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RE Report

by Greg Laws, Regional Executive

It is New Year's Day as I write this. It is a new year, a new (mathematically correct) century, a (ditto) new millennium and a new beginning for the Wichita Region. Our history gives us much to be proud of -- the Lake Afton Grand Prix, club road racing at Hutch, Solo II Divisionals, Rallies, a very strong Regional Solo II program and so forth -- but this is a day to look to the future.

What challenges will the new year bring? How can we come together to make it better? Can we grow the club to ensure its survival? These questions and more come to my mind as I think forward. Some of it I already know about.

Financially we are healthy but things are very tight. Our Solo Chairman **LOREN WILLIAMS** has proposed modestly raising the Solo II entry fees and my opinion is that this is a necessary step. The matter will be discussed and voted on at the upcoming Board budget meeting so stay tuned.

We have need of additional funds for increasing expenses and timing trailer repair.

Our membership varies from month to month but remains basically stable. What isn't always recognized is that many remain members even though they have moved away. This leaves our membership figures the same but we lose the benefit of their participation, their leadership, and their company. We unfortunately lost several such "spark plugs" this past year and this loss has already shown up in the fact that we don't have volunteers for Solo Chair at many of the upcoming Solo II events yet. I have faith that new leaders will step forward to accept the challenge and I expect an even brighter future for the club because of it. I can promise the full support of the club to those ready to take that first step. We have a very serious need for your help!

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Solo Scene

by Loren Williams, Solo Chair

2000 Solo Season

Another chapter in the book of Wichita Region SCCA has ended. The 2000 Solo Season came to its final conclusion at the annual Awards Banquet. 43 Soloists received the Championship Trophies that they fought hard for all season, and 3 special Solo driving awards were also awarded. The Solo Driver of the Year went to Edwin Martens, if you've watched him drive recently then you understand why. The Rookie Solo Driver of the Year award went to Jeroen Dolmans, who finished First or Second (against Edwin!) at every event he competed in. Probably the biggest surprise in the Solo Awards, however, was Brian Meyer's Most Improved Solo Driver of the Year award. Brian didn't see it coming, but the Awards Committee had no trouble gauging his improvement over the past season. Congratulations to all, including those who didn't take home trophies. Competition is great, and winning is fun, but you know there's a lot more to it than that.

Are We Ready?

So here it is, 2001. The winter is half-way over already! The first Solo event is about 2 weeks away (assuming Brian & Rob got the Wail out on time this month). Are you ready? Well, I'm about as ready as I ever am. If you didn't hear, I'm no longer driving a Saturn. About the same time I decided to start shopping for a Miata, Tim Harmon decided it was time to sell his. A few signatures later, the immaculate little red B Stock winning '96 Miata R was mine. I've already taken it out of B Stock with a set of wheels and swaybars, so look for me in the Street Open class this season.

What's New?

Oh, I'm not the only one who's migrating to a new class. Either by change of vehicle or replacement of parts, many others will have a different set of letters on their cars this year. I hear that David Green is ready to crank up the

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My view is that we need to bring a younger group to the Secret Sports Car Club of America and I suspect many of our new leaders will come from this demographic. I will be making efforts to attract college students and others to Solo II. Not only does Solo need new blood but Club Racing does too, especially in the Worker group. I will be promoting Club Racing, Club Working, and also more Prepared & Modified cars in Solo this coming year but will focus more on incoming newbies for this crossover.

We are being challenged in keeping our Solo sites. Many of you know that we lost McConnell AFB this past year. It seems that a new Defense Department regulation came down demanding that use of military facilities by civilians be tied to benefits received by that facility's personnel from such use. Air Force bases across the country began shutting off access for SCCA events and McConnell was no exception. The Wichita Region didn't have a leg to stand on because we hadn't recruited ANY military personnel as members that we could identify, and had zero documented participation from McConnell personnel. Unfortunately this isn't our only concern. A hitch has recently developed regarding access to the Raytheon site. We continue to work on both problems with a great deal of hope.

I welcome a great team to 2001: **DICK PRICE** as Assistant RE, **BRUCE BETTINGER** as Secretary, **CHARLENE BETTINGER** as Activity Director, and a great group of Board Members who bring much experience and enthusiasm to the task. Welcome to our best year yet -- 2001!!!

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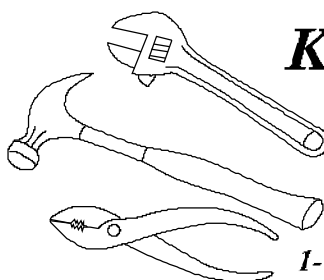
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boost and give Street Modified a try. (Bryan Jones says he needs a "Dave knob"... ask him about it) Chad Sutton now has a supercharger on his '99 Miata. Unfortunately, that puts him in E Modified, possibly competing against some absolutely wild machines. Regionally, however, he has the option of competing in Street Mod (National rules don't allow 2-seaters in this class... we do), or if he wants to compete on street tires, he can run it in Street Open. Bryan Jones has purchased a Camaro, and hasn't decided where to run it yet. If you know Bryan, you know he won't leave it stock... so he's looking at E Street Prepared, C Prepared, or any one of the same options Chad has. I could probably fill several more pages with talk about what folks have done to their cars over the winter, and what classes they'll be in for the coming season... but I have to leave you a few surprises.

