

The Witches' Wail

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RE - Musings by Keith Pfautz

The year is now fully under way. By the time you read this, Wichita Region will have held its third Solo. And we will have had the first AVRG race at Hallett on April 14th and 15th.

Our first two Solos were reasonably well attended and fairly well run. Hey, it's early in the season. Race entries were slightly down due to bad weather on Saturday the 14th. Sunday brought better weather and enough workers to staff all corner stations. We had several Wichita members who attended Hallett for the first time and plan to go back. Thank you all.

The events for May are a Solo at Strother on the 6th and a Solo at Greyhound Park on the 20th. Greyhound Park may be uncertain as a site on that date, so check with the other columns in the Wail, as well as the Website. The board meeting will be the 9th at the Zoo and membership will be the 23rd, which is the 4th Wednesday of the month. *[Don't come on the 30th; that would be the 5th Wednesday. -Ed].*

And finally, some words about the two new committees, site acquisition and sponsorship. I want as much input between now and board meeting when I plan to submit the proposals in final form, so bend my ear. I want to know your thoughts. Both David Guilliams and I would also like to hear from volunteers. There have been some interesting ideas tossed out already that may give the two committees something to begin to work on.

I hope to see you there, wherever there happens to be.

Upcoming Events

May 6 th	Solo at Strother Field in Winfield. Reg closes at 10:45 a.m.! First car out 11:00 a.m.
May 9 th	BoD Meeting at Sedgwick County Zoo Education Center, 7:00 p.m.
May 20 th	Solo at Wichita Greyhound Park. First car out at 10:00 a.m. Reg closes at 12:30 p.m.
May 23 rd	Membership Meeting at Quincy's Bar & Grill 2047 N. West St, 7:30 p.m. Solo Steering Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
June 2 nd - 3 rd	MiDiv Wichita Divisional Solo at Salina.
June 9 th	Road Dog Rally in Wichita. Stay Tuned.



Scott Bettinger waves from the driver seat of his A-Sedan class Mustang. Photographer: Michael Lauer.

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2007 Wichita Region Schedule

Month	Day	Day of the Week	Event	Location
May	6	Sunday	Solo	Strother Field in Winfield
	20	Sunday	Solo	Wichita Greyhound Park
June	2-3	Sat.-Sun.	MiDiv Divisional Solo	Salina East Crawford Rec Area (Hosted by Wichita)
	9	Sat	Road Dog Rally	Wichita - TBD
	10	Sunday	Solo	Strother Field in Winfield
	24	Sunday	Solo	Hawker Beechcraft
July	30/1	Sat.-Sun.	AVRG Race, Firecracker Grand Prix	Hallet Motor Racing Circuit in Hallet, OK
	15	Sunday	Solo	Wichita Greyhound Park
	29	Sunday	Solo	Strother Field in Winfield
August	12	Sunday	Solo	Wichita Greyhound Park
September	9	Sunday	Solo	Hawker Beechcraft
	30	Sunday	Endurocross Solo	Strother Field in Winfield
October	6	Saturd	Wiches' Ryde Rally	Wichita - TBD
	21	Sunday	Solo	Hawker Beechcraft

Remembering Othal Vrana

by Jason Rogers

On April 21st our club lost one of it's long time members, Othal Vrana. Our condolences to the Vrana family. He will definitely be missed.

"Othal has long been and will forever remain one of my heroes. I want to be driving cars fast when I'm in my 70's and 80's!...He lived a good life and will be missed." - Loren Williams

"He was a great inspiration to me, one of the most positive individuals I have ever met. Such a life he lived. The smile he had after he finished an autocross run will always be with me. He was a joy to be around and I will miss him greatly. My condolences all of the family." - Tom Dupler

"We...came to know Othal when he bought his Nissan 350Z and came to run autocross events with us on several occasions with a car number 80 to match his age. What a delightful man. We met him too late, enjoyed him not enough, and remember him fondly." - Rocky Entriken

