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Upcoming Events

December 7th, 2023

General Meeting

IHOP in Apopka - 7:30pm

1120 W Orange Blossom Trail, Apopka, FL 32712

December 9th, 2023

MSCC 2023 Pointles Event!

Orange County Convention Center

9400 Universal Blvd, Orlando, FL 32819

Gates Open 7:00am

**Stay tuned for updates
as we head into 2024!**

Meeting Minutes

Martin Sports Car Club General Meeting

Meeting called to order at... 7:30 PM with Chris's Ding-a-ling which was missing last month along with El Presidente

Did everyone receive their Pit Patter? Yes

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from last month?

Yes? Yes - All in favor? Yes - Opposed? No

Officer Reports

Vice President Report - Matt Bradford

Safety Report

Discussion about the October Event at OCCC

We had an event, it was a good event, it was safe.

Secretary Report - Jacob Hardy

"Which part of a race car ruins your movie? The Spoiler..." – completely stumped Chris

Did everybody sign the roster? Yes! After it made its rounds again...

Treasurer Report - Victoria Edstrom

Financial Report

Many monies were spent for the upcoming year end banquet items and upcoming event at The

Firm, but we're still in the black!

Events Director - Kevin Madyda "World's Greatest"

Discussion about the October event at OCCC

130 drivers - 73 more than last year (which was the rescheduled event when compared to last year) - 60 over the October average.

5 runs

Fun fantastic course, maybe even the best ever!

18 novices - Robert Ortiz was the fastest novice in his LS Swapped RX7

Upcoming Events

November 5th at The Firm

Remember that the time changes on Saturday night and falls back 1 hour (you get an extra hour of sleep!)

Looking running the back half of the track with start somewhere near the bus stop area and the finish near where we usually have the front slalom.

December 3rd at Andretti's - Awards Banquet

President - Chris Wells

Old Business

Equipment Updates with Mickey Gauldin and Adam

Any Updates on LCTC...

Close to having the surface repaired.

The earliest would-be February.

We have equipment and it is ready! Batteries and gas will be topped off Friday.

The big generator will more than likely need to be replaced.

Website updates with Scott

Still working on the website and '**might**' have underestimated the amount of work needed on the website...

updates might be ready on the site by the end of the year...

2023 MSCC Awards Banquet at Andretti's

Sunday December 3rd (This takes place prior to our next club meeting)

It will be in the same room as last year.

Menu selection should be the same, but they do have a couple new items that the board will discuss adding/changing.

Event Participant Cost

\$40/pp Adult with Karting

\$30/pp Adult without Karting

\$10/pp for kids 15 and under

Arrival will be 6:00 - 6:30

Dinner & Awards Ceremony will be 6:30 to 9:00

Karting will be 3 sessions from 9:10 to 9:40 (possible 4th)

Arcade Time from 9:00 to 10:00 is included.

Please bring toys to the banquet for donation to the Lake County Sheriffs Office It's been a while since the club has done any gag gifts for anybody, feel free to

Meeting Minutes

bring em.

OCCC Event has been contacted about our annual 'Night' Event. We are in the books for Saturday February 17th, 2024.

A morning event might not be offered to the Porsche Club as we've done previously as we may end up having a point event during the day and the night runs be pointless.

2024 Executive Board nominations are due at this General Meeting

Chris, Matt, Kevin, Victoria, and Jacob are offering to stay on for next year.

However, we are accepting nominations for any of the board positions, and we'll vote on them at the December meeting.

Adam nominated the current board members to remain which was passed by those present and accepted.

All current board members nominated, accepted, and motioned carried over, none opposed.

We're scheduled to host the 2024 Florida State Autocross Championships. We are going to form a committee for this event. Kevin to elaborate. Supposedly, this will be an anniversary year.

New Business

We were able to secure OCCC for our annual 'Pointless Event' on ~~Sunday December 10th~~, (Erik from the future here, it's on Saturday the 9th) pending the contract from OCCC to confirm.

Next club meeting will be at IHOP in Apopka on December 7th.

Jacob brought motion to replace the current weight distribution and sway control for the trailer as it's an older system. The new system would eliminate the bars and chains and the separate sway control device as instructions for the current setup are unable to be found. This would help with anybody else with a non-2500 or HD truck to be able to tow the trailer to events if the current trailer towers are not available. Motion to spend up to \$650 for new setup which was passed and seconded. Will monitor upcoming Black Friday sales prior to purchase.

Mickey brought up the possibility of looking at Orlando Speed World which is being looked into by Chris but has not formally reached out but is possibility as the Porsche Club is looking into that location for their events.

2024 Rules Discussion

Matt to open the discussion (37-42 minutes in)

Update wording for rule 6.0.1.2 to update wording from having to participate in 6 events to the simple majority of events.

PU Class updates, wording was updated, and a note added at the allowed vehicle that if its not listed they need to reach out to the board prior to the event for approval.

Chris asked about the photographer volunteer position that's open. Tane is great but doesn't come to all our events and is not a current member.

