

# *Pit Patter*



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Over 4 decades of Tiger Champions attended the January event to honor Robert Belvoir. See page 18.

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# TRANSMISSIONS

## Event Schedule:

### Sunday, February 8, 2015

Event #2, Lake County Technical Center

*Event Chair: Don Cross, Jose Cruz, Kim DeBower, Becky Mendez, Luis Mendez*

### Sunday, March 8, 2015

Event #3, Orange County Convention Center

*Event Chair: Bob Blucher, George Bonafede, Harry Corbin*

### Sunday, April 12, 2015

Event #4, Lake County Technical Center

*Event Chair: Erich Mertz, Scott Schwartz, MORE NEEDED!!!*



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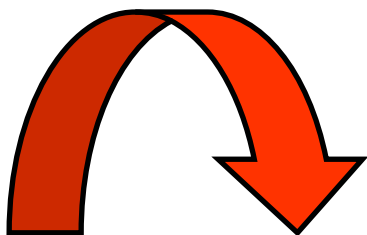
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**Monthly Club Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 5, 2015**  
**Doc's Streetside Grille**  
**1315 Orange Ave**  
**Orlando, FL 32806**  
**7:30PM**

Located just south of downtown Orlando, right across the street from ORMC. Street parking is available as is a four story parking garage in the rear. Doc's validates so there is no charge for parking in the garage (normal cost is \$4). Access to both meeting rooms (on the third floor) is via elevators outside Doc's Grille. For details, go to the website and look under the "Event Locations" tab.

**February Autocross**  
**Sunday, February 8, 2015**  
**Lake County Technical Center**  
**13000 Frankies Road**  
**Tavares, FL 32778**



- Time: 8:00 am - On-site registration opens  
8:30 am - On-site registration closes,  
\$10 late fee begins  
9:00 am - Tech inspection closes  
9:15 am - Guided walk-thru w/novice instructor  
(mandatory for Novice entrants)  
9:45 am - Drivers meeting  
10:00 am - First car out

Pre-register and pre-pay at [myautoevents.com](http://myautoevents.com)

# JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

Martin Sports Car Club  
General Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, January 8, 2015

Meeting Called to Order: 7:35 p.m. by **Mickey Gauldin**.

Moment of Silence was observed for **Robert Belvoir**.

Everyone receive a Pit Patter this month? Yes

Motion was made to approve the corrected general meeting minutes. All approved.

## VP Report – Mikael Edstrom

- 96 participants w/ 14 novices; 23 driver increase from Dec 2013
- This meant long lines but patience was displayed throughout the day

## Treasurer – Ben Turner

- Revenues, Equipment Fund, Insurance and Event and Banquet Costs discussed and club remains in the black!

## Secretary – Troy Watters

- Please remember to sign the roster, advise if any changes to contact information is available, and the 2015 Membership Application is ready and available – please write legibly

## Events Report – Zane Plumley

- December pointless event's TTD was **Bob Blucher**, and top Novice was **Trent Ksionek**

## Upcoming Events

- Jan 10 BBQ for Robert Belvoir @ **Bonafede** residence
- Jan 11 @ LTC – Hosts: **Ryan Speaks, Justin Cady, Jason Stroud, Ian Stewart, Penny Belvoir**
- Jan 17-18 SCCA @ Geneva
- Jan 24-25 Rolex 24hrs @ Daytona Intl Speedway
- Feb 8 @ LTC – Hosts: **Becky Mendez, Luis Mendez, Don Cross**
- Mar 8 @ OCCC – Hosts: **Harry Corbin, Bob Blucher** – more needed
- Apr 12 @ LTC
- May 2-3 @ Sebring

## Old Business

- Dues are due.
- Helmet replacements – not purchased
- Display Monitor for trailer – not purchased
- Patches – sent to designer, waiting on samples
- Stickers – available!
- JAC timing equipment – follow-up w/ **Buzz Thompson**
- Chalk Machine – follow-up w/ Buzz Thompson
- Radios – follow-up w/ Buzz Thompson
- Replacement antennas – 5 purchased; arriving late January
- Club Slogan – “Where racing begins...”, “I may be slow, but I'm ahead of you!” proposed...
- Discussion on Rule Change for Instructor runs. **Motion proposed and accepted (17 ayes, 3 nays)**