"When I think of Othal, I will always remember an event when the temps were over 100 F and we were all hot and cranky. Othal left after his runs and came back with pop sickles for everyone. A small gesture from a kind hearted automobile enthusiast. I will miss him." - Jim Harrison

**Wichita Region SCCA
Board of Directors Minutes (Unapproved)
April 11, 2007**

Board Members Present: Keith Pfautz, Dave Geis, Charlene Bettinger, Lu Geis, Dave Gird, Mike Herrick, Brian Meyer, Paul Sherman

Board Members Absent: David Guilliams,

Members Present: Judi Pfautz, John Houston, Bruce Bettinger, Marcus Hidvegi, Steve Roepken, Jason Rogers, Rob Foster

Guest Present: none

Meeting was called to order at 7:02p.m. at the Sedgwick County Zoo Education Building.

Secretary Report: Motion to accept the March 2007 minutes was made by Charlene Bettinger, second by Dave Geis. Motion passed.

Merchandise: Lu Geis said we still have merchandise. She also told the board there is a new company shipping the merchandise from National and that she has seen a change in the fees for shipping and handling.

Points/Points Keeper: A reminder was made for the chairs to send points to Bruce Bettinger.

Membership Report: Charlene Bettinger reported we have 228 members.

AVRG: Keith Pfautz reported the first Hallett race is this weekend. AVRG is still in need of people for Sound and Hospitality. Judi Pfautz reported we have 88 entries so far.

Rally: Judi Pfautz reported NeOkla Region will be having the next rallies on April 28 and 29. Wichita Region's first event is the Road Dog Rally June 9, 2007.

Activities: Steve Roepken reported the banquet room has been reserved at the Airport Hilton. Steve said we needed a minimum of 10 rooms to be "blocked out" at the Hilton to get the special rate and asked if we needed more than the 10. Brian Meyer will present the program at the April membership meeting.

Wail: Jason Rogers reported the Wail is under budget at this time. He also said that he has been mailing out lots of copies due to the recent Rally and Solo events.

Web: Guy Roberts reported that the logos on the website are the correct color according to the National Office.

Solo: Marcus Hidvegi reported the Solo on March 27 was a good event. Lu Geis told Marcus the Solo trailer needed flour and trash bags.

Keith Pfautz presented to the board his plans for the Site and Sponsorship Committee. His plan is to have a proposal together by the next board meeting to make a change in the Policies and Procedures to add this committee. He does not want to change the Bylaws in case there are changes that need to be made. Keith would like three members to work on this committee and he would like for this committee to be up and running by June. Marcus Hidvegi, Guy Roberts and Matt Quinton have already volunteered to be involved in this committee. Keith told the board that he and Judi were discussing this committee at home and that Judi would like to see this committee assist with sponsorship of other events also. She is aware the concerns regarding the Solo program come first at this time.

Treasurer Report: John Houston gave his report. Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Charlene Bettinger, second by Lu Geis. Motion passed. Keith Pfautz asked John when he would like to do the Audit. The Audit will be on April 18, at Dave Geis's home. Participants of the audit are Brian Meyer, Dave Geis, Marcus Hidvegi, Keith Pfautz and John Houston.

Old Business: Brian Meyer presented the budget for the Divisional Solo. After some discussion a motion was made by Charlene Bettinger to table the budget at this time. Second was made by Lu Geis. Motion passed.

New Business: none

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dave Geis, second by Paul Sherman, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m. These minutes have not been approved by the Board of Directors.

Membership Report

by Charlene Bettinger, Membership Chairperson 2007

No report this month.

Membership Directories are now available. If you'd like a copy, contact Jason Rogers at jmr302@cox.net or 316-259-0931.

Wail Classifieds

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Solo Report by David Guilliams

Time for another solo report. We have had some really good solos so far this year. We had good turn outs for the first two and added a few new members. The April 22nd event was not as well attended either because of Salina having an event the same day or because we were competing in a rather stiff breeze, winds at 30 mph with gusts over 40. Other than having to double up the cones, the event went well and everyone who was there had a good time.