Solo Registration

Ladies and Gentlemen, we have a new Registrar! Tom Dupler, with a bit of assistance and training from Susie Sutton, has graciously offered to take the position. The Registration process will be much the same as it was last year. Pre-Registration via the website or telephone will be available (no pre-reg for the first event, and we're not sure who's going to take the calls yet, so watch for that next month if you need to know).

*No chairman = no event,
it's that simple.*

Permanent Numbers

Permanent numbers will be available as they were last year. If you want a permanent number, all you have to do is ask for it (contact Loren or

Tom). Please remember, with our system, your number is tied to your run heat. DON'T request a permanent number if you don't intend to always run in the same heat, or if you don't intend to compete in most of the events. Here's the only thing we ask of a permanent number holder: Unregister for any event that you don't plan to attend so that your number can be reassigned. Failure to follow that simple rule twice will result in the loss of your permanent number.

Solo Sites

Date	Location/Details	Chair	Co-Chair
Feb 18	Boeing (Pres. Day Solo)	Rob Roytas	Robert Foster
Mar 18	Boeing (St. Patrick's Solo)	Loren Williams	Chad Sutton
Apr 15	McConnell (Easter Solo)		
May 13	WGP(Riverfest)	Mike Herrick	Jim Abel/Tann Chesley
May 28	Strother (Mem. Day Solo)		
Jun 10	WGP	Matt Brewster	Dennis Brewster
June 22-24	McConnell (Solotime Divisional)	Jim Harrison	
Jul 15	McConnell		
Jul 29	WGP		
Aug 12	Boeing		
Aug 26	McConnell		
Sep 2	WGP Nats Warmup Solo		
Sep 23	Boeing Endurocross	Loren Williams	
Oct 13/14	Strother		



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We have lots of interesting things going on with our Solo sites lately. The best news being that we got McConnell back (be sure to thank Robin Spurrier the next time you see him). Our dates are not confirmed yet, but we're looking at doing the Divisional plus three other events there. This time around, our future at McConnell is dependent upon getting more military folks involved. So be sure to make them feel welcome at our McConnell events (or any of our events). We may or may not be moving to a different lot at Boeing later this season, but we're still good for four events there this season. Greyhound Park is also confirmed for four events. It might not sadden some to learn that we have lost the use of what was our longest standing site, Raytheon. Of all the sites we have had in recent years, this was the only one that was normally available with little or no notice, and no hassle. Our only current option for a last-minute change of venue (or a last minute "there's a big hole in the schedule, let's do an event!") is Strother Field, which is still available whenever we want it. As you have probably guessed, there will be some location changes this season, but I hope to retain the same dates. Be sure to check the schedule here in the Wail EVERY month, or just check the website for current info.

Solo Events in 2001

As previously mentioned, we have 13 Regional events and one Divisional scheduled this season. There are still WAY too many openings for event chairmen, and this disappoints me greatly. I'm not going to get stressed about it. I'm just going to tell you how it is:

Any event that doesn't have a chairman the month prior to the event will be cancelled. No begging, no pleading, no phone calls, no emails. I'm asking for volunteers, and I'm not into beating bushes. No chairman = no event, it's that's simple. Contact me if you want to be sure all of our scheduled events actually happen. (Loren@kscable.com or 773-9264) There are currently 6 events not spoken for, plus two additional openings for co-chairs. The first two events are covered, the third event (April 15th, probably at McConnell) is not. The ball is in your court.

So Long, Old Paint

by Jerry Gaddis

Most of you know my Orange '72 510 from my sporadic participation in local Solo II events. What you may not know is that my infatuation with these boxy little beasts began with a simple need for basic transportation back in 1976. Spouse #1 and I were clowning for minimum wage in the D.C. area, driving two 1950 Ford sedans and a '50 panel truck – all with the venerable flathead V8 of course.

#1's brother and sister-in-law returned from a trip around Mexico having ticked over 100,000 miles on their '71 510 4-door. It arrived at our rural hippy hideaway with at least three of the six U-joints a clankin', muffler gone, and a leaking radiator. Voila – my first 510, hereafter referred to as the O.D. (original Datsun).

O.D. was a beige, rust-free 4-speed, with wheel covers designed to look like Cragar "SS" mags. This car survived moves to Florida (where the rust began), to Wichita inside a Ryder truck, and back to Maryland and to Wichita again (turbulent times, those '80's).

