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KANSAS CITY REGION WINNERS

2007 NATIONAL SOLO CHAMPION

B MODIFIED LADIES KIERSTEN SCHARNBERG-KOCH

OTHER NATIONAL SOLO TROPHY WINNERS

2ND PLACE, G STOCK, CRAIG WILCOX 4TH PLACE, STREET TOURING SE, TIM HERRON 3RD PLACE, STREET TOURING ULTRA, JERRY IRVINE 3RD PLACE, C PREPARED LADIES, LIZ BERGER

2007 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RUNOFFS CHAMPION

FORMULA ATLANTIC HANS PETER

C SPORTS RACER HANS PETER

OTHER NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RUNOFFS
TROPHY WINNERS

3RD PLACE, TOURING ONE, MIKE MCGINLEY 3RD PLACE, AMERICAN SEDAN, JIM WHEELER

ADVAN WORKER OF THE YEAR EMERGENCY SERVICES, ROBERT THOMPSON



These Kansas City Region members participated in Solo Nationals held in Topeka in September. Congratulations to each participant for being eligible to enter. Each of them are WINNERS in our eyes!

A Stock

27 Shawn Hill38 Bob Buxbaum54 Michael Hill

D Stock

36 Steven D Roberts

E Stock

John Pennington
Kent Edmondson
Steve Krekeler

G Stock

2 **T** Craig D Wilcox 15 Stephen J Sulatycki

H Stock Ladies

6 Donna Hill

Street Touring S

47 Paul Moylan

Street Touring S2

4 **T** Tim Herron 16 Randy Eickhoff

Street Touring S2 Ladies

3 Karen Eickhoff

Street Touring Xtreme

15 Chris Conant

27 Douglas R Hitchcock

29 Todd Wayman

Street Touring Ultra

3 **T** Jerry Irvine

19 Jacob Lee Diehl

Street Touring Ultra Ladies

3 Paula Diehl

F Street Prepared

29 Dennis Kinnison

B Street Prepared

16 Kei Josephson

D Street Prepared

28 Bob Bornkessel

C Prepared

40 Dick Berger

C Prepared ladies

3 T Elizabeth M Berger

F Prepared

14 Charlie Clark

16 Tony D Giordano, Jr.

B Modified Ladies

1 T Kiersten S Scharnberg-Koch

E Modified Ladies

2 Debra Pruett

F Modified

13 Robert Alan Qualkinbush

19 Vernon Maxey

26 William A Schmidt

F Modified Ladies

3 Janet L Schmidt

Formula 125

20 Ryan Barnard

These Kansas City Region members participated in the National Championship Runoffs in Topeka in October. Congratulations to each participant for being eligible in enter. Each of them are WINNERS in our eyes!

AS

3rd Jim Wheeler 9th Bill Tucker 19th Jeff Kopp

CSR

1st Hans Peter

DSR

13th Charlie Smith

E Production

10th Charlie Clark
14th Meredith Haupt
26th Chuck Clark
DNF Brian Haupt

FΑ

1st Hans Peter DNS Mike McGinley

FC

13th Keith Williams

FF

12th Tim Koch 18th Cliff Johnson DNF Bill Johnson

FΜ

15th Gary Phillips

GT2

11th Tony Giordano

GTL

18th Roy Lopshire 19th R, Brit Brown

SM

33rd Mike Asselta
DNF Stephen Johnson

SSC

15th Steven Christopher

SRF

18th H. Frank Stone 21st Jim Cote Jr 33rd Jim Cote Sr

Touring 1

3rd Mike McGinley



National Championship

Thoughts and Notes Gini Ragan, Editor

KC REGION Members help make the National Championship Runoffs a success!

It takes many volunteers to put on a race and the Kansas City Region should be proud of its members. More than 33 members signed up as workers for the 2007 Runoffs and at least 20 more were seen at the track in support of the drivers. We all know you can't have a race without the drivers or the workers and not only did we have a race, we had 25 races! Greeting drivers and officials from across the country in registration were Linda Henson and Deana Smith. Making sure the course was ready were Course Marshal Chief Ken Ragan, Steve Roberts and Mark Dalen. Emergency Services along with others was manned by Robert Thompson. Out on the corners this year were Chuck Austin, Michael Asselta, Steve Bachenberg, Neava Ford, Ken Keith, Hal Kemrite, and Ken Snyder . Alex Clark, and Chris Keith served as Assistant Chiefs of F&C. Norma Williams, Sharlene Smith, Brittney Williams and Rich Biretta helped Mike Dickerson in the Membership Tent. Serving in Race Administration were Danielle Henson, Bob Henson, Nancy Johnson, Michaela Johnson, and Brenda Johnson. The T&S crew headed by Chief Gini Ragan included Char Keith, Phyllis Nelson, John Nelson and Peter Wilke. Those serving in Tech included Kyle Ritter, Dale Smith, and Nicole Smith. Buzz Fisher was present as a Steward with Bill Johnson Jr and Pat diNatale working with the media.

Some the supporters of racing teams included Charlie Williams, Victor LaViola, Tom Holstrom, Mirl Swan, Bonnie Haupt, Cheryl Williams, Phil Hemmes and Nick. Of course, I haven't mentioned everyone—I saw families greeting drivers in the Victory Circle and I missed seeing a few, and it was good that you were there to cheer on your driver.

The Kansas City Stew Party, a tradition started at Road Atlanta and continued thru all the years at Mid-Ohio continues at Heartland Park. It is one of the good things that have carried on and this year the stew was good, the shared dishes of snacks and desserts were to die for and the weather held off for most of the evening. (The weather was better this year than last year, but still far from perfect.)

