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RE-Marks

Greetings race fans. With a strong winters grip racing seems far far away. Yet if we check the calendar elsewhere it is getting started. Last weekend was the Rolex 24 at Daytona. A couple of Nextel Cup Drivers almost won the whole thing. Maybe next year Mr. Stewart and Mr. Earnhardt Jr. will pull it off. In less than 2 weeks will be the Daytona 500 and NASCAR will not only start a new season, but a new chapter in its colorful History.

The Awards Banquet has come and gone. Once again Tom and Judy Hudak have done an outstanding job putting this evening together. This year we filled the room that we had. Next year hopefully we will need an even bigger room. Mark Sommers from NWOR came up and put on a couple Solo II Safety Steward classes. This is something our club can use more of and I am pleased to say that there were at least 6 people that sat in on the classes. Of course we handed out the class trophies as well as several special awards. Troy Howland received the George Austin Service Award. Kristina Cornelius was the 2003 New Member of the Year for all of her efforts at the events this past summer. The Most Improved Driver trophy was passed on this year, and for 2003 Lisa Kaufer was the winner. Of course there was also the index awards for the top 10 on the Boreen Cup Index sponsored by Showcase Mitsubishi and DLST Performance. For someone that may not have heard it from Mike Burgess already, he did win the Index for 2003. So the Cup has found a new home for the summer. I think Mike will have his work cut out for him trying to keep the cup for 2004.

On January 31 we had an Ice Run on the Bay in Linwood. By my count it looked as if we had 22 cars out there. The first course

had too many rough spots and water coming up through the ice. After over a half hour of trying to find a route that would work, we changed directions on looked for good ice more inland. After another half hour of follow the leader a course was born. Thanks to Chris Holm and James Dimmick who did the majority of the trail busting. They also did the majority of ice busting as well. I was riding along trying to find good ice to finish the first course and we would bust through the top layer of ice and would look like a V-bottom boat cutting through the water. A different feeling to say the least. Also James, Chris and Steve Courture did lots of towing duty and several cars would get a little aggressive and stuff them is to the deep snow that was on the perimeter of the course. If you missed this one don't miss the event that will be February 14th.

Until the next action packed adventure, remember, shiny side up.
 Dave Feighner
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Times Gone By

by Tom Hudak

40 Years Ago

March, 1964

The Feb. 16th Ice Run at Beaverton had 44 entries. BTD (best time of day) went to Ben Appleby in a SAAB 750 GT. Nineteen of the cars entered were British, sixteen were American & most of those were Corvairs; the balance were Swedish or German. The February 25th SVSCC Meeting would have guest speakers from Chrysler Corp. Chief driver Scott Harvey & competition crew chief Carl Pruese brought a rally film, stories & their special 250hp Valiant GT for inspection. Karl Goering, a GM engineer from SVSCC, wrote about navigating for Donald Skinner of Cleveland, Oh., in the Canadian Winter Rally. They were in a Volvo. The Unlimited Class of vehicles in the March 1 Ice Run, were: a Volvo with spikes, a C-Jaguar with chains on all 4 wheels, and a Corvair with snow tires. Jerry Bloom driving the Volvo had BTD.

30 Years Ago

February, 1974

Freezing rain greeted the 46 cars which departed from the Holiday Inn in Grayling for the start of The Sno*Drift Rally. It was won this year by Gene Henderson & Ken Pogue in a Jeep Wagoneer. SVR was well represented at the event with at least 6 teams, plus all of the crew members and numerous control workers. The highest finishing team was Dale McAlister & John Crawford in a SAAB 99 at 12th place. No ice runs yet this year due to the poor conditions at Beaverton.

March, 1974

SCCA established energy saving measures i.e. an overall fuel consumption reduction of 36.6 % for the four pro series, Can-Am Challenge Cup, Formula 500 Championship, Trans-American Championship & the VW Gold Cup. To accomplish this task, SCCA would reduce the number of events, reduce race lengths and shorten practice & qualifying periods.