# JANUARY MEETING MINUTES

## New Business

- Discussion to add Hall of Fame entry info to Rulebook; specifics of HoF membership discussed (20+ yrs member, 5+yrs on board, 1+year as President). **Motion to add Hall of Fame proposed; unanimous approval**
- Discussion to retire #79 to DP and Robert Belvoir's Toyota MR2, to the Belvoir family and heirs only. **Motion proposed; unanimous approval**
- Discussion to for further memorials; memorial month of May – coinciding w/ Memorial Day; memorial issue of Pit Patter in May; memorial section of May Pit Patter. **Motion proposed for memorial section in May Pit Patter; approved by vote**
- 2014 Trophies awarded
- Next Autocross school discussed, no specific dates set
- Doc's Streetside Grill discussed as new Banquet site

## Positions

Chief of Tech	-	Robert Blucher
Equipment Mgr	-	<b>Don Hosler</b>
Medic	-	<b>Karel Schneider</b>
Trophies	-	<b>Karlene Martin</b>
Waivers	-	<b>Jackie Gauldin (Tom McDonald)</b>
Webmaster	-	<b>Travis Turner (Mike Mincey)</b>
Pit Patter	-	<b>Bert Foschini</b>
Tiger Points	-	<b>Matt Ferratusco</b>
Blast Master	-	Troy Watters
Timing	-	Mickey Gauldin (Don Cross, Troy Watters)
Registrar	-	<b>Dawn Giddens</b> (Becky Mendez)
Photographer	-	<b>Chris Wells</b> (Bob Blucher)

## Swap Time

- **Jose Cruz** has a nameless exhaust for a BRZ
- Karel Schneider has 4 Renzo's for sale (13x7.5) = \$100 each

## 50/50 drawing

Won by Harry Corbin.

## Upcoming Meeting

- Next general meeting is **Thursday**, February the 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 @ Doc's Streetside Grill

Regular Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 p.m. by Mickey Gauldin.

Members in Attendance: P. Belvoir, G. Bonafede, H. Corbin, D. Cross, J. Cruz, K. DeBower, M., T., & V. Edstrom, M. Ferratusco, J. & M. Gauldin, J. Giddens, D. Hosler, T. McDonald, B. & L. Mendez, E. Mertz, Z. Plumley, K. & T. Schneider, R. Speaks, A. Stogsdill, S. Swartz, B. Turner, T. Watters, C. Wells, C. & F. Zimmerman

Guests: T. Sothern, J. Chonody, N. Adair, P. Dahlquist, P. Swartz, R. Watters, M. McGough

## New Members:

- R. Watters – unanimous vote for club membership
- T. Sothern, J. Chonody, N. Adair, P. Dahlquist – unanimous but for J. Cruz's "nay"