As I work in T&S where all grids and results are held up as the stewards determine penalties for the "bad" race drivers, I was frequently absent from the parties. I heard they were good and that door prizes were many. I even managed to snag one and was pleased be able to distribute the goodies that were won by T&S volunteers that didn't make the party.

Heartland Park will again be host of the National Championship Runoffs in 2008, the dates are October 5-12. You should make plans now to attend this great event!

STREET SURVIVAL SCHOOL NOVEMBER 3, 2007

AT

THE WOODLANDS

Hosted by the Kansas City Region in conjunction with BMW Club.

Sign up at:

http://www.streetsurvival.org

SCCA instructors are needed and should contact

Mark Dalen at (931) 660-8048 or mdalen@aamcokc.com to volunteer.

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

10 David & Jennifer (Rozeboom) Cesmat Joe & Linda Schulte - 37 years
12 Scott & Chris Peterson
14 John & Phyllis Nelson - 40 years
19 Bill & Sue Carroll - 44 years
22 Rick & Sheri Berger
29 Willard & Virginia King - 36 years

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Cliff & Tammy Johnson
 Bill & Dodie Rinke - 54 years
 Chuck & Alex Clark
 James & Sara Nelson
 Tom & Linda Crawford - 28 years

The September meeting of the Kansas City Region SCCA was held at Creekside Pub and Grille on September 4, 2007. The meeting was called to order by Dale Smith, RE. Steve Roberts moved to approve the minutes of the August meeting as printed in Checkpoint. Rich Davison, Sr. seconded the motion; motion passed. David Long gave the Treasurer's report highlighting the Solo budget and remarking that they were within the budget and doing well.

Norma Williams, membership chairman, reported membership stands at 584 members. Gini Ragan, Checkpoint Editor, reminded the members the next issue would be the Oct./Nov. issue and would not be out until the end of October. Following that issue there would only be one more issue in 2007.

Bill Johnson III, reported for KVRG. A member input discussion of the schedule for next year presented Bill with several options. Hopefully we will be able to have better dates for next years events. Chuck Clark, the Midiv Executive Chairman mentioned that a reduction in the number of races was the goal of the committee. Alex Clark, worker coordinator the KVRG reported the Worker Appreciation Party should take place before the 2008 race season begins. Jim Wheeler praised the Stewards for waiving the students at MAM this past weekend so they could participate in the Enduro and the Sunday Regional race.

Dale Smith reported a nominating committee had been appointed by himself, the RE, and the Board as required by the bylaws.. The members who had agreed to serve are Phyllis Nelson, Scott Peterson, Chuck Clark and Donna Hill. This committee will now appoint a fifth member who will be the chairman.

Bill Correll, Solo Chairman, reported the KC Championship event would be a two day event on Sept. 8 and 9th. The following weekend KC Region would host a 1 day event on Sunday the 16th. The Good Guys Car Show included an autocross for vehicles produced in 1978 or earlier. As they did last year, the KC Region Solo Group assisted with this event. The course was short, only about 12-15 seconds.

Charlie Clark, Area 6 Director, gave a participation report. Dale in turn, thanked Charlie for his service to SCCA for the last 6 years.

Sharlene Smith reported the clubs annual picnic was successful. There were many shared dishes of good food and the members present had fun with the Bear Theme. We will continue the Bear Drive thru Christmas with bears being donated to the program sponsored by many police departments. The bears are given to children who are victims of accidents and crime.

Charlie Williams had door prizes. Roy Lopshire reminded members that ballots for Area Director would be coming soon and that members should vote!

Alex Clark moved to adjourn; Rich Davison seconded the motion; motion passed and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Gini Ragan, Secretary

These minutes have not been approved.



Minutes October General Meeting

The October General Meeting of the Kansas City Region, SCCA was held at Creekside Pub and Grille on October 2, 2007. RE, Dale Smith, called the meeting to order. There were no minutes to be approved, nor was there a treasurers report.

Gini Ragan, Checkpoint editor, reminded members that the next Checkpoint would be a combined issue of Oct. and Nov. and should be received prior to the November meeting.

Highlights from the Solo Nationals included the fact that the site is sandy. Approximately 35 KCR members participated with additional members showing their support with their presence. The SAC will appoint a nominating committee to complete their board. The membership requirement for participation at SCCA events was discussed and included the fact that the weekend membership can cover that requirement.

Dale announced the nominating committee for the 2008 officers has been formed and includes Phyllis Nelson, Chuck Clark, Scott Peterson and Donna Hill. They have appointed Mike Farley to be their chairman.

Members were reminded to vote for Area 6 Director. The candidates are Peter Zekert from the St. Louis Region, Lisa Noble from the Kansas Region and our very own Chuck Clark.

Jim Wheeler talked about the radio/web show and the plans for future shows

Mark Dalan reported the Street Survival School will take place at the Woodlands on Nov. 3, 2007. It is being held in conjunction with the BMW Club. The cost is \$60.00 per student and students must be 16 years of age.

Deana Smith asked members going to the Runoffs who did not have guests to let her know so that their guest passes could be used by members who were coming to spectate.

Chuck Clark reminded members of the Midiv Convention hosted by the St. Louis Region on November 2, 3 and 4. Registration foms are available on line at the Division Website.

Charlie Clark, Area 6 Director, gave a short report which included the Class Count for 2007. The GT3 and GP classes did not have enough participation to be included in the 2008 Runoffs.

There being no further business, Rich Davidson, Sr. moved for adjournment with the second being made by Ken Ragan. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted Gini Ragan, Secretary

These minutes have not been approved.