SVR had 8 new members, including Clark Bond, Bay City & Dave Stavenger of Midland. Clark worked at GM & drove an Opel. Dave was a research chemist at Dow Chemical. Both expected to run rallies together in SVR events. "Inside Info" by Judy McAlister was biographical article on club members. Judy wrote about Doug Eads, who with Fay Meerzo & Harold Nadler, were instrumental in getting an SCCA charter for the Saginaw Valley Sports Car Club. Doug was so interested in racing sports cars, that he took lessons from Martin Tanner. That was good because Martin was well known in mid Michigan as a racer. But the lessons were given at 4:30 am on the local cemetery roads!

20 Years Ago

February, 1984

The Sno*Drift XVIII was won by Rod Millen & Mike Parris in a Mazda. Saginaw Valley Region had 8 teams entered. The MIPR – '84 event was forming with Rally Master, Brian Rebney; Registrar Barb Bond; Chief of Controls Janet Little; Timing & Scoring, Don Jekel; Authority Liason, Chuck Fortino; & hospitality Coordinator, Deb Spicer. Ice Runs were in full swing with events on Jan. 14 & 15.

March, 1984

The SVR Annual White Elephant Sale was scheduled for the April 4th General Meeting. Ice Runs were over after only 2 events due to the warmer weather.

10 Years Ago

February/March, 1994

Don Crawford & Dave Spinnett wrote about press passes & visit to the Detroit Auto Show. SVR now had 89 members. Lynn Weber was planning a Solo II shop seminar at Hub Tire in St. Johns, Mi.



Left: Boreen Cup Winners sponsored by Showcase Mitsubishi and DLST.
 Front Row from Left: Lisa Krueger, Lorien Feighner, Andy Lieber, Mike Burgess.
 Back Row from Left: Troy Howland, Carol Golanski, Steve Couture, Dave Feighner

Below: The overall index Winner Mike Burgess receives the Traveling Boreen Cup Trophy. Dave tried to pass off a Coffee cup as the Boreen Cup but Mike was to sharp.

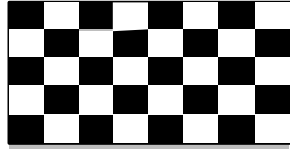


Top Left: Troy Howland the George Austin Service Award Recipient for 2003

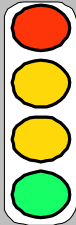
Bottom Left: Kristina Cornelius the New Member of 2003 for going above and beyond as a new member is the club.

Top: Lisa Kaufer the 2003 Most Improved driver of 2003 in SVR Solo II competition.

Saginaw Valley Region SCCA



2004 Ice Runs



Tentative Schedule:

Sunday, January 18
Saturday, January 31
Saturday, February 14
Saturday, February 28
Saturday, March 7 (Alternate)



Location:

Linwood Rd., Public Boat Ramp
Exit I75/U.S. 23 @ Linwood Road – Go East to
end of road on to ice & turn left (north) to
Ice Run site.

Registration: 9:00 a.m.

Cost: \$15 Member \$25 Non Member

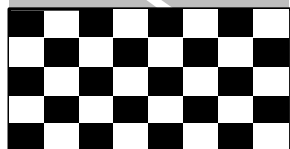
Practice Runs: Until 11:00 a.m.

Timed Runs: 11:30 a.m.

Tech Inspection, Seat Belts & Helmets Required

For Further Information Contact:

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Ice Run Results Saturday January 31, 2004