Gary Blessing driving his Fiat 124 (SEE CLASSIFIEDS!) in a solo event at Strother Field in 2006

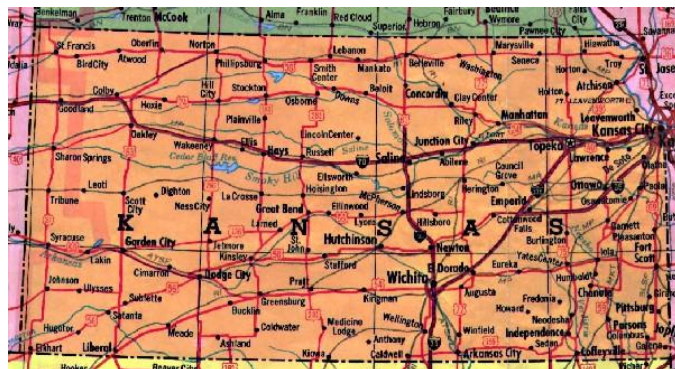
Greyhound Park is still up in the air, I have tried to contact them again and still have no answer about our events there this year. I can almost guarantee that next year we will not be able to get the site because of gambling [Get out and vote in August! -Ed], but I am still hopeful for this year. As we get closer to the event continue to check the website. If we need to change locations it will be announced there first.

We are actively looking for additional sites to play. If you know of a place or even a hint of a place let me, Keith or one of the board members know and we will check it out and try and make it happen. I am sure there are more sites out there, it is just a matter of finding them and for that we need everyone's help.

The final thing I need to say is that we still have a few openings for Event chairs. In order to try and fill these spots at the May solo meeting I will be briefly talking about what it takes to be a chair. If you have every complained about a course knowing that you could do better, or have a course element that you really like and would like to make sure that it gets into the course layout, then you should be a chair. The "work" involved is that you have to be at the event the entire day, but with the good people in the club the day goes quickly and it doesn't seem like work at all.

Rally Report by Judi Pfautz

Our first rally event will be the Road Dog Rally on June 9, 2007. Keith Pfautz will be Rally Master of this event. The rally will start from the Methodist Church in Derby. There are currently plans to



hold a rally school before the event. More information will be posted on the website as the event gets closer. Stay tuned!

March 25th Solo Report by Greg Laws

The weatherman threatened rain all week long but when Sunday arrived the large turnout of 55 entries saw only dry conditions and pleasant temperatures all day. It was a great day to start the season with!

I first want to say that the course design was not my standard product but then I want to add that it was still pretty good! The course turned out to be too busy and perhaps a little too tight for my personal satisfaction but even so it

was a lot of fun. I teased Paul Sherman that the nature of the course was deliberately intended to slow him down because I didn't want him to beat me (and everyone else) on my own course.

Tight or not didn't seem to matter in the end as Paul managed a 47.833 to place 3rd in the raw times and 4th in the PAX Index. His times and PAX results were surrounded by big honking Corvettes – which leads to two questions. First, how in the world did Paul get his tired old road race Neon sandwiched between 4 very strong Corvettes and their respective drivers? Second, how in the world did Richard Presage (SM2 @ 48.404), Dave Gird (AS @ 48.316), Jim Harrison (BSP @ 45.847) and FTD winner Dave Green (SS @ 45.586) manage to turn those incredibly quick times on such a busy and somewhat tight course with large, heavy Corvettes? I'm not sure that either question has an answer, at least not from me, but I'd sure like to know the secret!

The Corvettes weren't the only large cars to do well on the course. Witness newbie driver, Ted DuPuis, who took his 1992 Lincoln Towncar to a clean 63.423 time! Watching that long-wheelbase road cruiser wagging its tail through the slaloms was something else! Ted didn't finish last, or even next-to-last in raw times but what was really amazing was that he finished 50th out of 55 in the PAX Index. Way to go, Ted!

So there it is. Great fun was had by all no matter what type of car that they were driving. The event finished at about 3:00pm and then several of us went on to Gambino's Pizza to chow down and bench race a little. Check out the results published here and online at www.wichitascca.org.