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14 people attended the SAC meeting at Creekside on 8/7/07, including SAC members Bill Correll and Rodney Giebel. (Al Hermans had an out of town commitment.)

Meeting minutes:

- SAC nomination committee was discussed.
 - a. Need nominees for the general election for (2) SAC slots to fill for 2008 thru 2009 was discussed
 - (1) should have at least (3) candidates for the (2) open positions
 - (2) must be willing to serve
 - (3) anyone may volunteer to run for SAC
 - b. Shawn Hill, Gary Hartman, and Joe Tasler agreed to serve as the nominating committee.
- 2. SAC committee positions and responsibilities were discussed
 - Committee Positions selected so far
 - i. Bill Correll Chair
 - ii. Al Herman Recorder
 - b. Responsibilities specialties of each SAC person was discussed
 - . Bill Correll Solo Chair
 - c. Suggested Specialties List was discussed
 - i. Truck, Trailer, & Equipment
 - ii. Tech & Grid
 - iii. Safety Stewards
 - iv. Event Chairs, Co-Chairs, & Course designers
 - v. Timing & Scoring
 - vi. Registration
 - vii. Waivers
 - viii. Workers
- 3. Solo timing equipment fund raising was discussed
 - a. T-shirts form was passed around for T-Shirt sign up sheet and had 40+ shirts ordered.
 - b. Event sponsors Shawn Hill and Bob Buxbaum made a presentation about how this could work. They are contacting a couple of dealers.
 - c. Sale of old equipment KS region has the JAC equipment. They will discuss the purchase at their September meeting
 - d. GoodGuys' Auto Show autocross was discussed and some volunteers were solicited
- Subaru Challenge
 - a. Bill stated he had sent a bill/invoice to Dave Long to forward to Subaru
- Reviewed current schedule
 - a. Discussed need for more people to step up and run events
 - b. Discussed positions that needed filled for remainder of season
- 6. Old business none
- New business
 - a. Bob Buxbaum is drafting an Event Operations Procedure. It will be reviewed by the SAC and then published for event chairs and co-chairs to reference.
 - b. There was a question about whether there were enough students for the Evolution Autox School. *The school was held.*
 - c. There was discussion about the Street Survival School, that the region co-hosts with BMW. Still unsure of the details.

(Note: it was very hot in the meeting room. The outside temp was near 100, and the room temp was probably pushing 90.)

p.s. Since the meeting, I have received the JAC Laser Head. I don't have a way to test it, but this time, JAC said they tested in before they shipped it to us. I am making arrangements to have it forwarded to Topeka, so KS region can keep all the equipment together.

p.p.s. My job is now requiring me to travel to Chicago M-F weekly, so I won't be able to make any weeknight meetings in person.

Regards, Rodney

Minutes of the Solo Advisory Committee KCR, SCCA Sept 4

A meeting of the Solo Advisory Committee of the Kansas City Region – Sports Car Club of America was held at Creekside Pub & Grille on September 4, 2007 at 6:55 PM. The meeting was held pursuant to notice duly given.

The following members of the Committee (who constituted a quorum) were in attendance:

Bill Correll Al Hermans

11 members of the Solo community were also in attendance.

The minutes from the August 7, 2007 Committee meeting were circulated via e-mail. The minutes were approved without correction.

Committee Specialties

Specialty positions and responsibilities are still being determined. Suggested specialties include: Equipment, Tech & Grid, Safety Stewards, Event Chairs and designers, Timing & Scoring, Registration, Workers, SolO Chair, Waivers, and Sponsorships.

Event Report

Upcoming events are the Kansas City Championships and Event #7 on consecutive weekends. Due to the nature of our registration software, registration for Event #7 cannot begin until registration for the KC Championships has been closed and confirmed

Old Business

The SAC nominating committee has approached Jake Diehl, Shawn Hill, Randy Eichof, and Don Gawf to run for the two open positions on the SAC. Additional nominations may be taken from the general membership prior to distribution of the ballots.

T-shirt sales - to date, 43 pre-orders have been taken. An additional 20 have been pledged from the internet forum.

Event sponsors – Honda of Tiffany Springs, Superior Chevrolet, and the Jay Wolfe Group are being courted for season long or individual event sponsorships. Meetings are planned for the next few weeks.

Old timing equipment – the malfunctioning laser target has returned from JAC Circuits. The Kansas Region will discuss purchase of the equipment during their September meeting.

Good Guys Auto Show – An autocross was held on August 31 and September 1 at the Kansas Speedway. A check for \$1240 was received from Good Guys with \$240 slated for worker expenses if they choose to accept it.

We are still waiting on a check from Subaru for the Subaru Challenge.

New Business

A proposal was presented for discussion on event finances and some changes to format. A preliminary schedule was presented along with a preliminary budget. Among the proposed format changes would be distribution of dash plaques or magnets and presentation of regional event trophies. Event fees would be raised to \$30 to cover the added expense and, of that, \$1 would go to a capital expenditure fund. No decisions were made on any of the proposals.

Miscellaneous

At the beginning of the meeting, Vern Maxey explained the reasoning behind the cancellation of the Walnut Ridge divisional event and why the event was not rescheduled in conjunction with the KC Championships. In short, the WR event was cancelled due to a change in the fee policy of the lot owners and the low turnout which would have resulted in a substantial monetary loss for the region. The event was not re-scheduled in KC due to logistical and rules issues.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned ay 7:55 PM.

