

# Checkpoint

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**RE Port**



Aloha!

Just back from what I believe was the best SVR event ever and now I'm trying to condense about three volumes of thoughts into a paragraph or two. Skip to In the Marbles if you want to read about it, I want to say a few words about the people that make these events work so well.

We have a core group that works very hard to present you with top-notch events. Don't be afraid to ask one of them what you can do to help out with an event, just look on page 2 of this issue for their names and give them a call or e-mail or talk to them at an event. Someone probably, will have a detail that you can do to make his or her job easier.

On another note in the same song, James Dimmick has resigned from the Executive Board to pursue a new job in Ohio. Good luck James and thank you for your service to SVR! The Board has appointed Steve Munsell to fill the remainder of his term. Steve is also our treasurer so now he will pull double duty, thanks Steve!

I've given you the wind-up, so here's the pitch. We need your help to keep things running smooth within the club. In a few months you will be receiving a request for Board member nominees. If you know someone that would be willing to serve the club get their name on that card. Nominate yourself if you want to get involved! Remember, last year we only had 6 nominations for the 6 seats therefore no election was needed. Come on, I know we can do better than that this year!

**In the Marbles**

**CENDIV # 4 The Oscoda Luau presented by Saginaw Valley Region.**

The weekend started a little different than most CENDIV weekends. The first event started Friday morning, with a Solo Trial. After the 28 participants checked in and received their Hawaiian packet and Lei, it was time for some serious fun. Marcus and Jen Merideth were 1 and 2 on the index. Next on the index were Pam and Bob Kasprzyk in the number 3 and 4 position. It appeared to be a couple's kind of day.

Saturday was a little more relaxing with 48 participants taking part in the test and tune. Then finally 5pm arrived and it was dinner time. Thanks to Bone Daddy's of Midland Michigan, no one left hungry. A Hawaiian Luau meal consisting of Teriyaki Chicken and Jamaican Rub Pork was served with fresh grilled Onions, Peppers, Asparagus and Corn on the cob to compliment the meats. Topping it all off was some fresh fruit and cookies.

Sunday morning came with the threat of rain (according to the weather channel). Lee's Automotive provided a Passat Breakfast (Mike Burgess doesn't do continentals) which did not last long. I got there a little late and it was gone except for a few crumbs. What SVR presented to the competitors was a very close interpretation of the 2005 Solo Nationals South Course. It proved to be fun and challenging.

Many thanks go out to our club members that helped out all weekend. Thank you Mike Burgess, Lisa Krueger, the Munsells, the Redwines, the Tates, Nick Scott, Chris Pruet, Stacey Despelder, the Siniffs, and others that helped along the way. With extra thanks to the Detroit Region for all their help and to our Sponsors Lee's Automotive, Finer Baskets and Showcase Mitsubishi.

Mahalo (Thanks)  
David Feighner  
Event Kahuna

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**40 Years Ago**

**July, 1966**

During this year of 1966, the SVSCC Board Members began investigating membership into the SCCA. Phil Reece appointed a committee to explore the realms of SCCA. Harold Nadler, President, wrote about the Board discussions, contact with Don Nixon, Area 4 Governor, the advantages of joining SCCA and future conversation with the Northeast Michigan Region (Flint), which would have to relinquish the counties of Saginaw, Bay & Midland.

SVSCC was scheduling a day at the sports car races at Waterford on July 24<sup>th</sup>. A picnic rally was planned for the August meeting, by Ed Hart & Harold Nadler. A plea was made for workers & planners, to assist Hank Leis, Rally Chairman in future events.

Don Jekel, Program Director had lined up John Babiarz of Saginaw Photo to present a slide program on how to take pictures of classic cars.

**30 Years Ago**

**July, 1976**

This Checkpoint issue, had pictures of Jim & BJ Miller exiting the church after their wedding ceremony. BJ already had the "ball & chain" in hand. Bill Holler wrote in the Road Racer's Corner, about races at Waterford Hills & Elkhart Lake. He also noted that SVR had seven road racers in Formula V. Jim & Barb Doidge won the "An Evenings Fun Rally with only 33 pts. Ron Robinson had an excellent turnout with 14 cars. Barb Bond wrote about attending the Empire Hillclimb. Several Corvettes smacked the tree at the top of the course, but everyone had a great time running the .56 mile winding course.

**10 Years Ago**

**July, 1996**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Ladies' Day at the Races at Barstow Airport in Midland began with rain from course set-up and through the drivers meeting. Sixty entrants raced to an indexed group of the 16 fastest cars. Wayne Snyder won out in his SRE Spitfire. Andy Lieber was 2<sup>nd</sup> in his White and Blue Honda. While "In Left Field", Dave Feighner had a mental block for writing in the Checkpoint. (Food was on his mind.) Norm Dively noted that 150 drivers were registered for the CenDiv in Flint.

**Would you like to try something new? Would you like lots of seat time? Would you like to run on pole free, grippy surface?**

Join Saginaw Valley and the Detroit Region in Oscoda Michigan for a weekend of Solo Fun. The talk has been to do a No Pro Solo which will have two cars run mirror courses each day. Then to top it off on the second day after the morning runs there has been talk of a Challenge Run off. More details will be in the August Checkpoint. Make plans now to join us.

**Next Board Meeting**

**August 5th after the Solo Event.**

**August 5th event is at Dixie Motor Speedway in Birchrun. After the event we will descend upon a local restaurant for food, laughs, and a fact filled board meeting. Feel free to join us.**

## Event Report

2006 marked the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Ladies' Day at the Races event. I don't think that when Velma Boreen and I first put on this event that it would continue to be such a popular SVR Solo event that would attract competitors from all over the state as well as others such as Ohio and Indiana. This year's event brought more than 90 competitors to Barstow Airport vying to win the coveted title of Ladies Day at the Races Challenge Winner.