Ted DuPuis navigating his behemoth Lincoln Towncar during the March 25th Solo at Strother.

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Solo Results

March 25th, 2007 at Strother Field

Pos.	Class	#	Rookie	Driver	Car Model	Total	Diff.	From 1st
'Super Stock' Total Entries: 7								
1T		55		Dave Green	2003 Chevrolet Corvette	45.586	-	-
2T		10		Paul Gutierrez	2005 Chevrolet Corvette	50.656	-	-
3T		14		Rob Montgomery	2002 Chevrolet Corvette	51.840	1.184	1.184
4		25		Dave Geis	2007 Chevrolet Corvette	52.117	0.277	1.461
5		11		Patrick Flynn	2003 Chevrolet Corvette	52.662	0.545	2.006
6		45		Mat Quinton	2005 Lotus Elise	55.311	2.649	4.655
7		52		Lu Geis	2007 Chevrolet Corvette	55.774	0.463	5.118
'A Stock' Total Entries: 2								
1T		49		Dave Gird	1991 Chevy Corvette	48.316	-	-
2		53		Matt Brewster	2006 Honda S2000	52.484	4.168	4.168
'C Stock' Total Entries: 1								
1T		54		David Guilliams	1999 Mazda Miata	53.153	-	-
'D Stock' Total Entries: 3								
1T		26		Nick Denault	1999 Honda Prelude	55.350	-	-
2		19		Justin Caywood	2005 Dodge Neon SRT-4	55.843	0.493	0.493
3		42		Azim Yazdani	1993 Nissan 240 SX	59.522	3.679	4.172
'E Stock' Total Entries: 2								
1T		37		Thomas Bontrager	1980 Alfa Romeo Spider	53.796	-	-
2		57		Tom Dicks	1991 Mazda RX-7	58.264	4.468	4.468
'F Stock' Total Entries: 2								
1T		16		Russell Lemon	1988 Ford Mustang	57.049	-	-
2		51		Nate Matt	1994 Lincoln Mark VIII	57.317	0.268	0.268
'G Stock' Total Entries: 2								
1T		40		Tom Dupler	2002 Mini Cooper S	50.977	-	-
2		15		Bruce Bettinger	1995 Ford Mustang	56.783	5.806	5.806
'H Stock' Total Entries: 3								
1T		27		Jason Rogers	2002 Mazda Protege5	54.933	-	-
2		60		Thomas Henning	1987 VW Golf	58.058	3.125	3.125
3		127		Annie Rogers	2002 Mazda Protege5	64.263	6.205	9.330

Solo Results (cont'd)

March 25th, 2007 at Strother Field

Pos.	Class	#	Rookie	Driver	Car Model	Total	Diff.	From 1st
'A Street Prepared' Total Entries: 1								
1T		36		Terrance Seet	1993 Toyota MR2	56.779	-	-
'B Street Prepared' Total Entries: 2								
1T		44		Jim Harrison	1972 Chevy Corvette	45.847	-	-
2		58		Kevin Griswold	1971 Datsun 240Z	60.970	15.123	15.123
'C Street Prepared' Total Entries: 2								
1T		33		Kevin Anderson	1991 Mazda Miata	49.416	-	-
2		32		Jeff Griswold	1971 Datsun 240Z	60.619	11.203	11.203
'D Street Prepared' Total Entries: 2								
1T		22		Paul Sherman	1995 Dodge Neon	47.833	-	-
2		23		Matt Miller	1989 Nissan POS	50.812	2.979	2.979
'E Street Prepared' Total Entries: 2								
1T		18		Ned Madsen	1966 Chevrolet Corvair	55.448	-	-
2		24		Ted DuPuis	1992 Lincoln Towncar	63.423	7.975	7.975
'F Street Prepared' Total Entries: 2								
1T		39		Greg Laws	1987 Renault GTA	49.824	-	-
2		21		Hal Larcher	1987 VW Golf GTI	52.117	2.293	2.293
'E Prepared' Total Entries: 1								
1T		69		Mark Braun	1988 Honda CRX	55.066	-	-
'E Modified' Total Entries: 1								
1T		56		Doug Griswold	1970 Datsun 240Z	55.286	-	-
'D Modified' Total Entries: 1								
1T		35		Orlando Mijares	1995 Nissan 240SX	55.138	-	-
'Street Touring (Tire)' Total Entries: 4								
1T		59		Andrew Truong	2005 Acura RSX Type S	54.222	-	-
2T		13		Lawrence Duty	2007 Toyota Yaris TRD	54.733	0.511	0.511
3		31		Jason Kong	1998 Nissan 240SX	56.316	1.583	2.094
4		47		Erin Dicks	1999 Saturn SC1	64.575	8.259	10.353
'Street Touring 2 (Tire)' Total Entries: 2								
1T		1		Eric Herbers	1987 Chrysler Conquest	52.364	-	-
2		8		Michael Wildt	1990 Mazda Miata	57.680	5.316	5.316