Albert Hermans, Recorder

Minutes of the August Board Meeting

The Kansas City Region Board of Directors met August 28, 2007 at Creekside Pub and Grille. The following members were present: Bill Johnson, Charlie Williams, Norma Williams, Bill Correll, Gini Ragan, Jim Wheeler, Jeff Kopp, David Long, Dale Smith and Steve Roberts. Also attending were Ken Ragan and Bob Buxbaum. Bill Johnson moved to approve the minutes as amended; Jim Wheeler seconded the motion; motion passed. David Long presented the Treasurers Report which included the fact that we have met the stated goal of \$75,000 in the Endowment Fund and future interest payments may be used for general operating expenses.

The SCCA/BMW Street Survival program is still in the planning stages and a date for the event has not yet been selected. Mark Dalen will be the chairman. There will be a maximum of 60 students with a 2 to 1 student to instructor ratio.

The Rally this year will be Nov10 followed by a Rally hosted by Kansas Region on Nov. 11.

Appointments to the nominating committee were discussed: Norma was asked to make phone calls to the suggested individuals. Steve Roberts, Bill Correll and Eric Linnhoff are the board members whose terms will expire. Gini Ragan has also served two terms as secretary and is not eligible for reelection. The nominating committee for SAC will be Shawn Hill, Gary Hartman and Joe Tassler.

Jim Wheeler reported on the radio/Comcast show. It is doing well with over 5000 hits.

Gini Ragan talked about Checkpoint. Jeff Kopp reported on the Website.

Norma Williams reported 584 members with about 50 attending the Regions picnic.

Bill Johnson reported there were 212 entrants in the August National Race. The drivers liked the new configuration of the track. The Runoffs for 2008 will probably be the second week in October. He again encouraged the KC Region Board to stagger the appointments of the representatives to the KVRG board so that there is not a complete turnover at any time.

Bill Correll reported the plans for the Good Guys Auto Show solo which is for cars made prior to 1978. There are meetings scheduled with prospective sponsors for future solo events. It was brought to the board's attention that a two year warranty for the new timing equipment is available for \$100.00. Steve Roberts made the motion to purchase the warranty; Bill Correll made the second and the motion passed. The temporary memberships were discussed.

There being no Old Business or New Business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted Gini Ragan, Secretary

CLASSIFIED ADS

LOLA T86-90 S2000 - SCCA Midwest Divisional Champion 2004; SCCA MiDiv MidAm S2 Champion 1992, '94, '01, '02, '03; 27 events on Prince tub; AIM Mycron 3 XG data acquisition dash; Fox shocks; Jongbloed wheels; freshened Hewland, including NEW RING & PINION on NEW ALUMINUM differential carrier; NEW, HPC (ceramic) coated, Greg Welch header; NEW FIA safety harness; 2 sets spare Compomotive wheels, rains. Race Ready-SCCA or vintage.AI Essig 913-262-2849(hm), 816-453-8727(wk).

For Sale: 1991 Toyota MR2 \$1400, Set up for Solo includes extra set of wheels with Hoosier DOT racing tires. 913-682-2048 Hal Kemrite 9/07

For Sale: 1988 Mustang 351W raced as a GT-1 car by previous owner. Used at various club performance driving events for last 3 years. Lot of car for money. Asking 12000. Lane Holcomb Holt MO 816-320-3498 9/07

Retirement Sale: 1994 1.8 liter Mazda Miata; One owner car built by Spec Miata specialist Jim Daniels. Currently ITA- can be converted to Spec Miata; Red Body, White/Gray top. 8 mounted Hoosier Dry & 4 mounted Hoosier rain tires(new). New Prather engine- 2 spare heads. Installed by Bob Hindson Racing. Complete "Racing Electronics" communications system. Cool shirt system installed with cooler. Total racing package \$19,950. Contact Mary Merola @ 816-223-2505 or mary@functionjunction.com

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Kansas Rally Weekend

Rallyists in northeastern Kansas and the Kansas City area will have several opportunities to enjoy Sunday drives in the country and to compete with other rallyists in time-speed-distance events as the rally schedule for 2007 has been finalized.

Saturday, November 10, the Jarbalo Jog III Rally will once again traverse the roads of rural Leavenworth and Jefferson counties

Sunday, November 11 will see the "Pavement Ends" Rally, the event name signifying the fact that mostly unpaved roads will be used for this tour of Douglas, Jefferson and Leavenworth counties.

Details, when finalized, will be posted on the Kansas and Kansas City Region web sites. For further information contact Rich Bireta at rbireta@gmail.com

2007 KC Region Awards Banquet

Another year has raced by and we are getting ready for the 2007 Kansas City Region Awards Banquet. Please mark January 12th 2008 on your calendars. The banquet will once again be at the Overland Park Holiday Inn on 87th Street. Donna Hill has agreed to co-chair. Thanks Donna. Kent Edmondson has again volunteered to do the printing and DJ duties. Thank you Kent. It almost goes without saying that Norma Williams will be handling the money. Thanks Norma. It is time to start rounding up the traveling trophies and beg for prizes. You may contact me to arrange pick-ups or you can drop trophies and prizes off at Charlie and Norma Williams shop located at 47th and Belinder. Once again I would like to request that everyone attend. From the feedback I received after last year's event I am not making many changes. I have addressed the Pale Ale shortage and I can't do much about the weather. Give me a call at 913-645-8230 or e-mail me at trowe@mackmcclain.com. More details will follow, TR

Race Report:

My good friend David Long and I entered the Wild and Wacky WHOOMAH! 1.99 Hour Enduro held at Mid America Motorplex (MAM) on Sept 1st. This race was a two hour timed endurance race eligible for all Improved Touring, Spec Miata, Spec Racer Ford and American Sedan class cars. In addition to running the entire timed race the supplemental rules for the race also required that each car make one 5 minute pit stop. During the stop, competitors can refuel the car (once the driver is out of the car) and perform any other minor service deemed necessary. David and I entered my 1983 RX7 in Improved Touring A.

