.213	52.045	51.674+1	52.045	0.959
Junior Kart A			Times				Total	Index	
1T	11	Steven Taylor	Merlin	66.756	60.822	OFF	59.521	59.521	1.096
2	111	Rebecca Rodriguez	Merlin	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	OFF	-
Novice			Times				Total	Index	
1T	8	Mark Burt	Mazda RX7	52.347+2	51.818+3	52.022+3	51.431	51.431	0.947
2	11	Kenny Gifford	Subaru WRX	60.702	60.016	57.699	57.543+1	57.699	1.063
3	111	Mike Lambert	Mazda Miata	61.937	61.756	60.528	58.584	58.584	1.079
4	711	Samuel Zuniga	Datsun 510	60.539	58.972	58.678	57.719+1	58.678	1.081

May Birthdays!!

- * Penny Belvoir
- * Drew Hackett
- * Chris Wells
- * Justin Cady
- * Raddy Schatte
- * Kim Wells
- * Matt Ferratusco

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Top 20 - Event #4 - Sun 04-01-2012

Timed Entries: 48

Pos.	Class	#	Driver	Car Model	Time	Index
1	DP	79	Robert Belvoir	86 Toyota MR2	49.724	0.916
2	CSP	13	Chris Wells	91 Mazda Miata	50.014	0.921
3	SMST4	11	Hien Nguyen	03 Mitsubishi Evo	50.170	0.924
4	CSP	4	Matt Ferratusco	91 Wells Miata	51.182	0.943
5	NOV	8	Mark Burt	88 Mazda RX7	51.431	0.947
6	SMST2	47	Patrick Wilson	93 Mazda Miata	51.500	0.948
7	SMST2	98	Robert Blucher	04 Porsche Boxster S	51.507	0.949
8	STU	1	Richard Thackway	04 BMW M3	51.611	0.951
9	SMST4	256	Patrick Barrett	08 Mitsubishi Evo X	51.800	0.954
10	SMST2	8	Kevin Abel	99 BMW M Coupe	51.916	0.956
11	SMST4	4	Terry Glazar	05 Mitsubishi EVO	51.956	0.957
12	SMST4	70	Drew Hackett	05 Subaru WRX STi	52.045	0.959
13	SMST2	54	Steve Pierce	97 BMW M3	52.107	0.960
14	SSM	11	Rick Woodley	04 Corvette Z06	52.141	0.960
15	DP	19	Penny Belvoir	86 Toyota MR2	52.152	0.960
16	STX	183	Justin Cady	91 BMW 325i	52.189	0.961
17	STU	21	Kevin Spence	04 BMW M3	52.244	0.962
18	SS	71	Don Hosler	02 Chevrolet Corvette	52.583	0.968
19	SSM	1	Mikael Edstrom	00 Chevrolet Corvette	52.642	0.970
20	SSM	66	Mickey Gauldin	04 Mazda MiataSpeed	52.904	0.974

Life
is
good!



And Now A Word From Our President . . .

So I have a horrible case of writers block and can't seem to shake it! It's Sunday night and I'm pretty sure I'm past the deadline that our incredibly generous, amazing, hilarious and all around great guy, Bert Foschini, has given me. (Way past it! ~Ed) Thankfully, I sent him a preview to Rush's newest song (he's a huge fan) and I think that bought me a couple of days (though I'm pretty sure I'm past it). (Way past it! ~Ed) My quick cure for this state of mind was to jump on the internet and get some great racing quotes. I hope you enjoy them and I promise to make up for it next month.

“Straight roads are for fast cars, turns are for fast drivers”

- Colin McRae

“If everything seems under control, you're just not going fast enough”

- Mario Andretti

“Nobody remembers who finished second, but the guy who finished second”

- Bobby Unser

“When I look fast, I'm smooth and I'm going slowly. And when I look slow, I am smooth and going fast”

- Alain Prost

“If you can leave two black stripes from the exit of one corner to the braking zone of the next, you finally have enough horsepower”

- Mark Donohue

“The older I get the faster I was”

- Anonymous

“Understeer is hitting the wall with the front of the car, oversteer is hitting the wall with the rear of the car. Horsepower is how fast you hit the wall, torque is how far you push the wall”

Unknown

“Speed has never killed anyone, suddenly becoming stationary . . . that's what gets you”

Jeremy Clarkson

“Auto racing began 5 minutes after the second car was built”

Henry Ford

“There is no dishonor in losing the race. There is only dishonor in not racing because you are afraid to lose”

Enzo the dog (The Art of Racing In The Rain)

“I wanna go fast”

Ricky Bobby

I'll see you at the races!!!

Chris Wells

2012 MSCC President

RULES DISCUSSION

As most of you know we voted last month on 4 options of the Protest Rule. The voting was very close and could have gone differently if more of the membership would have attended the meeting. Everyone was given ample opportunity to review the proposed rules as they were posted on the Autocross Forum, sent out in an email blast, and printed here in the Pit Patter.

Typically Competition Rules are not voted on until the end of the year, but when the protest rule was reviewed due to a protest at the February event it became apparent that what we had in place for the past, I don't know how many, years did not cover the direction that the club is going. It also came to light that the logging of the cone counts was part of the current protest rule and could not be changed unless it was put forth to a vote by the membership. As requesting changes to the rules and voting on them is done at the end of the year, this was an exception.

The rule below is what was voted on and passed by the majority of the membership that was in attendance at the April meeting:

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 thereof. 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.