Solo Results (cont'd)

March 25th, 2007 at Strother Field

Pos.	Class	#	Rookie	Driver	Car Model	Total	Diff.	From 1st
'Street Modified' Total Entries: 2								
1T		6		Donald Means	2003 Ford Focus SVT	52.611	-	-
2		4		Jim Dallas	1964 Chevrolet Corvair	54.225	1.614	1.614
'Street Modified II' Total Entries: 2								
1T		20		Richard Prestage	1999 Chevrolet Corvette	48.404	-	-
2		29		Kevin Pfeifer	1992 Mazda Miata	54.411	6.007	6.007
'Fun Run' Total Entries: 1								
1T		46		Kevin Pfeifer	1992 Mazda Miata SM2	52.432	-	-
'Stock Classic' Total Entries: 3								
1T		7		Phillip Strauhs	1978 Datsun 280ZX	53.111	-	-
2		3		Matt Brown	1977 Datsun 280Z	54.164	1.053	1.053
3		2		Scott Jones	1993 Nissan 240SX	57.455	3.291	4.344
'Street Open' Total Entries: 5								
1T		41		Guy Roberts	1994 Chevrolet Corvette	49.899	-	-
2T		30		Bryan Jones	1994 Chevy Corvette	51.978	2.079	2.079
3		50		Chris Lawrie	1998 Acura Integra	52.613	0.635	2.714
4		9		Jeremy Caywood	1991 Honda Civic SI	54.314	1.701	4.415
5		48		Richie Svetecz	1992 Toyota Corolla DX	61.289	6.975	11.390

Top Times Of Day	Time	Class	#	Driver
Raw time	45.586	SS	55	Dave Green
Pax	38.656	SS	55	Dave Green
Stock	45.586	SS	55	Dave Green
Street Prepared	45.847	BSP	44	Jim Harrison
Prepared	45.586	EP	55	Dave Green
Modified	55.138	DM	35	Orlando Mijares
Touring	52.364	STS2	1	Eric Herbers
Street Modified	48.404	SM2	20	Richard Prestage

April 22nd Solo Report

by Jason Rogers

It was a fun but windy day at Hawker-Beechcraft, aka 'the Beach' and 'the artist formerly known as Raytheon'. The deteriorating surface and the usual parked cars (the lot remains active but mostly emptied-out on weekends) gave event chairman Bill Preheim plenty to contend with. Your humble editor was unable to attend the event but did hear that several drivers had a blast practicing their drift skills.