# Martin Sports Car Club

Final Results- January Event - Sun 01-11-2015

Total Registered: 95, with Times: 95

Super Street			Times			Total	Index
1T	71	Don Hosler	Chevrolet Z06	OFF	44.353	43.937	<b>42.980</b> 0.975
				<b>42.980</b>			
2	1	Aaron Stogsdill	Chevy Corvette	44.809+1	44.974	49.439	<b>44.536</b> 1.010
				<b>44.536</b>			
B Street			Times			Total	Index
1T	46	Don Wright	BMW Z4	43.364	<b>42.458</b>	43.121	<b>42.458</b> 0.963
				42.024+1			
C Street			Times			Total	Index
1T	77	Jake Engstrom	Subaru BRZ	41.143+1	<b>40.523</b>	40.655+1	<b>40.523</b> 0.919
				40.620	OFF		
2T	62	Jason Stroud	Mazda RX-8	43.348	42.563	<b>41.755</b>	<b>41.755</b> 0.947
				42.164			
3T	7	Jose Cruz	Subaru BRZ	<b>43.355</b>	42.597+4	43.321+2	<b>43.355</b> 0.983
				44.684			
4	6	Peter Tang	Scion FR-S	46.062	46.214	<b>44.280</b>	<b>44.280</b> 1.004
				44.370			
5	1	Biran Sewell	Mazda Miata	45.096+2	46.235+1	<b>44.426</b>	<b>44.426</b> 1.008
				45.162+2			
6	45	Michael Tomich	Scion FR-S	OFF	53.637	<b>44.478</b>	<b>44.478</b> 1.009
				44.704			
7	25	Randy Frankos	Toyota MR2	46.479	46.228	45.421	<b>44.487</b> 1.009
				<b>44.487</b>			
8	512	Richie Manis	Mazda MX-5	49.714	46.366+1	45.218+2	<b>47.029</b> 1.067
				<b>47.029</b>			
D Street			Times			Total	Index
1T	14	Fred Zimmerman	Mini Cooper	48.811	45.763	<b>44.616</b>	<b>44.616</b> 1.012
				45.044			
E Street			Times			Total	Index
1T	4	Matt Ferratusco	Mazda Miata	42.345+1	41.839+1	<b>41.492</b>	<b>41.492</b> 0.941
				41.759+1			
2T	20	Mark Stockbridge	Mazda Miata	41.690+1	<b>41.899</b>	44.015	<b>41.899</b> 0.950
				42.119			
3T	7	Scott Swartz	Mazda Miata	44.960	44.622	<b>43.608</b>	<b>43.608</b> 0.989
				44.350			
4	9	Adam Kutchak	Mazda MX-5	OFF	44.878	45.339+1	<b>44.659</b> 1.013
				<b>44.659</b>			
5	21	Tom Buckman	Toyota MR2	OFF	46.905	<b>45.249</b>	<b>45.249</b> 1.026
				45.618			
6	41	Tom McDonald	Mazda Miata	OFF	<b>45.392</b>	45.967+1	<b>45.392</b> 1.029
				46.304			
7	331	Troy Watters	Mazda Miata	OFF	48.238	47.515	<b>45.849</b> 1.040
				<b>45.849</b>			
8	514	Roy Watters	Mazda Miata	48.199	48.065	47.453	<b>47.444</b> 1.076
				<b>47.444</b>			
9	121	Richard Knight	Toyota MR2	60.717	55.624	<b>51.395</b>	<b>51.395</b> 1.166
				51.967			

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1T	54	Steve Pierce	BMW 330	44.357 <b>43.045</b>	43.637+1	43.229	<b>43.045</b>	0.976
2	88	Zane Plumley	BMW M235i	OFF 44.163		43.908	<b>43.715</b>	0.991
3	409	Toby Trook	M Benz E55	45.768 44.790+1		OFF	<b>44.900</b>	1.018
4	86	Bruce Abbott	Ford T-Bird	54.950 <b>50.649</b>	53.221	51.905	<b>50.649</b>	1.149
G Street				Times			Total	Index
1T	111	Trevor Renson	MSpeed3	42.627 <b>41.538</b>	42.160	41.694	<b>41.538</b>	0.942
2T	1	Ryan McConville	Ford Focus	43.844 42.281+1		42.250+1	<b>42.806</b>	0.971
3	01	Mike Mincey	Ford Focus ST	49.216 <b>44.636</b>	47.748	45.065+1	<b>44.636</b>	1.012
4	12	Hasan Schwandes	VW GTI	47.948 46.805		46.805	<b>45.688</b>	1.036
5	11	Holly Downs	Ford Focus ST	52.255 <b>44.264+1</b>	48.358	46.808	<b>46.264</b>	1.049
6	51	Carolyn Smith	MSpeed3	OFF <b>46.549</b>	47.639	47.444	<b>46.549</b>	1.056
7	21	Amy Schwandes	VW GTI	53.625 <b>48.901</b>	52.654	50.407+1	<b>48.901</b>	1.109
H Street				Times			Total	Index
1T	34	Robert Palmblad	Ford Fiesta ST	45.159 43.988	44.473	<b>43.842</b>	<b>43.842</b>	0.994
2	42	Steve Smitherman	Ford Focus	47.634 47.481	48.401	<b>47.393</b>	<b>47.393</b>	1.075
Super Street Race				Times			Total	Index
1T	91	David Hanington	Cayman S	42.906 41.330+1	41.288	<b>41.053</b>	<b>41.053</b>	0.931
Street Touring FWD				Times			Total	Index
1T	6	Mikael Edstrom	Fiat 500	44.600 44.883	<b>44.242</b>	44.858	<b>44.242</b>	1.003
2	113	Ben Turner	Mini Cooper	46.570 <b>44.353</b>	47.235	45.302	<b>44.353</b>	1.006
3	9	Victoria Edstrom	Fiat 500	48.696+2 <b>46.190</b>	48.402+2	46.907+2	<b>46.190</b>	1.048
4	17	Samir Maharaj	Toyota Matrix	50.191 <b>48.193</b>	50.164+3	48.753	<b>48.193</b>	1.093