Came the divorce and O.D. went with the "Ex" – stayed in her family, I suppose. In the meantime I had bought, sold, junked, reclaimed at least 30 other 510's of the '68-'72 vintage.

O.D. came back to me now and then for maintenance, and for good in November '99 when the ex left town for greener pastures. By now old O.D. had 253,000 miles and lots of rust but was just as trusty as ever. We never did get into the engine except for a head gasket R-and-R so that's ¼ million miles on original rings, valves, bearings, - even timing chain!

One bright July day I sold the '67 Roadster, regained the '87 Sentra, and was running an errand across town in O.D. when the unthinkable happened. Mr. Safety spaced out and ran a red light. I don't know if the old beige boxcar was in



mourning over losing it's roadster or what, but its last gallant act was to dash itself against the side of one '84 Ford F150.

Uttering unprintable expressions of surprise and horror I clawed at the seat belt as this old friend spun sideways, orange flames bursting from under the crumpled hood. Once free I blasted the gas fire with an extinguisher provided by a witness and caught my breath. Of course the 80 year old drive in the truck was unharmed so I turned my attention to O.D.

The crumple zones had done their job – I was able to open all four doors. The car gave the best years of its life to me, and I couldn't just junk it or part it out mercilessly.

I spent that Saturday removing a few items I needed and prepared it for its last trip, towed to A and A bone yard (yes, it still rolled!) on an overcast Sunday morning.

Yes – if you're wondering – I did shed some tears. How else do you say so long to an old, faithful friend?

Regional Solo Championship Update

by Loren Williams, Solo Chair

Just to be sure everyone is up to speed on how we're doing things this season...

1. Except for the February event, the Divisional, and Endurocross, all regular events are points events.
2. Each driver's best 8 finishes will be counted for the Championship.
3. To qualify for points, driver must be a Member of the Wichita Region SCCA. Trial Memberships must become regular members before the last Solo II event of the season. If a participant becomes a member during the season, official points will be accrued from 60 days prior to date of membership.
4. Must compete in at least 3 Wichita Region Events in the same class to qualify for that class.
5. End-of-season ties will be broken by first comparing number of first place finishes (opposed or not), then by

comparing head-to-head wins between the tied members if necessary.

6. Points are awarded based on position and number of cars in class in accordance with the following table.

		Finish Position							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Cars in Class	1	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	10	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	10	8	5	-	-	-	-	-
	4	10	8	6	4	-	-	-	-
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Meet Your Officers

by Clank & Clunk, small brains at large

Well, we told you that yer buds Clank & Clunk would be back on occasion. We didn't expect that it would be so soon, but when a topic presents itself... we're there! (if there's food involved, we're there even quicker)

Okay, so you know we had an election and some new officers were elected. Some of you even voted! But who are your officers, and what do they intend to do with your club? (sounds like a classic Question o' the Month) We're glad you asked!

And to make this at least semi-interesting, we've also compiled a list of all of the running engine cylinders that each officer currently owns.

No junk engines, but we made sure to include all lawn mowers and weed eaters.

Clank: Your new Regional Executive is Greg Laws. Greg is what we call a "retread". He was a member back in the 70's and 80's, left the club for a while, then came back to us about 3 years ago. He was shamelessly suckered into the Assistant RE position last year, and graciously accepted a nomination to be RE this year. Greg's roots in the SCCA began with road racing (as a crew member) and hill-climbs (as a danger to himself and others... just ask him!), but he's been a lot more involved with Solo in recent years. In years past, he was the Solo Chairman, more recently he has been the Solo Registrar. He currently holds a Crew license. You don't want to meet Greg when he's at work... he's an insurance claims adjuster. Look around Greg's yard and garage and you will find 32 cylinders. Greg's goals are to help improve the club racing program (and club membership in general) through mild advertising to let folks know we exist and to try to get more fresh faces involved in the operation of the club (new spark plugs, as he puts it) to ensure a secure future for our club.

Clunk: Your new Assistant Regional Executive is Dick Price. Dick has been a member for 4 years. In that time, he's competed successfully in both Solo II and club racing, served as the club Secretary, worked many races (even on days he was racing), chaired Solos, and did anything else he could to help the club. He holds National Competition and Solo Safety Steward licenses. You probably don't want to meet Dick when he's at work, either... he's an Emergency Room doctor. 24 cylinders keep him moving. Dick's goals are increase Club Racing and Rally participation and continue to support the Solo program.

Clank: Your new Secretary is Bruce Bettinger. Bruce has been a member since 1973 and has held almost every position in the club at some point. (hasn't been Treasurer or Solo Chairman... yet) He joined the club because he wanted to Solo his Austin Healey Sprite. Bruce is working for Sedgwick County these days (your tax dollars at work). He holds Crew, Regional Road Rally Safety Steward and Instructor and National Timing and Scoring Licenses. His goal as Secretary this year is to slow down the board meeting enough for him to keep up! 28 cylinders are ready for action in and around Bruce's garage.