This was new experience for us. First, neither of us had ever raced longer than 40-45 minutes at a time. Second, neither of us of had ever had to make a pit stop during a race. Third we were not sure what kind of fuel mileage to expect with the car or how many pit stops would be required to run the 2hr race. So, in the weeks prior to the race we did our best to anticipate what this would be like for both car and driver. In our typical anal retentive fashion we over prepared!

With the car lined out we gathered together a crew. David Bennett agreed to handle refueling duties on our pit stops. He and I worked allot on mileage calculations and his input was welcome. He seemed very eager to help out probably because he wanted to wear his driver's suit this year! Andy Ruggiero stepped up to help David with the fuel stops. He was there to man the fire extinguisher and assist with tire changes. At the track we picked up more help from Chuck Clark who agreed to run lap times and the pit board. A good crew!

As far as pit equipment was concerned we seemed to be so much better prepared than our rivals. We came to the hot pits with a cooler, chairs and a selection of tools. In addition, ours was the only team that supplied their own drip pan for refueling and the required 10lb fire extinguisher. We even had a "war wagon" of sorts - a Harbor Freight garden cart with pneumatic tires!

So when we rolled into Pacific Junction, IA we thought we had it all figured out. The only variable was how fast we would go on track.

The day of the race was broken up into three sessions. Two 20 minute qualifying rounds and then the 1.99 timed race. I went out in the first qualifying session. The mission was to set a fast time and shake down one of the two Nikki 4bbl carburetors that we had serviced the week before. This particular custom built Paul Yaw carb had become a pet project for David Long in the weeks before the race. It had been assembled, reassembled and bench tuned to an inch of it's life. We were anxious to see if it worked on the track. Things looked good at first as the car sounded awesome in the pits. However once the session started I could tell all was not right.

A Mazda rotary engine, even the relatively stock engine, thrives on RPMS. Shift points of 8-8300 are the norm and 9500 can be had in a pinch in this car. But in session one getting over 6500 in 3rd was a struggle. After 3 laps of hopping it would get better I pulled in. An attempt to reset the fuel pressure regulator and then a subsequent lap around the track as the first qualifying session ended netted no improvement. Back in the paddock we went with a known quantity, Charlie Clark's ISC Nikki carb. Once installed we tested the car on the road in front of the track entrance. Problem solved!

With car running correctly and the fuel cell topped off David Long took the car out for the second qualifying session. David got comfortable with the car again (it had been 6 years since he had last driven it) and the car ran flawlessly. Based on the number of laps David turned we were able to calculate that the car was getting 6mpg and could make the race on one pit stop. This was just as we had planned. Things were looking up for the race.

Despite David's best efforts we rolled off in last place for the race. Of course this is not a big deal considering the length of the race and the number of entrants. Hell I could see the front row from where I was at and this is not something I am used to! Actually our grid position seemed like an advantage because it let me take the green on the right side of front straight. This is the preferred side at MAM as it gives you the best shot at turns one - three.

Before I describe the race itself, let me go over our "strategy." I would take the first stint behind the wheel. I would drive to the 1 hour mark or until I turned 30 laps which ever came first. Then I would pull in and the crew would refuel and change both front tires while David and I would handle the driver swap. This would put David on track for the anchor leg of the race. Considering that a Mazda rotary can be ran hard for long distances without a loss in performance we thought our chances looked good.

Okay now lets drop the green flag and deal with reality. The race start was pretty straight forward. One car got sideways between 3 and 4 but everyone missed him. I spent the first few laps racing a Spec Miata and then trying to reel in a sportsracer. Eventually I was alone on the track trying to crank out decent laps. About the best I could do was a 1:53 flat which was about 6-8 tenths slower than where I wanted to be. During this time the heat in the car became noticeable and I was getting a little bored because I had no one to race. Boredom would soon be replaced with concern and realization that we had not fixed the car after all.

At the 30 minute mark the car started to lose power. At first it was just a lack of RPM at the end of the main straight. Then the miss started happening in more places on the track. It was fuel related and hoped that it wasn't the carb. Finally at the 42 minute mark I gave up and pulled in the pits. Twenty minutes early.

Now the fun begins. The crew, suffering from the same boredom that had gripped the driver, was lounging. Who could blame them as there would be nothing to do for another 20 minutes. So, to the crew's surprise here

comes their bright yellow car unannounced and unexpected. All we needed was ice cream to recreate a classic scene from the movie *Days of Thunder*!

Seeing me arrive, David Long started putting on his helmet and HANS device thinking this is a driver swap. David Bennett was caught off guard and is in street clothes, not his fire suit so he cannot fuel the car. When I tell the crew that the car is running bad the hood comes up and it is determined that we have no fuel pressure. The trouble shooting starts..."Raise the pressure, the regulator failed"...."No it is the gauge"....."What about the ignition"....."Are we out of gas???" Well no, we weren't out of gas but the car thought that we were. After burning seven gallons of fuel the remaining 5 gallons in the 12 gallon cell were not being picked up The car simply was fuel starving. Time to refuel.