Member Stories

Sean Hughes talked about going on a mountain bike trip and had borrowed a friend's truck, he asked them if they had a 12V cell phone charger to check if the outlet was constant or battery and they handed him a USB cable and didn't understand what Sean was asking for.

Tom Jensen did his first track day, rode passenger with somebody in a Miata who took up some 911s (aka Chris)

Erik was also at that same track day and says to not fight the car when it goes off course.

Mickey shared a story of what happened out on 441 where they merged into his lane which caused him to rearend of the car that pulled out and highly recommends getting a dashcam.

Scott and Nate took over the fastest runs in their classes at Subbie Fest at Daytona International Speedway

New Members - None

Members in Attendance – Bill Van Tassel, Kevin Stanaland, Scott McGlone, Erik Mayer, Diana Knerr, Tom Jessen, Sean Hughes, John Giddens, Mickey Gauldin, Tim Engle, Olivia Edstrom, Tessa Edstrom, Mikael Edstrom, Harry Corbin, Shane Brown, Adam A-M, Nate Adair, Matt Bradford, Victoria Edstrom, Jacob Hardy, Kevin Madyda, Chris Wells

Guests in Attendance – Allison Combs, Kyle Nogar

Motion to adjourn the meeting at... 8:36 PM

The Race Report

November. If ya ask me (no one ever does) it should be called YESvember! Its the month in which the weather typically transitions from kinda nice to pretty nice. It's the month in which we continue to celebrate the noble pumpkin by turning it into a pie. And that pie is FAR superior to a sweet potato pie. That's right, I said it. Fight me. It's also the month in which we have our final points-paying event of the Martin Sports Car Club season! And this particular season-ending event was one for the record books! Read on for an extremely sweet potato-free edition of the RACE REPORT!!

This month's event took place at our Oh-so-special location, The FIRM!! The FIRM is our version of Spa Franchorchamps. It's fast, it's in the woods, and its in Belgium. That last part may not be true, but nevertheless it is a wonderful place! And this course was quite possibly the greatest autocross course... dramatic pause... in the world. That's right! Those that chose to skip this event truly missed out as it was absolutely phenomenal! The brainchild of our fearless President, Chris Wells, this 1.12 mile course used the eastern portion of the road course, complete with the esses, the hairpin, AND the banked turn separating the east side from the west side! It was fast, and it was fun! I can also confirm that it was a bit intimidating as this was the closest many autocrossers had come to an actual track day! I can't say enough good things regarding this course and this event in general!

The weather was perfect. When the first cars rolled out, it was roughly 72 degrees ambient temp with a very non-Floridian 41% humidity! Depending on where you were, the track temp varied between 62 degrees and 84 degrees. By 3pm, temps were already starting to fall from a high of 86 degrees, with 29% humidity. 29%!!!

And now, we move on to the action-packed action that was witnessed throughout the day!

Top Time of the Day AND Top PAX went to Mr. Sideways himself, Ian Stewart! Ian was co-driving Robert Palmblad's NC Miata. Robert, being a hot shoe as well, was 3rd fastest in raw time and 2nd in PAX in the same car. It's worth noting that this particular NC is an unholy monster of speed, equipped with a blown 2.5 liter engine and now an 8-speed automatic transmission from a BMW M5!!! I don't know how all of this was put together, but I can only assume it involved witchcraft and maybe aliens. Whatever it was, it allowed Ian to take the top spot by 0.584 over John Giddens and the Caterham!!

Dan Mulchi gave em a great run for the top spots in his C7, coming in with a very impressive 4th in raw time and 3rd in PAX! By the way, as of this writing, that very C7 is now for sale!! I'll give you the details for a very reasonable broker's fee... or you can check Facebook Marketplace.

Our closest win of the day was had in STR by Nate Adair and his plucky little NA Miata! In a class that is normally dominated by the fancy new ND's, Nate snatched a win in the OG!

BY **Juney Thompson**

In STU, Tom Jessen threw down a great 4th run to take top honors over fellow iRacer, Justin Hall!

Another couple of iRacers, Eric Leitzke and Daniel Ciuro, battled it out in SS - both driving Daniel's beautiful BMW M4 CSL. Daniel decided to sit it out after a couple runs, but Eric drove Daniel's car to a top 10 raw and PAX finish! Maybe there's something to this video game racing stuff... lolz.

In CAMC, Chris Henthorne absolutely dominated in his 2008 Mustang. Fun fact - his first run was the fastest first run of the first heat - even over John Giddens and the Caterham. Funner fact - his first run was the second fastest first run of the entire day, beaten only by Ian Stewart and the monster NC Miata!

Also of note in CAMC, my beloved Pontiac G8, named Betty White, made her last autocross appearance - at least for a while. She will go into semi-retirement. And Betty's arch nemesis, and 2021 CAMC Champion, Timothy Engle, will be moving to the great state of Pennsylvania. It's unknown when exactly will be Tim's last event with us, but regardless, big changes are coming to the CAMC field in 2024. Tim, it has been an honor to battle with you, sir.