Clunk: Charlene Bettinger takes over as Activities Director for this year. She was active in the club with husband Bruce for many years prior, but didn't become an SCCA member until 1982. Charlene has previously held offices include the Board, Activities Director, and Regional Executive's wife. She has been the co-chief of Timing & Scoring at Wichita Region races "forever". She claims 8 of Bruce's 28 cylinders as her own. Licenses include Crew, Regional Road Rally Safety Steward and Instructor and National Timing and Scoring. Her goals for 2001: Keep activities rolling and fun with good meeting places and camaraderie.

Clank: Helping her as Assistant Activities Director is Maxine Morrison. She's the one you need to turn all of your worker points in to! (Maxine joined the

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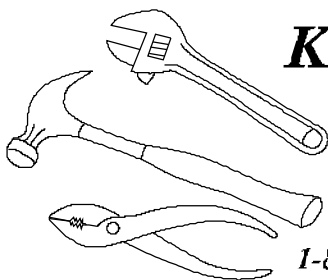
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SCCA with husband George in 1971 and has held four other positions in the club over the years. Both Maxine and George are now enjoying their retirement. George says they own 13 cylinders. Maxine says they own "one too many" (anybody need a Honda Spree?). Maxine holds a Crew license. Her goal is simply to keep accurate points.

Clunk: So you don't forget the Bettinger name, **Scott Bettinger** says goodbye to the RE job and becomes our **Past Regional Executive**. Although he grew up in the Region, he didn't become a member until 1986. He says he can remember working Timing and Scoring at Hutch when he was 5 years old! Having the enviable job of building race cars at Don Preston Racing keeps him involved with the SCCA almost every waking moment. His 43 cylinders win him the prize for most toys. He holds a Novice Permit (c'mon, get it upgraded!), Crew and National Timing and Scoring licenses. His goals for his tenure as Past RE include finding a way to fix the race worker shortage and to increase the social aspect of the Club.

Clunk: New **Board member Tom Huxtable**. Although he started working corners in either 1959 or 1962 (that's too long ago to remember) he's been a member since 1972. And like Bruce, has held almost every position on the Board imaginable and used to Solo quite a bit. Doing contract work for BG Products keeps him busy when he's not out starting races. Coincidentally, he holds a Senior Starter license. 11 cylinders get him to the races and his goals for being a BoD member include getting more people to "cross over" into other parts of the Club and help create a "spirit of cooperation."

Clunk: New **Board member Dave Geis** has been around since 1994 and on his second term on the BoD. You'll see him at every Wichita Region Solo II and in tech/impound at every race at Hallett. A former geophysical technician but disabled in a car wreck about 10 years ago, he devotes all of his time volunteering for the SCCA and the Brain Injury Association of Kansas. 19 cylinders keep his adrenaline pumping. He holds Crew, Solo Safety Steward and Instructor, and National Scrutineer licenses. His goals include trying to get more people involved in more aspects of the Club. "Soloists" to races, "racers" to Solos, *everybody* to meetings, rallies, etc.

Clunk: New **Board member Loren Williams** joined the Club in 1996 and this is his second term on the Board. You'll see him at all of the Solos, too - he was last year's Solo Chairman and is continuing with it again this year. A mild-mannered computer nerd. . . uh. . . "Database Administrator" during the week, he has the skills to be our current Webmaster and a prior Wail editor. His 9 running cylinders means he hasn't finished rebuilding his old lawnmower engine yet. He holds a Crew license. His goals as a Board member include helping the Board achieve the goals set forth by our RE and trying to get more *Club* in the Club; i.e. more people at post-event gatherings, meetings, etc.

Clunk: Continuing **Board member Frank Diring** joined in 1984. Being the Divisional Administrator for Scrutineering for the Midwest Division and crewing for his son Ben keep him busy at most races in the Division. He holds Crew and National Scrutineering licenses. Being a Methods Process Analyst for Boeing gives him something



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different to do during the week. 32 cylinders keep him able to make that long drive to work and to the races. His main goal for 2001 is to increase membership in the Region.

Clank: Continuing **Board member Rick Knapp** got himself added to our membership roster in 1982. His first exposure to the SCCA was competing in Solo II while attending K State and mentions Scott Liebler as one of his early mentors. Rick has been a member of the Board once before. When he's not in his garage working on one of many race car projects, or out driving one of those cars, you'll find him working with high-tech composite airplane parts at Boeing. After giving it much thought, Rick decided that he might own about

33 functional cylinders. Licenses include Crew and National Competition and is our current Youth Steward. His goals for the remainder of his term on the board are to promote the club and generate more interest in our activities.

Clunk: Also a continuing **Board member** is **Brian Meyer**. A member since 1995, Brian does a fantastic job as being the Wail editor. Doing structural design and analysis at Boeing puts his mechanical engineering degree to work. Ashamed of only having 13 internal combustion cylinders, he's decided he needs more toys. He holds a Solo Safety Steward license. His goals include making our organization feel more like a "Club," encouraging new members to take on more responsibility, and increasing cross-genre participation.