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Street Touring Xtreme			Times			Total	Index
1T	5	Karel Schneider BMW E-36	42.959+3 <b>42.060</b>	43.268	42.857	<b>42.060</b>	0.954
2T	718	Chris Hammer Subaru BRZ	42.448	41.337+1	42.153	<b>42.068</b>	0.954
3T	27	Chris Biedal Subaru BRZ	43.769+1 41.966+3	43.126+1	<b>42.693</b>	<b>42.693</b>	0.968
4	67	Jason Chonody Subaru BRZ	44.965 <b>42.731</b>	43.356	43.883	<b>42.731</b>	0.969
5	2	Travis Schneider BMW E-36	42.763+4 51.211+3	<b>43.162</b>	42.746+2	<b>43.162</b>	0.979
6	74	Michael Latta Scion FR-S	50.067 <b>43.468</b>	45.106+1	43.550	<b>43.468</b>	0.986
7	137	Jonathan Ramos Scion FR-S	43.875+2 42.679+1	<b>43.683</b>	64.929	<b>43.683</b>	0.991
8	13	Madison Swartz Subaru BRZ	OFF <b>45.178</b>	47.350+2	46.847+3	<b>45.178</b>	1.025
9	52	Kara McGee BMW E-36	OFF <b>49.649</b>	50.528+1	51.694	<b>49.649</b>	1.126
Street Touring Roadster			Times			Total	Index
1T	06	Brian Smith Honda S2000	45.381 <b>43.759</b>	45.444	44.374	<b>43.759</b>	0.992
2	49	Don Cross BMW Z4 3.0i	45.338+2 44.301	OFF	<b>43.996</b>	<b>43.996</b>	0.998
3	4	Kevin Madyda Mazda Miata	46.004 <b>44.156</b>	46.432	44.615	<b>44.156</b>	1.001
Street Touring Ultra			Times			Total	Index
1T	9	Ryan Speaks WRX STi	40.732 <b>40.570</b>	40.683	40.451+1	<b>40.570</b>	0.920
2	16	Jesse Olsen Subaru STi	41.413+1 39.708+1	<b>40.943</b>	40.458+1	<b>40.943</b>	0.929
3	14	Chase Ros Subaru WRX	47.651 <b>42.733</b>	47.805+1	43.144	<b>42.733</b>	0.969
Super Street Prepared			Times			Total	Index
1T	11	Tim Reardon Lotus Exige	46.157 43.977	<b>43.651</b>	OFF	<b>43.651</b>	0.990
2	1	Larry Tague Lotus Exige S	OFF 56.811	<b>46.641</b>	OFF	<b>46.641</b>	1.058
A Street Prepared			Times			Total	Index
1T	300	Travis Turner BMW M3	OFF <b>43.856</b>	43.984	44.595	<b>43.856</b>	0.995
B Street Prepared			Times			Total	Index
1T	4	Justin Hall MSpeed MX-5	OFF <b>43.788</b>	OFF	43.647+1	<b>43.788</b>	0.993
2	01	Owen Brock MSpeed MX-5	46.540+2 43.241+1	44.556	<b>44.101</b>	<b>44.101</b>	1.000