And that talk of CAMC brings us right into the main talking point of the event - The Tiger Championship Showdown! Going into this final autocross of the season, our top two in overall points were still very close. Adam Arencibia-Moore, who had been campaigning The Llama (1995 Mustang GT) all year in CAMC and CAMT, versus the Llama's previous owner and original architect, Scott McGlone. Scott and his trusty Subaru STI have been on a tear in STU, thanks to Scott's massive step up in skill and speed. It was set to be a barn burner! One problem though - the Llama suffered a massive drivetrain failure at the last event and was still out of commission. What to do?!?! It's times like this when a hero emerges. A fearless soul, who is willing to pick up the pieces of shattered hopes and dreams and restore faith in the universe. And that brave soul was none other than... Sploosh: The yellow 1995 Ford Ranger Splash that simply cannot be killed. You know the song, "The Rooster" by Alice in Chains? It's like that, but with a Ford Ranger. Anyway, Adam offered up Sploosh, and Scott agreed to a co-drive - winner takes all!!

And what a fight it was!!! Adam jumped out to an early lead, albeit while taking out 4 cones on his first run. But Scott began to chop away at the time deficit. In the end, Scott was able to knock 8 seconds off his first time, but it simply wasn't enough. Adam took the win and will be crowned your 2023 Martin Sports Car Club Tiger Champion!! Adam has been a force of nature all year, and has been oh-so close in the past. So this championship is much deserved by Adam, The Llama, and Sploosh! Congratulations to one and all!!!

So now we have two more items of business for the year - The 2023 Awards Banquet and our year-end Pointless Event! This time, the Pointless Event will be out at the OCCC! So it'll be one of the biggest Pointless Events we've done! Come on out and bring something ridiculous to drive! Because, after all, it's Pointless!

Race Results

Row #	Pos.	Class	#	Driver	Car Model	Raw Time	Diff.	From 1st
1	1	XA	134	Ian Stewart	2008 mx5	65.341	0.000	0.000
2	1	DM	7	John Giddens	2020 420R	65.925	0.584	0.584
3	2	XA	34	Robert Palmblad	2008 MX-5	66.653	0.728	1.312
4	1	AS	25	Dan Mulchi	2014 CORVETTE	69.363	2.710	4.022
5	1	CAM-C	36	Chris Henthorne	2008 Mustang	69.695	0.332	4.354
6	1	SS	9	Eric "Sucks It" Leitzke	2023 Ciuro Mobile	69.872	0.177	4.531
7	1	BS	60	Zac Saubert	2013 Boxster	70.447	0.575	5.106
8	1	CAM-S	41	Matt Smith	2006 CORVETTE	70.947	0.500	5.606
9	1	XB	9	Dan Simionescu	2005 Mazdaspeed Miata	71.036	0.089	5.695
10	1	XS	89	Sean Hughes	2014 Cayman S	71.145	0.109	5.804
11	1	STU	531	Tom Jessen	2015 435	71.326	0.181	5.985
12	2	XB	13	Chris Wells	1991 Mazda	71.508	0.182	6.167
13	2	CAM-C	27	Juney Thompson	2009 G8 GT	71.892	0.384	6.551
14	1	FM	74	Tom Buckman	1986 F500	72.001	0.109	6.660
15	2	STU	7	Justin Hall	2016 Genesis	72.085	0.084	6.744
16	2	DM	66	Mickey Gauldin	1991 FC	72.178	0.093	6.837
17	2	AS	21	Matthew Griffin	2023 CT5-V	72.231	0.053	6.890
18	2	CAM-S	1	Aaron Stogsdill	2017 Chevrolet Corvette	73.071	0.840	7.730
19	1	CS	19	Doug Lofreddo	2019 MX-5	73.514	0.443	8.173
20	2	CS	74	Ro Janssen	2021 Miata	73.839	0.325	8.498
21	3	STU	42	Zach Ezzo	2016 Golf R	74.027	0.188	8.686
22	1	STR	17	Nate Adair	1997 Miata	74.167	0.140	8.826
23	3	XA	67	Harry Corbin	2005 STI	74.212	0.045	8.871
24	2	STR	14	Kevin Madyda	1999 Mazda	74.324	0.112	8.983
25	1	XP	93	Matthew Bryant	1991 Miata	74.518	0.194	9.177



Photo Gallery



**Aaron
Stogsdill**

**Diana
Knerr**



**George
Ancheta**

**Jack
Lucarz**



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Chris
Henthorne

Eric
"Sucks It"
Leitzke



Matt
Bradford

Jacob
Hardy



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Jason
Bombardo

Lance
Uppercut



Kevin
Stanaland

Mickey
Gauldin



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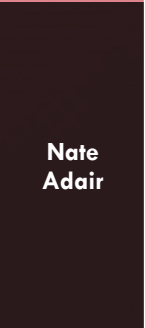
Jesus
Morales



Kevin
Madyda



Matt
Smith



Nate
Adair



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Olivia
Edstrom

Timothy
Engle



Tom
Jessen



Hasan
Schwandes



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December 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7 GM @ IHOP Apopka	8	9 Pointless @ OCCC
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