Solo Results

April 22th, 2007 at Hawker-Beechcraft

Pos.	Class	#	Rookie	Driver	Car Model	Total	Diff.	From 1st
'Super Stock' Total Entries: 2								
1Tm		36		Rob Montgomery	2002 Chevy Corvette Z06	63.930	-	-
2		10		Paul Gutierrez	2005 Chevy Corvette	65.873	1.943	1.943
'C Stock' Total Entries: 2								
1Tm		9		David Guilliams	1999 Mazda Miata	65.638	-	-
2		28		Josh Dutcher	2000 Subaru Impreza RS	67.622	1.984	1.984
'D Stock' Total Entries: 1								
1Tm		33		Justin Caywood	2005 Dodge SRT-4	66.562	-	-
'E Stock' Total Entries: 3								
1Tm		37		Thomas Bontrager	1980 Alfa Romeo Spider	65.935	-	-
2		77		Will Kirste	1997 Mazda Miata	68.385	2.450	2.450
3 m		8		Thomas Dicks	1991 Mazda RX7	72.895	4.510	6.960
'F Stock' Total Entries: 1								
1T		61		McGehee Greg	1986 Chevy Camaro	68.476	-	-
'G Stock' Total Entries: 3								
1Tm		42		Peter Hanas	2006 Honda Civic Si	65.127	-	-
2 m		17		Gary Bryant	2002 Acura RSX Type S	66.461	1.334	1.334
3 m		1		Walter Day	1987 VW GTi	69.003	2.542	3.876
'H Stock' Total Entries: 2								
1T		15		Ben Micek	1998 Mitsubishi Eclipse GSX	69.599	-	-
2		46		Kyle Auchterlonie	1999 Chevrolet S10	75.608	6.009	6.009
'A Street Prepared' Total Entries: 1								
1Tm		20		Richard Prestage	1999 Chevy Corvette	59.360	-	-

Solo Results (cont'd)

April 22th, 2007 at Hawker-Beechcraft

Pos.	Class	#	Rookie	Driver	Car Model	Total	Diff.	From 1st
'B Street Prepared' Total Entries: 2								
1Tm		47		Jim Harrison	1972 Chevy Corvette	59.372	-	-
2 m		6		Douglas Lamoureux	2004 Subaru STi	63.335	3.963	3.963
'C Street Prepared' Total Entries: 3								
1Tm		30		Mike Herrick	1987 Honda Beach Bucket	61.852	-	-
2		5		Bobby Clair	1991 Honda Civic	66.692	4.840	4.840
3 m		12		Jeff Griswold	1971 Datsun 240z	67.871	1.179	6.019
'D Street Prepared' Total Entries: 2								
1Tm		23		Paul Sherman	1995 Dodge Neon	57.943	-	-
2		16		Corey Rink	2001 Audi TT	65.400	7.457	7.457
'F Street Prepared' Total Entries: 1								
1T		44		Brandon Ricketts	1969 Austin Healy Sprite	66.061	-	-
'E Prepared' Total Entries: 1								
1Tm		69		Mark Braun	1989 Honda CRX	66.431	-	-
'Street Touring (Tire)' Total Entries: 3								
1Tm		13		Lawrence Duty	2007 Toyota Yaris	65.592	-	-
2		25		Aaron Geren	2000 Toyota Celica GTS	71.367	5.775	5.775
3 m		27		Erin Dicks	1999 Saturn SC1	75.305	3.938	9.713
'Street Touring 2 (Tire)' Total Entries: 1								
1Tm		29		Mike Wildt	1990 Mazda Miata	66.591	-	-
'Street Modified' Total Entries: 6								
1Tm		35		Marcus Hidvegi	2006 VW Beetle	65.072	-	-
2T		26		Kevin Low	1992 Honda Civic	65.362	0.290	0.290
3		2		Don Means	2003 Ford SVT Focus	65.407	0.045	0.335
4 m		31		Jim Dallas	1964 Chevy Corvair	66.118	0.711	1.046
5 m		24		Gary Kramer	1989 Honda CRX	66.691	0.573	1.619
6		11		Mitchell Johnson	1994 Nissan Sentra	74.069	7.378	8.997
'Street Modified II' Total Entries: 2								
1Tm		19		Kevin Pfeiffer	1992 Mazda Miata	66.979	-	-
2		7		Cody Tibbs	1991 Honda CRX	69.441	2.462	2.462

Solo Results (cont'd)