| Driver | Car Number | Make/Model | 1st Run | 2nd Run | 3rd Run | 4th Run | Best Time |
|----------------------|------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| RWD | | | | | | | |
| Steve Di Biase | 13 | BMW 325i | 1.83 | 6.53 | 1.81 | 1.79 | 1.79 |
| Aaron Conner | 70 | Miata | dns | dns | dns | dns | dns |
| FWD Under 2.5 | | | | | | | |
| Dave Feighner | 28 | VW Rabbit | 1.85 | 1.72 | 2.52 | 1.62 | 1.62t |
| Todd Robbins | 66 | Honda CRX | 1.69 | 7.11 | 1.68 | 4.90 | 1.68 |
| Matt Kaufer | 63 | Mini Cooper | 1.76 | 5.19 | 4.08 | 1.94 | 1.76 |
| Alan Lockwood | 7 | Cavalier | 1.77 | 1.75 | 1.71 | 1.70 | 1.70 |
| D.VanderWerp | 11 | Mazda Protégé | 1.66 | 1.73 | 1.74 | dns | 1.66 |
| STUDS | | | | | | | |
| Steve Couture | 76 | Neon | 1.17 | 1.11 | 1.09 | 1.07 | 1.07t |
| David Gray | 7 | Suzuki | 1.29 | 1.28 | 1.35 | 1.26 | 1.26 |
| Les Francisco | 176 | Neon | 1.31 | 1.31 | 1.30 | 1.26 | 1.26 |
| FWD Over 2.5 | | | | | | | |
| Tom Hudak | 12 | 02 Sentra | 1.70dnf | 1.76 | 1.65 | 1.60 | 1.60 |
| John Lockwood | 6 | Grand Am | 16.86 | dns | dns | dns | 16.86 |
| AWD Under 2.5 | | | | | | | |
| Ken Courtland | 17 | Subaru | 1.47 | 1.61 | 1.51 | 2.33 | 1.47t |
| Atsushi Igo | 4 | Lancer Evo | 1.51 | 1.47 | 1.57 | 1.89 | 1.47t |
| Gordon Bird | 1 | Audi | 1.53 | 1.53 | 1.51 | 5.17 | 1.51 |
| Koji Yoshioka | 5 | Subaru WRX | 1.91 | 1.55 | 2.36 | dns | 1.55 |
| Chris Potter | 86 | Subaru WRX | 1.61 | 1.55 | 1.96 | dns | 1.55 |
| John Baas | 2 | Audi Quattro | 7.86 | 1.61 | 7.53 | 10.37 | 1.61 |
| 4WD Over 2.5 | | | | | | | |
| Josh Combs | 33 | Subaru WRX STI | 1.47 | 2.39 | 1.47 | 1.58 | 1.47t |
| Scott Funke | 45 | Merc Mountainer | 1.60 | 1.54 | 1.58 | 1.47 | 1.47t |
| Yochi Hori | 9 | Subaru WRX STI | 4.64 | 1.52 | 1.51 | 1.68 | 1.51 |
| James Dimmick | 92 | Chev Avalanche | 1.56 | 1.53 | 1.57 | 1.58 | 1.53 |
| Charles Hailey | 3 | Audi | 1.53 | 1.53 | 1.53 | 1.74 | 1.53 |
| Chris Holm | 29 | Chev Avalanche | 1.96 | 1.89 | 1.69 | 1.68 | 1.68 |

The weather was cooperative, 18 degrees, calm winds & partly sunny, beautiful sunset. We were there past 5:00 pm! The first Ice event got off to a slow start since we had very crusty & deep snow throughout the course in addition to many soft spots. But thanks to the 4WDs and AWDs that were there, they were able to blaze a path to use as our course. The first course was abandoned in favor of a smaller course that was much more smooth and no soft spots that we would break through and have slush. Once again thanks to all that helped make the event happen.

Tom Hudak

Coming Next Month!!

The 2004 SVR solo II schedule. Don't fill in any dates yet.
Rumor has it there could be new sites.
Ladies day at the races will return.
On June 6th SVR will host a CENDIV event. This year the plan is to rewrite the book on hosting a CENDIV event. Don't miss it.

Garage Sale

For Sale: 4 ea. 13 x 5J Nissan 4 bolt steel wheels, clean w/ gray paint. Excellent for Solo II tires. \$50.00.
1 ea. Oak 6 panel, 2/6 x 6/8 RH, 4 9/16" jamb, new \$50.00. 5 light fixtures, 4 colonial style w/ hobnailed glass & antique brass finish, 1 multi color glass \$50.00 for all. Tom Hudak 989-695-6731.

4 ea. Kumho Victoracer tires, 225 x 50 x 15. Used only once, 3 laps at Waterford Hills. Excellent condition, full tread depth, bought new in 2002. \$350.00 Contact: Tom Gloden - 517-321-2694. gloden@nsf.org. Delivery possible.

16 X 12 Real Racing Wheels, used one season 2 with slicks 25x12x16. Bolt pattern 4.25 x 4. New sell for 265.50 ea. Will take \$530 for all four with 2 slicks. **Sean Tate (517) 371-6946 E-mail racerseant@aol.com**

2002 Hallmark 5X8 Enclosed trailer. 2500# GVWR. good condition, single back door the color is white. 1,000.00 or best offer **Sean Tate (517) 371-6946 E-mail racerseant@aol.com**

(4) Yokohama Guardex 600 Snow Tires. 175/65 R14. On 5 bolt rims, with wheelcovers. Used two winters. Lots of tread left. \$125. Call Fred at 989-737-4957.