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D Street Prepared			Times			Total	Index
1T	99 Ian Stewart	Audi A4	41.970+4 <b>41.171</b>	42.905	41.679	<b>41.171</b>	0.934
2	183 Justin Cady	Audi A4	41.894 <b>41.779</b>	42.175	42.292	<b>41.779</b>	0.948
3	9 Brian Bennett	Honda Prelude	<b>43.185</b> 43.468+1	43.400	43.272	<b>43.185</b>	0.979
Street Modified Street Tire 2			Times			Total	Index
1T	21 Kevin Spence	BMW M3	41.832+1 <b>40.605</b>	43.734	41.817	<b>40.605</b>	0.921
2T	767 John Giddens	Mazda MX5	41.269 <b>40.619</b>	41.684	41.201	<b>40.619</b>	0.921
3	187 Steven Hughes	Honda S2000	OFF <b>40.948</b>	42.736	41.232	<b>40.948</b>	0.929
4	47 Patrick Wilson	Mazda Miata	42.891 <b>41.475</b>	42.060	41.584	<b>41.475</b>	0.941
5	135 Wendy Mertz	Cayman S	44.140 <b>42.923</b>	43.195	44.678	<b>42.923</b>	0.973
6	35 Erich Mertz	Cayman S	46.085 <b>43.312</b>	44.694	44.956	<b>43.312</b>	0.982
7	76 Dawn Giddens	Mazda MX5	45.463 <b>43.646</b>	45.214	45.723	<b>43.646</b>	0.990
Street Modified Street Tire 4			Times			Total	Index
1T	99 George Bonafede	Mitsubishi Evo	42.071 44.450	39.905	<b>39.796</b>	<b>39.796</b>	0.903
2T	67 Harry Corbin	Subaru STI	42.032+1 40.269	41.125	<b>40.226</b>	<b>40.226</b>	0.912
3	44 Terry Glazar	Mitsubishi Evo	43.725+1 <b>41.717</b>	42.646	41.956	<b>41.717</b>	0.946
4	17 Nate Adair	Subaru STI	43.431 42.235	44.067	<b>42.006</b>	<b>42.006</b>	0.953
5	15 Paul Dahlquist	Subaru WRX	47.373 44.705+1	<b>45.097</b>	44.182+1	<b>45.097</b>	1.023
Street Modified FWD			Times			Total	Index
1T	9 Randy Pobst	Honda Civic	OFF <b>38.610</b>	39.456	39.026	<b>38.610</b>	0.876
2T	91 Angela Carlascio	Honda Civic	44.845+3 43.534+4	42.313	<b>41.543</b>	<b>41.543</b>	0.942
3	1 Mike Brau	Fiat 500 Abarth	43.335	43.014	<b>42.317</b>	<b>42.317</b>	0.960
4	89 Salim Sanchez	Mini Cooper	43.130 <b>42.538</b>	43.802	43.039	<b>42.538</b>	0.965
5	14 Becky Mendez	Mini Cooper S	<b>42.952</b> 44.806	43.828	44.000+1	<b>42.952</b>	0.974
6	6 Luis Mendez	Mini Cooper S	OFF 45.601	45.313	<b>45.147</b>	<b>45.147</b>	1.024

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1T	76 Tristan Sothern	Subaru STI	42.522+1	40.799	40.347	<b>39.248</b>	0.890
Super Street Modified			Times			Total	Index
1T	66 Mickey Gaudin	Toyota MR2	41.818	<b>40.856</b>	40.412+1	<b>40.856</b>	0.927
			41.804	48.923			
D Prepared			Times			Total	Index
1T	98 Robert Blucher	Mazda Miata	OFF	41.177	<b>40.992</b>	<b>40.992</b>	0.930
			39.670+1				
2	13 Chris Wells	Mazda Miata	43.498+1	46.665	41.777	<b>41.252</b>	0.936
			<b>41.252</b>				
3	19 Penny Belvoir	Toyota MR2	46.039	<b>43.613</b>	OFF	<b>43.613</b>	0.989
			43.666				
4	658 Eric Padgett	Toyota MR2	47.538	48.164	46.090	<b>45.427</b>	1.030
			<b>45.427</b>				
Novice			Times			Total	Index
1T	9 Matthew McGough	Audi S4	45.998	45.447+1	<b>43.558</b>	<b>43.558</b>	0.988
			43.253+1				
2T	11 Abraham Nakshabendi	Subaru BRZ	46.416	OFF	OFF	<b>45.790</b>	1.039
			<b>45.790</b>				
3T	21 Nicola Spence	BMW M3	OFF	48.072	47.800	<b>46.162</b>	1.047
			<b>46.162</b>				
4	409 Michael Rodriguez	Mercedes E55	50.471+1	46.491+1	46.875	<b>46.542</b>	1.056
			<b>46.542</b>				
5	6 Olivia Edstrom	Fiat 500	52.779+1	<b>48.722</b>	OFF	<b>48.722</b>	1.105
			47.756+2				
6	1 Jack Golding	Boss 302	57.665	OFF	<b>49.619</b>	<b>49.619</b>	1.125
			OFF				
7	86 Derwin Zapanta	Scion FRS	62.571	<b>50.337</b>	OFF	<b>50.337</b>	1.142
			OFF				
8	7 Bill Doyle	Chevy Corvette	59.755+2	56.446	55.977	<b>50.433</b>	1.144
			<b>50.433</b>				
9	111 Chris Jucha	Acura RSX	OFF	OFF	OFF	<b>55.856</b>	1.267
			<b>53.856+1</b>				