Unfortunately David Long was the only one dressed for the occasion (remember, the rules required that the refueler be dressed in a fire suit, helmet, racing gloves and shoes). I was too but apparently I was busy mismanaging the situation to take action and David grabbed the gas cans first. This is where all of our tireless and anal retentive preparation failed us. The fuel cans I brought to the pits were worthless. We are talking the \$5.98 red 5 gallon gas cans that Wal-Mart sells. Duh, they don't dispense fuel very fast!

It was worse than watching a tea kettle boil water. So painfully slow was the fuel flow that we eventually wised up and took the spout off the second can. After we closed up the cell, we could service the car (rules again - no one can touch the car during refueling and the driver has to be out). We put David in the car and checked the fuel regulator - 3.5PSI. David was off....only about 13 minutes consumed!

With one hour left in the race and the realization that the car would only run well for 30 minutes we decided to bring David in earlier. We also decided that we didn't have enough fuel in the pits for the next stop. Here is where this race report gets weird.

All of the fuel that we had at the track was in the pits. The only way to get more was to buy it. No problem - MAM sells gas from automated fuel pumps. So off across the paddock I go, "war wagon" and empty fuel cans in tow. First I stop at or paddock spot to get my wallet and put 8oz's of 2 cycle oil in each gas can (we run 100:1 premix). Then I trundled off to the fuel island. There I found that a combination of afternoon glare and dirty sunglasses would render the fuel pump card machine display unreadable. After 15 minutes of struggle I bought 9 gallons of 94 Unleaded and 1 gallon of 110 (because I selected the wrong pump) and then headed back to the pits, mission accomplished.

As soon as I arrived back at our pit stall I find out that David is on his way back in - his 30 minute session all but finished. Damn that was fast! In minutes (10 to be exact) the car is refueled again (stupid slow gas cans), the front tires are changed and I am reinstalled in the car. Before I really know what is happening I am on track...again. It was so surreal. One minute I am buying gas and the next I am racing. Bet that never happens in NASCAR to Tony Stewart!

My final session is great. The car ran beautifully for all but the last few laps. I found a rhythm and started to have fun with the car - turn 3 is a BLAST. By now, some of the competitors were backing off to save fuel (do they know something we don't?) so I actually got to pass a few more cars. Then it was over, way too soon.

In the end we finished 11th out of 13 cars, 3rd in class. We spent 23 minutes in the pits, ran a lap average in the 1:55 range and completed 53 laps (118 miles). The fuel problem that we had worked so hard to correct before the race turned out to be a problem with the Cell. Something that we were never going to find in a normal 20 minute qualifier or regional race.

After a few days to think things over I have come to the conclusion that this race was really allot of fun. We learned allot about the car and what we need to do in the pits for next year. We will put this event on our calendar and would encourage any of you looking to do something different to plan for this event as well. Many thanks to David Long, David Bennett, Andy Ruggiero, and Chuck Clark for all of their help and hard work. Scott Peterson

Results:

Improved Touring	<u>E</u>						
Position #	Name		Laps		Best Time		
1	21	Mark Kirby		67	1:41.346		
2	5	Robert Maupins/Phillip Leonard	54		1:52.428		
DNF	12	Bo Frasier/Mike Wold-Steele	28		1:43.726		
Improved Touring R							
Position #	Name		Laps		Best Time		
1	86	Andy Wolverton	63		1:45.297		
2	61	Scott Orr	59		1:45.545		
Spec Miata							
Position #	Name		Laps		Best Time		
1	4	Jarrod Igou/Raymond Yergler 63		1:48.151			
2	20	Ted Johnson/Jim Wheeler	63		1:50.549		
3	08	Steve Pistoria/Teresa Pistoria	61		1:51.412		
4	77	Jerry Schroeder/David Schroeder	61		1:52.046		
DNF	8	Kurtis Goertz 20					
Improved Touring A							
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Position #	Name		Laps		Best Time		
1	64	Jim Stoddard		62	1:51.418		
2	44	Travis Norwald/Jim Lorenzetti 58		1:49.641			
1:48.8503	17	David Long/Scott Peterson	53		1:53.078		

The Kansas City Region's 2007 annual picnic was held Saturday, August 25th at Willard and Virginia King's farm in Gardner, Kansas. We missed Virginia who was recovering from hip surgery, a card was signed by all wishing her a speedy recovery.



Norma Williams welcomed each one with a sign-up sheet, a ticket for a Bear Box giveaway and a chance to guess how many Gummy Bears were in a plastic car. Gini Ragan signed each one up for the Worker Bear and the Elvis Bear drawing. After grilling, eating some great food and much racing conversation, we had the drawings. Cole Helbert and Courtney Rinehart won with the same number of 115 for the Gummy Bears. Phyllis Nelson won the Worker Bear. Tammy Johnson said she would like to have the Elvis Bear for her Motorhome, then she drew her own name! Now, that bear will be riding in style in their new Motorhome (sorry Nancy). The bear boxes were a surprise because you could not see what was in them and they got to pick a box of their choice.

Then we all went outside to see if any one could win a bottle of honey by knocking a teddy bear off the post with a water balloon. It was taking some a few tries then Billy Johnson and Victor LaViola moseyed up and knocked it off first try. Rich was getting worried and said, "Sharlene, hurry and make more balloons", he didn't know that Willard King and Charlie Williams had helped me make two more buckets of water balloons. That was interesting as Willard didn't have a "off and on" for the water so he had to squeeze the hose each time we filled a balloon. Charlie did get a lot wet, then he sit in the sun to dry off. Norma tried switching to a bigger bear on the post and Dale Smith got the hose and sprayed the bear off. By the time the honey was all gone, they were standing real close to the post. We had a "honey" of a picnic!