Although these are the elected officers for the Region, you'll also see some other faces at Board meetings. **John Houston** (1984, is a Senior Software engineer at LSI Logic, holds a crew license and has 5 cylinders) continues on as our esteemed Treasurer, **Edwin Martens** (1998, owns Air Capital Business Systems, has a crew license and has 29 cylinders) is staying on as our Merchandise chairman and **George Morrison** (1971, is retired, holds Divisional Scrutineer and National Chief Steward licenses, and shares 13 cylinders with Maxine [what the heck is a Spree??]) as our Competition director. Technically not "officers" but we couldn't do much of anything without these great people.

Now that you know who all these people are, when you have this great idea for the Club, feel free to get in touch with *any* of them. They'll help in any way they can.

Solo Helmet Notice!

Requirements for Solo II helmets have changed for 2001. Helmets with a certification date of 1985 or older are no longer usable for Solo II. Make sure your helmet has a Snell certification sticker dated 1990, 1995 or 2000. M or SA helmets are good for Solo II. Don't worry about our club helmets, we got rid of our Snell '85 helmets last season.

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Board Meeting Minutes

by Bruce Bettinger, secretary

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WICHITA REGION SCCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES JANUARY 10, 2001

Meeting called to order by Greg Laws at 6:30 (SCCA time). In attendance Greg Laws R.E., Scott Bettinger, Frank Diring, Dave Geis, Tom Huxtable, Rick Knapp, Brian Meyer, and Loren Williams Board Members. Also in attendance Bruce Bettinger Secretary, Charlene Bettinger Activities Director, John Houston Treasurer, and Edwin Martens Merchandise, Jamie Brock, Lu Geis, Will Huxtable, Rob Roytas, Chad Sutton, and Susie Sutton Members.

Previous minutes submitted. Motion to approve. (Brian / Loren). Passed 6 / 2

Treasurer's report submitted. Motion to approve. (Scott / Dave). Passed 8 / 0

Greg wished the minutes to reflect the Club's appreciation for all the hard work put in by Robin Spurrier in getting us back to McConnell AFB for some of our Solo IIs.

Motion to approve appointed positions. (Loren / Dave), Passed 7 / 1

Solo II.....Loren Williams	Advertising..... Greg Laws
Merchandise...Edwin Martens	WebLoren Williams
Rally.....Bruce Bettinger	Youth Steward. Rick Knapp
Wail.....Brian Meyer	Competition..... George Morrison

Motion to approve George Morrison as AVRG Board member as Greg's appointment. (Frank / Tom). Passed 8 / 0

Motion to appoint Scott Bettinger to the AVRG Board. (Dave / Frank). Passed 8 / 0

Motion to approve Club policies except points schedule. (Scott / Tom), Passed 8 / 0 (Points schedule to be presented at a later time.)

Solo II Budget presented. Motion to approve as corrected and amended. (Dave / Brian), Passed 8 / 0

Amendment: If more than three events are cancelled a revised budget will be required. (Tom / Scott), Passed 8 / 0

Wail Budget presented. Motion to approve. (Loren / Tom), Passed 8 / 0

Advertising Budget presented. Motion to approve. (Loren / Brian), Passed 8 / 0

Motion to allow all military personnel to enter Solo II events at member fees. (Tom / Frank), Passed 8 / 0

Merchandise budget presented. Motion to approve, (Dave / Tom). Passed 8 / 0

Web budget presented. Motion to approve, (Scott / Brian). Passed 8 / 0

Motion to approve up to \$500 for the R.E. to attend the National convention. (Tom / Loren). Passed 8 / 0

Greg announced that Tom Dupler aided by Susie Sutton will be the Solo II registrar.

Motion to adjourn. (Dave / Brian). Passed 8 / 0

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Regional Information

Hotline: If you need further information on any event listed in this calendar, call the Club phone (788-6023) and leave a detailed message. Someone will return your call and attempt to answer your questions.

Membership Meetings: Membership meetings are held on the fourth (not necessarily the last) Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm. Our new meeting location is Rowdy Joe's in Oldtown (231 Rock Island). A free entry to a local Solo2 event will be given away at each membership meeting!

Board of Directors Meetings: BoD meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30. We have a new location for 2001. Family Consultation Services is at 560 N. Exposition just west from McLean and Seneca. Enter the FCS parking lot from Dodge Ave. Anyone interested may attend any of these meetings.

Solo II Events: Setup begins at 7:00 AM (please come help). Typically, registration is open between 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM, the drivers meeting is held at 9:30 AM and the first car is on the course by 10:00 AM. All drivers AND guests must sign the insurance waiver(s). To pre-register your entry online, see our web site at: <http://www.wichitascca.org/PreRegistrar.html>

You may also pre-register by phone by calling Lisa Clapp at 729-7099.