## February Birthdays!



\*Kevin Abel

\*Jose Cruz

\*Bert Foschini

\*Amanda Portoghese

\*Travis Turner

## Martin Sports Car Club

Top 20 - January Event - Sun 01-11-2015

Timed Entries: 95

Pos.	Class	#	Driver	Car Model	Time	Index
1	SMF	9	Randy Pobst	91 Honda Civic	38.610	0.876
2	SM	76	Tristan Sothern	05 Subaru STI	39.248	0.890
3	SMST4	99	George Bonafede	05 Mitsubishi Evo	39.796	0.903
4	SMST4	67	Harry Corbin	05 Subaru STI	40.226	0.912
5	CS	77	Jake Engstrom	13 Subaru BRZ	40.523	0.919
6	STU	9	Ryan Speaks	05 Subaru WRX STi	40.570	0.920
7	SMST2	21	Kevin Spence	04 BMW M3	40.605	0.921
8	SMST2	767	John Giddens	04 Mazda MX5	40.619	0.921
9	SSM	66	Mickey Gaudin	85 Toyota MR2	40.856	0.927
10	STU	16	Jesse Olsen	13 Subaru STi	40.943	0.929
11	SMST2	187	Steven Hughes	06 Honda S2000	40.948	0.929
12	DP	98	Robert Blucher	91 Mazda Miata	40.992	0.930
13	SSR	91	David Hanington	14 Cayman S	41.053	0.931
14	DSP	99	Ian Stewart	01 Audi A4	41.171	0.934
15	DP	13	Chris Wells	91 Mazda Miata	41.252	0.936
16	SMST2	47	Patrick Wilson	93 Mazda Miata	41.475	0.941
17	ES	4	Matt Ferratusco	99 Mazda Miata	41.492	0.941
18	GS	111	Trevor Renson	10 Mazdaspeed3	41.538	0.942
19	SMF	91	Angela Carlascio	91 Honda Civic	41.543	0.942
20	SMST4	44	Terry Glazar	05 Mitsubishi Evo	41.717	0.946

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## RACE REPORT

*By Matt Ferratusco*

MSCC autocrosses are jam-packed with action and thrills, but the first event of 2015 was different—something more. Sure, there were battles new and old; fresh tires and attack plans for a new season; Tiger points were reset and new showdowns were established. Yet this one was far more special. On this occasion, the club's past and present were joined together to honor a special person, one whose involvement with MSCC bridged history and tradition with today's club. Nearly 100 local autocrossers arrived to celebrate Robert Belvoir, a number of them Martinites from days of old and days of recent. Some dusted off their helmet and squealed their tires, while others attended just for pre-race tributes. Among the former club members who returned to MSCC on this day were Randy Frankos, Mark Stockbridge, Robert Palmblad, Alan Rodriguez, Jamie McLaughlin, Joe Kaplan, and 1981 Tiger champion Randy Pobst, whose scheduled test days for the Rolex 24 allowed him to join us in honoring Robert. The day was a mixed-emotion reunion, with an air of sorrow that was fittingly tempered with the comradery and jubilation that best honors the man who enjoyed those very things.

Penny Belvoir spiritedly kicked off the driver's meeting, which ended with Reverend Melinda Plumley leading us in a prayer aptly titled "A Racecar Driver's Prayer". If emotions ran high during the brief tribute, they were unleashed when Penny made a ceremonial first-car-out run at a slow pace, flying #79 one last time. There were cheers and there were tears as we all watched in both joy and sorrow, knowing it was #79's final run on the autocross course. From this day on, the number will be retired to the Belvoir family.

And that's how the 2015 autocross season at MSCC began. From that point on, it was time to get to work. The field was split into three run groups making four runs apiece. Ian Stewart set the first time of 2015, testing with fury the playground he helped create for us. It took a few runs for him to get a feel for the AWD Audi, but in the end he pipped car owner Justin Cady. In the same run group, George Bonafede bummed a co-drive with Terry Glazar and won SMST4 by less than a half second over Harry Corbin. In ES, Marky Mark and I renewed our fun battles of old. Mark held the early lead but I somehow managed a victory against the never-rusty, always fast Stockbridgemacher. The G Street class was a battle of the Focus STs, Mazdaspeed3s, and new members of MSCC. Using Mazda speed (literally), Trevor Renson defeated Ryan McConville for the class win.