Thanks to Virginia and Willard, Charlie and Norma, Dale and Deana, Steve Berger, Gini Ragan and Chuck Clark for their help and to all that came. Several people donated their bears and some gave money to give to the Police Department for children. I will continue taking bears and/or money for this project until the Race Group party in December. You can bring either one to any Kansas City Region event or meeting. Photo and article by Sharlene Smith

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Dear Mom:

Keith and Cheryl Williams are expecting a new arrival the middle of March 2008. They recently found out the baby is a girl. She will be welcomed home by big brothers Max, Charlie and Henry. Proud grandparents are Charlie and Mom Williams.

Received an email recently from Ron Reynolds with an update on his family. September 22nd Ron & Jan celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Ron is not sure where that time went but, said that he sure picked a winner in her. Ron & Jan are celebrating their 1st anniversary in their new home in Platte City, MO. Ron is pretty busy with his new job with the Tracker-Marine Group as Materials Manager in their Clinton, MO plant. They build 2 brands of bass boats and a sport boat line. He is helping with a Lean/Sigma focus team trying to upgrade the operations and streamline production. Ron took his Dad, Jesse car shopping and he bought a sporty Neon to replace his venerable minivan. He passed on the shiny black Miata (thought he might be forced to fight the "chicks" off)!! The family had a mini-family reunion with son Mark, grandson David and great-grandson Jesse along with their spouses (well, not little Jesse, since he is only 2½ years old). Ron & Jan's other son and his family were there too. Grandson, David is back in Fort Sill, OK after serving in Iraq and is recovering from surgery to repair a damaged knee. David and his wife is expecting a son in November so that will mean another branch of the 5 generation tree. Ron hopes to get his schedule under control so he can get back involved with the race group and the Leaping Lizards again.

John & Phyllis Nelson are going to be first time grandparents! Their son, James & his wife, Sara are expecting a girl in January.

Sue Woloscsuk called to tell us that Chuck is doing just fine after his surgery but needs a nap in the afternoon -could that be from "old age"???? He was not able to do any lifting for about a month. He got a very good report from his doctor, who said they are 95% sure there is no cancer elsewhere. Chuck sends a BIG thank you to everyone who signed the get-well card at HPT in August. The Woloscsuk computer went "down" around his surgery time - just got it fixed - they have 200 emails to read. That should keep Chuck busy for awhile.

On the front page of The Blue Valley Sun newspaper was a picture of Mike Farley, Johnson County Judge, raising the roof on a house in Kansas City, KS. Annually the Johnson County Bar Association help build a Habitat for Humanity house in Kansas City. The work coincides in part with limited court activity at the Johnson County Courthouse because of the Johnson County Old Settlers Celebration in downtown Olathe. Volunteers this year included Mike - who builds race cars - and other judges.

Chuck Davis attended the SCCA Runoffs at HPT. His neck brace is gone and he slowly is gaining strength in both of his hands. He had carpal tunnel surgery on the left hand a month of so ago. He said there was no pain and that it was a "piece of cake" compared to what he had been thru. He traveled to Dallas for a checkup with his Doctor and ask when he can go back racing! Maybe next year, Chuck??

Brittney Williams has moved to an apartment. She and two girlfriends (since elementary school) are now living in Lenexa, KS and all three girls are employed at the Houlihan Restaurant in Fairway. Brittney & Rachel attend Johnson County Community College.

The Sports Daily of the Kansas City Star on Friday had a very nice article about Chuck & Alex Clark. It told about their meeting at the Runoffs in 1991 and now 16 years later they are part of a four-car racing family. Competing this year in Topeka was Chuck, his father Charlie Clark, his father-in-law Brian Haupt, and his sister-in-law Meredith Haupt. Alex coordinated the track safety workers at the event this year.

Frank Stoddard from Delray Beach, FL was in Kansas City to visit Chuck Davis and attend the SCCA Runoffs at HPT. Frank is a starter in the Florida Region and his wife Nellie works in T&S.

Congratulations to Lee & Ellen Payne who just joined the grandparents club. Their first grandchild, Donovan Jade Payne was born on July 20th, 2007 in Boise, Idaho. Proud parents are Jason & Teresa Payne. Donovan weighed in at 5 lb, 10 oz. He was born 5 weeks premature and is doing just great. Lee & Ellen traveled to Idaho to see the new grandson when he was 3 days old.

Ellen Wolf & Victor LaViola are breathing easier now! Jack Emmet Wolf came into the world 2 months early on Sept. 6th. Ellen's son Jason & wife Liz of Phoenix, AR are the proud parents. Jack weighed 5½ lb and was 17" long and in Baby ICU for 3 weeks. He is now home & doing fine. Ellen said the "Emmet" comes from her step-dad, who was the best grandpa to Jason. Ellen is a long distance grandma, making do with email pictures but plans on seeing Jack over Thanksgiving for a couple of days.

Our condolences to Dr. William A "Bill" Hartong and his family on the death of his mother, Mary Hartong of Iola, KS.