February 2004

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | | |
|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----------------------------------|------------|----|------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | Ice Run 14 | | |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | | |
| 22 | Board Mtg.. Ponderosa Alma, 7:30pm | 23 | 24 | 25 | Check Point inputs are due. | 26 | 27 | Ice Run 28 |
| 29 | | | | | | | | |

May I Please have your Attention!!



Do I have everybody's attention?

In efforts to save money and trees, the shape of Checkpoints to come is to be electronic. In order to do this we need group participation. The goal is to send out a group email to all the club members notifying them that the checkpoint is done and available online. To do this please email back to me the email address you would like the notification email sent to. Many people already receive the newsletter this way now and their newsletters have **color.**

**Please send reply to
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If you feel that you just can't handle receiving your checkpoint via the internet please send a reply stating that you still want a paper copy of the newsletter sent to your home via Pony Express. You can do this via an email, a letter or a phone call. The address, and phone number of the editor can be found on the inside cover of the checkpoint.

**Thanks for your time and help
Dave Feighner
Newsletter Editor
RE 2004
Ruler of SVR**

SAGINAW VALLEY REGION
SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
December 14, 2003

TIME: 12:52 PM

PRESENT: Mike Burgess, Lisa Krueger, Dave Feighner, Lorien Feighner, Kristin Tate, Chuck Tate, Trenton Munsell, Chris Pruett, Mike Horning, Stacey Despelder, Steve Munsell, Sean Tate and Kristie Munsell.

ABSENT: Roger Class Jr.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mike Burgess, at 12:52 PM. A motion was made by Kristin Tate, seconded

ORDER: by Chuck Tate to approve the minutes from the November meeting. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP

REPORT: 124 members plus 2 dual member (Carol Golanski and Steve Elzinga).

TREASURER'S

REPORT: The checkbook is in the black. Barstow still has deposit.

EQUIPMENT REPORT: Dave will be checking timer again before sending to Carriere. Check to see if there is a wireless option.

No additional information on PA system.

Additional display - tabled.

Discussion on replacement of van. With work that has been done, perhaps look at updating front suspension and keep for another year. Further discussion to take place.

MERCHANDISE: No change. Will be ordering 2004 Solo 2 Rulebooks.

SOLO RPT: Ice Run schedule is set, first event to begin day after Awards Banquet with future events every other week.

Possible event site in Grand Ledge, Kristin Tate is working with site owners.

Possible event site at CMU athletic complex, Dave Feighner will obtain information.

OLD BUSINESS: Mark Sommer will conduct Solo Safety school prior to Banquet at 3:30. Need to advertise with banquet in

Checkpoint.

Trenton Munsell made a motion, seconded by Kristin Tate to approve spending \$25.00 per trophy for the Year End Awards. Motion passed.

Discussion of Most Improved Driver Award.

NEW BUSINESS: Charter has been submitted to the national office.

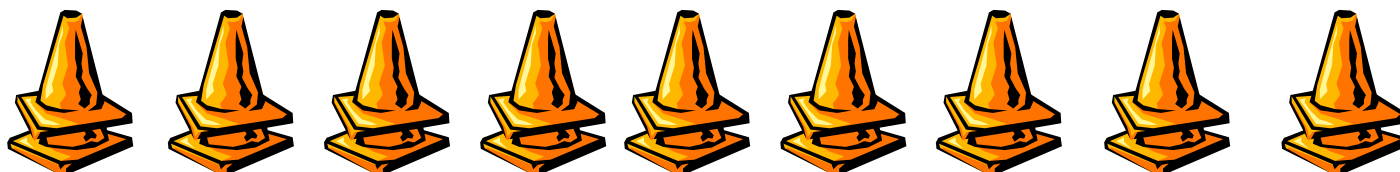
Preliminary directory submitted to National Office, need to obtain name of Assistant RE.

NEXT MTG: The next meeting will be held prior to the Awards Banquet on Saturday January 17th at 5:30.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Kristin Tate, seconded by Trenton Munsell, to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
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