Jr. Karts: The Wichita region has a great Junior Solo Karts program. Pre-registration is required and they will run before the first heat, except at Boeing where they are not permitted. Contact Britt Lolley (689-9743) or Rick Knapp (722-2809) for more information.

Interested in SCCA Road Racing? Call George Morrison at 722-2872 or attend a Membership Meeting and ask questions! Race workers are always needed and you can't get any closer to the action.

Address Change? So you moved, changed your phone number, changed your e-mail address, whatever. Let us know!! Please notify the National office in Englewood, CO, Charlene Bettinger (788-3942), and Dave Geis (832-0496, davegeis@feist.com).

Email list: If you would like to participate in some electronic bench racing, subscribe to the Wichita Region SCCA email list. Send an email to majordomo@autox.team.net with the words "subscribe wichita-scca" in the body of the message. You will get an automatic reply with instructions to complete the process.

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I hereby apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, Inc and its Wichita (#090) Region and agree to abide by its bylaws.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE X	DATE
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Regional Schedule

January				
	6/7	13/14	20	27/28
			Banquet Wichita Region 2000 Awards Banquet Clarion Hotel	
February				
	3/4	10/11	18	20
National Convention Denver, CO	Meeting Race Steward/DA Kansas City, MO	Presidential Solo (Non-Points) Raytheon ()	Cabin Fever Slot Car IROC at Rebel Raceway 2449 N. Mt. Vernon	Races Gateway Intl St. Louis, MO Reg/Nat/IT (St. Louis Region)
March				
	3/4	10/11	18	24/25
	School Crash/Fire/ Rescue (DesMoines Valley Region)	St. Patrick's Solo (Points) Boeing ()	Races Memphis Motor Park Memphis, TN Reg/Nat/IT (MidSouth Region)	Races Gateway Intl St. Louis, MO Sch/Reg (St. Louis Region) Solo (Salina Region)
April				
	1	7/8	15	21/22
Solo (Salina Region)	Races Heartland Park Topeka, KS Sch/Reg/HPCCC (KVRG)	Easter Solo (Points) Raytheon ()	Races Hallett Motor Racing Cir Tulsa, OK Reg/Nat/IT (AVRG) Evolution Solo II School/Solo (Salina Region)	Solotime Divisional Solo Salina, KS (Unconfirmed)
May				
	12/13	13	19/20	26/27/28
Races Gateway Intl St. Louis, MO Reg/Nat/IT (St. Louis Region)	Riverfest Solo (Points) Wichita Greyhound Park (Herrick/Abel/ Chesley)	Races Hallett Motor Racing Ct Tulsa, OK Sch/Reg (AVRG) MirrorKhana Solo (Salina Region)	Races Memphis Motor Park Memphis, TN Reg/Nat/IT (MidSouth Region) Solotime Divisional Solo (St. Louis Region)	Memorial Day Solo (Points) Raytheon ()
June				
	3-Feb	10	16/17	24
Races Heartland Park Topeka, KS Reg/Nat/IT (KVRG)	Solo (Points) Wichita Greyhound Park (10th or 24th) ()	Solotime Divisional Solo Wichita Region Location TBD (Jim Harrison)	Solo (Points) Wichita Greyhound Pk (24th or 10th) ()	Races Hallett Motor Racing Circuit Tulsa, OK Reg/Nat/IT (AVRG)

2000 CLUB AWARDS

Member of the Year
 Event of the Year (Salina Div)
 Event of the Year (Salina Div)
 Claude Van Doren Award
 Rookie Member of the Year
 Sportsmanship Award
 R. E. Award (Plaque w/gavel)

RECIPIENT

Dick Price
 Jim Harrison
 David Green
 Will Huxtable
 Rob Roytas
 Jim Abel
 Scott Bettinger

2000 REGIONAL RACE AWARDS

Race Driver of the Year
 Most Improved Race Driver
 Rookie of the Year

RECIPIENT

Ron Willcox
 Mitch Johnson
 Dave Wilcox

2000 REGIONAL SOLO AWARDS

Solo Driver of the Year
 Most Improved Solo Driver
 Rookie Solo Driver of the Year

RECIPIENT

Edwin Martens
 Brian Meyer
 Jeroen Dolmans



The "lovely" Bryan Jones gives Loren Williams the 2nd place Worker Points trophy. (Brian Meyer photo)

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First Tom Dupler
 Second Matt Hoag