Condolences to former KCR member Rev. Bob & Shelby Ewens and their family on the death of their daughter, Roshell. Rev Bob is the pastor at the Golden City United Methodist Church in Golden City, MO.

don't look back

OCTOBER BIRTHDAY

- 2 Patrick Kern (12) s of Chris & Lisa
- 4 Andrew Pennington

Chris Roell

Dudley Smith

Sarah Watney - (16) d of Guy

5 Mark Funk

G Scott Martin

Tabitha Watson

Jim Wheeler

- 8 Arthur Johnson (17) s of Bill & Nancy
- 14 Ryan Cesmat (3) grs of Ken & Virginia Rozeboom Richard Doty

Logan Strickler - s of John & Kathy

16 Tom Davis

Mike Dickerson

Charlie Peter - (11) s of Hans & Susan

Kyle Ritter

- 17 Ken Deitchman
- 18 David Hosley
- 20 Kiersten Scharnberg Koch

Pat diNatale

Richard A Wahaus

- 21 Paula Diehl
 - Jeffrey Jenkins
- 22 Michael Schulte

Nancy Johnson

23 Steve Armstrong - s of Michael & Maricel

Mike McGinley

Kathi Toombs

24 Rachel Asselta - (8) d of Mike & Lynnet

Kent Edmondson

Renee King

Brian Williams

27 Alex Clark

Malissa Ruggiero - (15) d of Andy & Billie

- 29 Susan Deitchman
- 30 Randy Eickhoff

Doug Hitchcock

Micaela Johnson - d of Bill & Nancy

Stewart Koesten

31 Andy Meyer

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1. Dottie Johnson
- 2. James Allen

William Frede

Anna Mithelavage

3. Janice Allen

Michael Armstrong

Dick Berger

Jack Schneider (11) s of Chuck & Alex Clark

4. Audrey Hermans

Bruce McNamara

5. Henry Allen (6) s of Timothy & Janice

William Anderson

Mike Hamilton

6. Yulieth Campuzano

Bill Crescenzo

Alicia Moylan

- 7. Gary Marcy
- 8. Jacob Diehl
- 9. Arthur (Gus) Jacob
- 10. Don Buffon

Buzz Fisher

Ron Kelley

Henry Rompage

Ron Shaw

11. Vincent Dean

Jodi Patnode

Steve Schmidt

Ben Surman

12. Michael Asselta - (15) s of Mike & Lynnet

Melissa Bennett

Ethan Disher (6) grs of Chuck & Sue Woloscsuk

- 13. Greg Reno
- 14. Ken Pruett

Chris Trusler

- 15. Peggy Rowe
- 16. Mark Hill
- Trey Keifer
- 17. Jessica Long
- 18. Jerry Irvine

William Smith

- 19. Mark Dalen
- 20. Charles Austin

Armelinda Schulte

Joe Spence

21. Kyle Bagby

Ken Rozeboom

- 22. Leah Hendrix
- 23. Clayton Gaulter

Scott Petersen

Scott Ruggiero, s of Andy & Billie

Daniel Wheeler

- 24. Lenny Mullin
- 25. Jim Cote Jr.

John Rieke

28. Tyler Calvert

Geoffrey Crawford

29. Pamela Albarelli

Greg Gelatka

30. Peter Wilke

2007 Midwest Division Convention Nov. 2, 3, 4, 2007

Hosted by St. Louis Region, SCCA

Convention Fee (Includes Breakfast each day, Lunch and Dinner) \$50 per person Lunch only is \$20.00 - Dinner only is \$30.00

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Saturday Breakfast	7:00AM - 10:00AM			
Saturday Meeting and Seminars	9:00AM - 5:00PM			
Saturday Lunch	Noon			
Saturday Dinner & Awards Ceremony	7:00PM - 10:00PM			
Sunday Breakfast	7:00AM – 10AM			
Sunday Scheduling Meeting	9.00AM			

Some of the Seminars being planned for you are:

- How to market your region and events or how to get people to really attend
- Solo Course Design Basics or how to blame the car instead of the driver
- How to organize and put on a Street Survival Teen Driving Program Event
- Acquisition, care and proper feeding of sponsors?
- Everything you always want to know about PDX Events and didn't learn in Kindergarten or shop class
- Electronic communications for SCCA Regions or a funny thing happened on the way to the Forums
- Region Recruitment Chiefs and Retention Chiefs meeting
- Marketing 102 the next step
- How to set up your car for a PDX Track Event
- Clean Sweep for the Car Enthusiasts with a MiDiv Worker Fashion Show

(Some seminars have not been finalized and may change, but every effort is being made to make them great for you!)

There will be a prize for the most unique SCCA T-Shirt brought to the convention for the FASHION CONTEST!

Questions? Call Janice at 636-225-3236 or Janice@wcsllc.net

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2007 Midwest Division Schedule

Oct 27/28 R*r St Louis Region GIR
Oct 27 Rally London AK
Oct 28 Solo #8 KCR TSC

Nov 3/4 MiDiv Convention St Louis Region

Nov 3 Street Survial KCR Woodlands
Nov 10/11 Kansas Rally Weekend Kansas City and Topeka
Nov 10/11 ARRC? Atlanta Region Road Atlanta

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R=Regional (non-points) ProV=ProVe

Tracks:

GIR—Gateway International Raceway—St Louis MO HPT-Heartland Park Topeka—Topeka KS HMRC- Hallett Motor Racing Circuit—Hallet OK NSS-Nashville Super Speedway-Nashville TN C=Performance Driving Experience (PDX) HC=Hill Climb

CT=Club Trials

TT=Track Trials
MRRS=MIDIV Road Rally Series

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Nov 3	Street Survival	School at the Woodla	ands

Hosted with the BMW Club

Nov 2/3/4 Mid-Div Convention, St. Louis

Nov 6 Solo Group prior to 8:00 General Meeting at

Creekside Pub and Grille 9916 Holmes Rd, KCMO

Nov 10 KC Region Rally—Jarbalo Jog

Nov 20 8:00 Race Group, Creekside

Nov 27 7:30 Board Meeting

Dec 4 Solo Group prior to

8:00 Annual Meeting and Elections

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