April 22th, 2007 at Hawker-Beechcraft

Pos.	Class	#	Rookie	Driver	Car Model	Total	Diff.	From 1st
'Street Touring Ladies (Tire)' Total Entries: 3								
1Tm		32		Kelly Duty	2007 Toyota Yaris	66.397	-	-
2 m		40		Rachel Duty	2007 Toyota Yaris	71.931	5.534	5.534
3 m		4		Cindy Duty	2007 Toyota Yaris	147.371	75.440	80.974
'Street Open' Total Entries: 4								
1Tm		14		Guy Roberts	1994 Chevy Corvette	62.161	-	-
2T		48		David Green	1995 Eagle Talon Tsi	62.348	0.187	0.187
3 m		22		Bryan Jones	1995 Chevy Corvette	62.540	0.192	0.379
4		45		Jeremy Caywood	1991 Honda Civic	65.686	3.146	3.525

Top Times Of Day	Time	Class	#	Driver
Raw time	57.943	DSP	23	Paul Sherman
Pax	48.440	DSP	23	Paul Sherman
Stock	63.930	SS	36	Rob Montgomery
Street Prepared	57.943	DSP	23	Paul Sherman
Prepared	66.431	EP	69	Mark Braun
Touring	65.592	STS	13	Lawrence Duty
Street Modified	65.072	SM	35	Marcus Hidvegi
Touring Ladies	66.397	STSL	32	Kelly Duty



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Wichita Region Member Profile of Paul Sherman

by Jason Rogers

Paul and his infamous Dodge Neon, aka 'the Peon', have been kicking butt for some time. Many solo novices are shocked to see a Neon capture FTD or close to it at any given solo. Some are also unaware that Paul road races yet another Neon, in a partnership with Dave Gird. Together they call themselves 'the Sinister Brothers', despite not being the least bit evil. Paul was gracious enough to answer my questions via email.



Paul and the Peon in action at WGP in 2006. At some point we're really going to have to start taking pictures of people, too. The Peon is a former SSC car itself. The car is now destickered and lap times have suffered. Photo courtesy of Greg Moyer Photography. Available from Dayton Consulting at jdayton1@cox.net.

How old are you?

Young enough to still like playing with cars, old enough to know better. 45

What's your hometown?

Naugatuck, CT, ancestral home of Uniroyal, Keds sneakers and Naugahyde. Better living through chemistry, especially when the river changed colors weekly. But at least there were hills... and trees!

What do you do for a living?

As little as possible and still get paid. Design engineering in the aircraft business.

How long have you been a Wichita region member?

7 years. Some may think that's 7 years too long.

Favorite SCCA activities?

All of them, but the Saturday night worker parties at the track with free food and drinks are probably number one.

Why the Neon and what do you appreciate most about them?

I wasn't thinking clearly at the time? I had the opportunity to pick one up pretty cheap, and based on their success in Solo and Club Racing, I took it. They're inexpensive, plentiful, and pretty easy to work on. I think they still have plenty of potential so I'll stick with them for now.

What makes your Peon such a quick Solo car?

Driver talent, of course! Really, the Neon is a decent platform to begin with, and it responds well to some simple mods. That, and a willingness to drive the car as hard as I can has produced some good results.

Would you consider being a good sport and adding ballast so that the CSP cars could keep up?

Heck no. Those pesky Miata drivers just need to work harder!

Any advice for Neon owners that want to modify their cars for Solo?

Just go for it. For an inexpensive car, they can be fun to flog around the cones. My advice to anybody with a Neon would be get lots of seat time first, then a decent set of tires. More appropriate springs and struts would be next with other suspension adjustment, and lastly would be engine work.

What's one thing you'd change on the Peon?

More power! There's a red Corvette and a Yellow Corvette that need some whuppin'.



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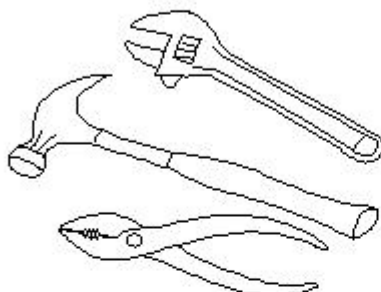
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