Another special moment came after completion of the 1<sup>st</sup> run group, as the 11 Tiger champions in attendance gathered for a group photo. This is perhaps the first time we've had this many past and present Tiger champions—spanning 4 decades—together at the same time. It was an awesome moment for the MSCC history books!

## RACE REPORT

The 2nd run group featured a number of fast cars, fast drivers and tight battles. Robert Palmblad is a former MSCC Vice President and a two-time Tiger champion, winning in anything from a twin turbo Supra to a 300-whp Miata. He made his comeback driving a Fiesta ST in HS, which certainly was slow motion for him as he won the class. Mikael Edstrom was blistering fast in STF, literally melting away the tire tread on his daughter's Fiat 500 and leaving her without transportation to get to school to educate herself and become successful. He'll do anything for a win!

Penny Belvoir is a rockstar—not just because of her chic hairstyle, but because of her strength and her drive. Racing and MSCC were a big part of her father's life that became part of hers. Now the torch has been passed, and Penny is keeping it burning with pride and reverence. The real story in DP is Penny and her commitment to carry on her dad's passion, one she shared with him for many years. I can only imagine how proud Robert was as he rode shotgun on each run.

The closest battle came where else but in SMST2, where the top four finishers were separated by just a half second. Kevin Spence returned to form by taking the win over John Giddens and Steven "Protest Me" Hughes. Schneiders Karel and Travis, usually in SMST2, raced an E36 BMW in STX. Karel won the class with the day's slimmest margin of victory: just 8 *thousandths* of a second over Chris Hammer!

The third run group saw Jake Engstrom dominate an 8-car CS class. Jason Stroud recently switched from a five-hundred-something horsepower Z06 to the torqueless wonder that is the Mazda RX8, hoping to add some excitement to his autocross habit. This was his first event in the new (heavily flogged) car, so I suspect once he learns how to overcome the horsepower deficiency, Jake Engstrom's work won't be so easy.

Finally, we come to Randy Pobst. Randy's pro racing career has taken him from MSCC to factory rides in the pro sports car ranks. He is revered in the grassroots racing community as the humble, approachable, and very likeable pro racer who we can all relate to with ease because of our shared beginnings. Testament to Robert Belvoir's long devotion to MSCC and how he touched many lives, Randy chose this event to return to the club for the first time in over 20 years—to remember Robert. Fittingly, he did so by taking Top Time of Day.

And that's how we closed the books on the first event of 2015. It was more than a typical autocross. In light of the passing of our friend Robert, it was a gathering of brothers and sisters to pay tribute. Let us remember why we were reunited with old friends on this day; why so many former Tiger champions were gathered at the same time; why MSCC's past and present were joined together. While Robert left his mark on each of us in a different way, let his final imprint be that of a reminder to us all collectively—each time we recount this special event—of the value of our friendships. Something tells me he would have truly enjoyed this event. I'm sure he smiled brightly as he watched it take place.

## JANUARY GALLERY



Above:  
Karel Schneider  
BMW E36

Right:  
Salim Sanchez  
Mini Cooper



Above:  
Bruce Abbott  
Ford T-Bird

Right:  
Madison Swartz  
Subaru BRZ



# JANUARY GALLERY



Ryan McConville, Ford Focus



Jose Cruz, Subaru BRZ



Above:  
Carolyn Smith  
MazdaSpeed 3



Left:  
Mike Brau  
Fiat 500

## JANUARY GALLERY



David Hanington, Porsche Cayman S



Bob Blucher, Mazda Miata



Above:  
Travis Turner  
BMW M3

Right:  
Zame Plumley  
BMW M235i





## JANUARY JIGGY GALLERY



Above:  
Michael Rodriguez  
Mercedes E55

Right:  
Terry Glazar  
Mitsubishi Evo



Above:  
Harry Corbin  
Subaru STI

Left:  
Matt Ferratusco  
Mazda Miata



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Standing, from left: Randy Pobst. Yes, *that* Randy Pobst, Tiger 1981. Don Hosler, Tiger 1996. Mark Stockbridge, Tiger 1999. Ryan Speaks, Tiger 2011. Bert Foschini, Tiger 2006. Karel Schneider, Tiger 2013. Chris Wells, Tiger 2008. Leland Giddens, Tiger 2014.

Kneeling, from left: Bob Blucher, Tiger 1983 and 2010. George Bonafede, Tiger 2004, 2005 and 2007. Robert Palmblad, Tiger 2000 and 2001.

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