B STOCK

First Tim Harmon
 Second Chad Sutton
 Third Bill Dayton

C STOCK

First Bryan Jones
 Second Amanda Finneran

E STOCK

First Greg Laws
 Second Jim Abel
 Third Mark Braun

E STOCK LADIES

First Sherry Novak

F STOCK

First Dwayne Hayden
 Second Torry Kilts
 Third Pete Hanas

G STOCK

First Edwin Martens
 Second Jeroen Dolmans
 Third Paul Carlton

G STOCK LADIES

First Marsha Martens

H STOCK

First John Dolecek

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First Jim Harrison

C STREET PREPARED

First Brian Meyer
 Second Matt Brewster
 Third Tom Snyder

D STREET PREPARED

First Robert Foster

E STREET PREPARED

First David Green
 Second Paul Foster
 Third Allen DeVeue

E STREET PREPARED LADIES

First Vicky Foster

F STREET PREPARED

First Jamie Brock

C PREPARED

First Art Martinez

D PREPARED

First Dick Price
 Second Jeff Dodds

E PREPARED

First Mike Herrick

F MODIFIED

First Dave Geis

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STREET TOURING

First Loren Williams
 Second Rob Roytas
 Third Colin Locke

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 7th (Shirt)
 8th (Shirt)
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Weekend Warrior, Chapter Two: Kiwi Tile

By Rick Estes,

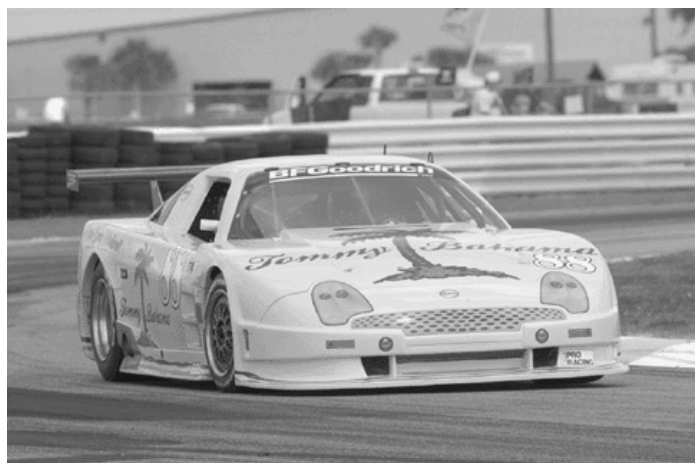
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I just got the latest "Sports Car" and it has a picture of Brian Simo and the Yellow #88 Trans-Am championship car on the cover. They were canned pictures. It occurred to me that I might be able to give something other the normal press "canned" view of Brian and the yellow #88 Mustang. The #88 car started life as a Mustang and if you look you can see that the top is clearly the same all the other Mustangs in the T/A series.

So you might ask "how does a race week end go?" well since you ask ... leave your ego and self importance at home - it's like going to basic training in the army. "Yes sir" and "no sir" are the order of the day. You must know how to take orders before you can give them (I'm still waiting to give them.)

I arrive at 7 AM. at the transporter and report to LJ ("Little Joe" Huffaker - technical director) or OB (O.B. Barsh - crew chief). I literally say "private Estes reporting for duty sir". Within two seconds I have a list of things that are to be accomplished before the first practice session for which I am solely responsible to complete.

To get asked back on the crew year after year and race-to-race you will learn and practice the unwritten Huffaker philosophy - How would LJ do it? Then do it better! (Have you seen LJ's GT5 Mini or Dick Davis' FP Midget?). No one will tell you this philosophy. Believe me it's learning through osmosis. Do it right, do it pretty and do it now. I could be assigned ANYTHING and I mean anything from "wax on to wax off" to taking out the motor or being the dead weight (seems I weigh the same as Bruce Qvale). Which means I sit in the car while it is on the setup pad. Thus I could be sitting in there for hours at a time while the rest of the crew guys push me back and forth on the setup pad.



Club racers are smarter than the Pros that's because we don't have Kiwi tile. I had never even heard of Kiwi tile before Charlotte this year. As I started to say I'm at track at 7:00 and I mean this is a Real Race Track - Lowe's Motor Speedway (Charlotte N.C.) and OB says get the Kiwi out and you and Bruce G. put it down here pointing to the side of the truck.

Well silly boy Rick, there's a red, white and blue pattern that has to be followed. And it took 3 of us three hours to put it down the "Huffaker way" which, among other things, means "stringing" the tile like you would a race car to set the toe-in only it's sixty feet long. Then we still had to set up the tents, man this like being in the circus more ways than one. Dig out the race cars, the four wheelers, war wagon, jacks, tire racks, tools and don't forget 20 bazillion pound nitrogen cylinders and the setup pad and we are on the track in one hour, oh shit, I hope the car is ready, where's the driver, do you have the right clothes on (must have the uniform of the day on, again just like the army).

BTW don't drink to much coffee because you wouldn't have time to pee.

Push the car to the SCCA tech inspection, measure and set the wing while you are pushing. After standing around (which means 409 and a rag to clean off the fingerprints) at tech, the hero driver shows up and he doesn't even smell like a goat like I do by 10 AM.

Damn kiwi tile. Sometimes we get through tech without a problem sometimes we run back and forth to the war wagon for tools to adjust the front spoiler or such because SCCA in there infinite wisdom is screwing with all the T/A teams (like making sure you have the right T-shirt on).