Following are general course worker responsibilities. These are not "rules" but rather guidelines to help those that are new to autocrossing with MSCC understand what is required while working at a corner station.

Course Working 101

Every entrant at an autocross is required to work for at least one heat, and the majority of entrants will work as course workers. The primary job is to run and pick up downed cones on the course, but the responsibilities do not end there!

Bring with you when you head out:

- A bottle of water. Two if it's hot!
- Sunscreen, preferably already applied to your skin.
- Umbrella for sun shade or rain.

Prior to the course going "green", ensure the following:

- Enough workers present at station. (normally two to three)
- Ensure fire extinguisher is present and serviceable.
- Have a red flag present, unrolled, but secured and in-hand.
- Have a radio present, tested and in-hand.
- One worker should handle both the flag and the radio, while additional workers will be responsible for logging cone counts and/or resetting cones

RULES DISCUSSION (CONTINUED)

While on station:

- **NO** sitting or leaning.
- **NO** cell phone use.
- **NO** picture or video taking.

Monitor every car for fallen OR displaced (wiggled) cones. Watch *behind* the car as it passes to be sure you don't miss anything.

- **Ensure** the course is clear prior to running out to reset a cone.
- Ensure cars on course will not cross your path.
- Ensure you have sufficient time prior to next car passing.
- If necessary, call in "hold start" over the radio until all cones are reset.
- It is not necessary to red flag the car on course for downed cones that you don't have time to get to unless so many cones are down that the course cannot be correctly followed. The driver has the option to stop and get a rerun.
- Do not red flag the course every time you have to run out to reset a cone or two. There will be 25-30 seconds, or more, between cars, which is enough time to reset several cones.

When resetting fallen cones.

- The person monitoring the radio and the flag will ensure it's clear to proceed.
- "Hustle" is of the utmost importance!
- When running out on course to reset cones:
- RUN, don't walk, to the fallen cones.
- Reset the cone fully in the box.
- RUN directly to the edge of the course or your work station, whichever is closer. Your goal is to quickly get out of harm's way, THEN get back to your station.
- Once back at the station record the car number and cone count on log sheet. Only log the cones that you pick up in your area.
- The person on the radio and with the flag will monitor the movement of the person fixing the cone(s) while on course to ensure the safety of the person(s) fixing the fallen cones. Watch each other backs!

Monitor all cars for any safety issues observed and report to timing trailer.

- Open doors, trunks, hoods.
- Unfastened safety belts.
- Limbs outside of vehicle.
- Smoke/steam.
- Leaking fluids.

Communication:

- The Starter will announce the car number and class as it enters the course. Note the number and/or description of each car as it approaches your station.
- Radio in any cone penalties at your station or safety issues to the timing crew promptly.
- The radios do not transmit immediately when you press the talk button; press the talk button, pause one beat, then begin speaking.
- Speak clearly and distinctly, but do not yell.
- Always give the car number or make/model/color of the car.
- Listen for acknowledgement. If your call is not acknowledged by timing, ask if they got it, or repeat the call.
- The station that is resetting the downed cone(s) or calling in an "Off Course" is the only station to call in and log the cone(s) or OC on the courseworker sheet.

- Bob Blucher, MSCC Vice President

TIGER POINTS

2012 Tiger Points

As of April 2, 2012				Prev
After 4 events, 0 drops	0 Drops	Total	Rank	
1	Gauldin, Mickey	142	142	1
2	Nguyen, Hien	139	139	9
3	King, Kevin	136	136	4
4	Pierce, Steve	135	135	2
5	Spence, Kevin	135	135	7
6	Turner, Ben	135	135	5
7	Wilson, Patrick	135	135	17
8	Ferratusco, Matt	134	134	3
9	Wells, Chris	134	134	12
10	Edstrom, Mikael	131	131	10
11	Turner, Travis	128	128	13
12	Woodley, Rick	126	126	18
13	Roe, Colm	125	125	11
14	Schatte, Raddy	125	125	15
15	Stogsdill, Aaron	122	122	16
16	Foschini, Bert	121	121	14
17	Hosler, Don	120	120	21
18	Belvoir, Penny	117	117	19
19	Cady, Justin	117	117	23
20	Glazar, Terry	115	115	20
21	Belvoir, Robert	108	108	25
22	Blucher, Bob	105	105	28
23	Giddens, John	103	103	6
24	Swartz, Scott	103	103	24
25	Taylor, Steven	103	103	29
26	DeBower, Kim	100	100	8
27	Smith, Carolyn	100	100	27
28	Kalarovich, Brandon	94	94	26
29	Kuykendall, Bill	93	93	39
30	Taylor, Steve	93	93	32
31	Smith, Brian	92	92	34
32	Hacket, Drew - r	84	84	36
33	Speaks, Ryan	84	84	22
34	Thackway, Richard	77	77	43
35	Schneider, Karel	75	75	40
36	Zimmerman, Fred	74	74	42
37	Mertz, Erich	66	66	50
38	Abel, Kevin	65	65	45
39	Bavetta, Ludwig	62	62	30
40	Huls, Randall	62	62	31
41	Nguyen, Dat	61	61	33
42	Giddens, Dawn	60	60	35
43	Abbott, Bruce	58	58	37
44	Giddens, Leland	57	57	38
45	McDonald, Tom	53	53	49
46	Brau, Mike	45	45	41
47	Yao, Oliver	39	39	44
48	Barrett, Patrick	33	33	60
49	Moore, Alan - r	31	31	46
50	Corbin, Harry	28	28	47

r = rookie

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May 2012

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

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