So Brian goes out and LJ is talking him around the track and doing the spotting. Brian is talking to LJ telling him what the car is

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doing in every corner and how the motor is running; LJ is giving him splits and such. Believe it or not I get to just stand around for 10 min in the hot pit area as it is set up and listen to the radio chatter as the cars go by. It's the only time I will get to watch any of the racing. That Huffaker philosophy again "you're not here to watch the races" believe me you will never get the chance. If you are lucky you might get to hear the CART guys' motors. So don't think that if you get on a race crew will get to go to the races for free, drink beer, hang out and chase tail. The only tail you chase is your own.

Another myth dispelled, in three years I have never seen the all

the race parties or the groupies ... well maybe the hero driver knows.

That means I don't go anywhere without OB's permission. The car comes in; the driver disappears into the truck. I get the sweaty helmet to put on the helmet dryer! Just like club racing, huh?

Man is that car is HOT when it comes back in. If you don't have mechinx gloves you soon will, I mean you can't touch anything without getting burned, and of course the first thing I have to do is take off is the wheels and then all the body panels.

Soon OB comes out of the transporter with the fix list, change list, and the checklist (these are three different lists just so you don't misunderstand). Some of these things will take hours to fix, like "Rick, the cool suite doesn't work" it's your first priority before the next session. Before you turn around it's 11 PM and it occurs to you that your feet and back hurt. You're damn glad that you have your own rent a racer and if you're lucky you will be driving back to the hotel by 1 AM (by the way - it's the Ritz). You're in the car for the hour drive to the motel and you will be back at 7 AM to start all over again only it's the HARDEST day of the week... Qualifying.

Make sure you have the correct uniform on before the car goes back on the set up scales. The engineers have given us wholesale setup changes trying to find a second so we can get the provisional pole from Paul. Of course you only get an hour or so to have breakfast before you start working on the setup changes. The wheels, shocks, springs, wing, and bars all have to taken off the car and changed. And of course this changes the ride heights, caster, toe, camber and corner weights, which take hours to get right again. What you never worry about is if Brian S. can out-drive Paul G.. One thing you know about Brian is that he is GAS F----- ON, (that's why he sucks in the rain).

We push the car to the SCCA inspection area again before going directly to the false grid for qualifying. Let me tell you about spectators and photographers while you are trying to get the car to the grid. This car is heavy and will not turn very sharp so there is always a bunch of gawkers and fans just wanting to talk and ask questions while I'm trying to keep the sweat from the dripping on the car and be polite (it's to much to ask). Another interesting aside is that we always have to someone guarding the car from the

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With any luck, those of us who have to miss going to the Runoffs can at least watch it live on Speedvision this year.



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Weekend Warrior (cont)

fans and the prying eyes of the other teams. You would be surprised at the lengths other teams will go to find out what spring rates, tire pressures etc. you are using because your car is on the front row and the points leader. I was chastised once for writing on the tires what new pressures that LJ wanted in each tire as every tire was different. (I thought that was a smart thing to do at the time). Remember that qualifying tires must be used as the race tires too.

So we have to risk changing the tires in the hot pits, which is just as bad as race conditions. Man the pressure is on me to get that right and not let the whole crew down, remember Rick don't forget the jack post! Damn those wheels are hot after only two warm-up laps. Make sure the right tires go on the right corner. The funniest thing happened to Paul's crew two pit stalls down - they blew it and we didn't ha, ha. LJ is talking and letting Simo know what is happening. All the crew is watching the data link on the laptop, which has the real-time qualifying times. We're on the pole and the whole crew let's out a yelp - just like you see on TV. Then we re-stage the qualifying celebration for John Bisino (Biz) and the Speedvision TV crew on queue, funny huh? Speedvision was so sure that Paul G. would win they were down at his pit. They didn't make that mistake again.

In case you hadn't noticed, we changed the layout of the Wail this month. Hopefully more people will like the change than not. Let me know what you think either way.

Also new is the graphics for the newsletter title. Greg Laws asked Dylan Brewer (a friend of his daughter) to try sketching up a new logo for us. His original idea had the flying witch in front of a stopwatch with the cones being blown over and "Wichita Region SCCA" below. I used the witch and cones just like he drew them and changed the stopwatch to a tachometer and changed the font for the text.

The layout isn't the only thing that has changed for 2001. We will now include a membership application in each issue and starting next month we will have the full season's schedule. Race results and points will be included this year and we have a new advertiser with CET Enterprises.


I was hoping to do better this year with getting the Wail out on time. I'm not off to a very good start. This issue took a little over a month to complete but only because of all of the changes.



Member Dwayne Hayden put his F-Stock Camaro in the Home show in CenturyII. Dwayne's display for Wholesale Hot Tubs had some extra space so he generously gave our club some free exposure. (photo by Dwayne Hayden)

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