As usual, each driver received 4 runs during the regular competition. There were 29 different classes being competed in, which meant that 3 challenge positions were up for grabs to the next fastest non-class winners on the index. We did have a few class winners pull out of the competition so we were able to pull a few more drivers from the index to fill the 32 car field. This year there were several 2-driver cars making to the challenge and a host of F125 drivers as 5 of them were in the top 15 of the Index.

2005 Challenge Winner Dave Feighner broke his ESP car during the regular competition and borrowed Steve Munsell's CP car to drive during the challenge. Not having his normal ride, Dave wasn't able to get past the 2<sup>nd</sup> round as Greg Dean, in the ASP Corvette was able to defeat him. Unfortunately for Greg, he had to face Jarrod Hoops (SM) who kept turning in some incredible times with each round. Jarrod moved to the Final Four. The other three drivers making to the Final Four were Mike Burgess - FSP (defeated Mike Burns - F125), Matthew Smith - F125 (defeated Dave Phaneuf - FM) and Larry MacLeod - F125 (defeated Doug Harvey - DSP). See I told you there was a bunch of F125 drivers in the challenge...

None of the Final Four drivers had won the Challenge before, so they were really driving their hearts out, trying to get to the final round. Jarrod faced Mike Burgess in the semi-finals and ran his best time up to that point 40.194. Mike had a cone on his run, allowing Jarrod to move on. Larry MacLeod ended up with a bye round as his challenger Matthew Smith pulled out. That put Jarrod up against Larry, both wanting to claim the title. Jarrod had previously stated that he was planning on winning the Ladies Day Challenge and Larry had been runner-up in 2004 wanted desperately to win as well. Jarrod threw down the gauntlet as he ran his quickest run of the day 39.884. Larry had to run a 35.968 or better in order to advance. Larry's times had been in the 37's all day and unfortunately, he wasn't able to match the time needed to win.

Congratulations to Jarrod for holding true to his bold statement and winning the 2006 Ladies Day at the Races Challenge. Thanks to all for attending this year's event. Hopefully, we'll be able to continue this tradition next year and for many years to come.



Here are a couple of snap shots from the regular competition runs at the Ladies day at the Races event at Barstow Airport.

Results for all the events can be found else where in this issue.  
Class Points for the season can be found else where in this issue  
Index Standings for the season can be found else where in this issue.







**These photos were sent to me with the caption "Women drivers of the year awards"**

I thought we could use some humor so here is a sample of what I got. These are the top 3.

Above is the Bronze Medalist. Seems like a harmless mistake. At what point did they think something was not right?

Right is the Silver Medalist. Ah to serve and to protect and to make a mess of our roads. What was she chasing? A cement truck?



To the left the Gold Medal goes to the clueless one on the Moped. Got to give her credit for being safe and wearing a helmet. She appears to have done a nice job with the chin strap. However I think it would do more good if she had perhaps read the owners manual and operating instructions. Do Helmets come with operating instructions?

**It's coming...It can not be stopped...Many have tried...  
They all failed...**

## **SVR Solo 2006 Chase for the Cup VII**

Saginaw Valley Region Presents the Chase for the Cup VI sponsored by Showcase Mitsubishi and MyAutoEvents.com. Of course all the latest information can be found on MyAutoEvents.com. Please mark your calendars now and plan to join us on a piece of asphalt this summer.

April 23 Sunday Solo School [Done](#)

May 14 Sunday Barstow Airport Midland [Done](#)

June 11 Sunday Barstow Airport Midland (Ladies Day) [Done](#)

July 7-9 Fri - Sun CENDIV Event Oscoda MI

Aug 5 Sat Dixie Speedway Birchrun

Aug 27 Sunday Oscoda MI (Saturday event by Det. Region)

Sept 16 Saturday TBD [Tentative](#)

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|-----------------|-----------------|
| Registration    | 9:00 - 10:00 am |
| Tech Inspection | 9:30 - 10:15 am |
| Novice Walk     | 10:30 am        |
| Drivers Meeting | 11:00am         |
| First car off   | 11:30am         |

### Entry Fees

SCCA Members \$25.00      Non-SCCA \$35.00      Late Fee \$10.00

All events are open to the public. We run rain or shine. All cars and mini-trucks are eligible. Maximum 116" wheelbase. Drivers must have a Snell 95 or newer helmet (some loaners are available). A valid driver's license must be shown at registration.

**Pre-registration is available on [MyAutoEvents.com](http://MyAutoEvents.com) (recommended)**

Any questions, please contact the Solo Board:

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SAGINAW VALLEY REGION  
SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
May 14, 2006

TIME: 5:20 PM

PRESENT: Mike Burgess, Lisa Krueger, Dave Feighner, Lorien Feighner, Stacey Despelder, David Redwine, Steve Munsell and Sean Tate.

ABSENT: Todd Robbins and James Dimmick

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Stacey Despelder at 5:21 PM. A motion was made by Mike Burges seconded

by David Redwine to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP

REPORT: 110 members plus dual members.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Club is currently in the black. Includes income from Solo School and expenses for SCCA Merchandise, Checkpoint, CMU Lot Rental and Deposit for Tent, Table & Chairs for CENDIV event.

EQUIPMENT REPORT: CD Player has been purchased. Registration Supplies have been ordered. Sean Tate suggested that the Club put a radio in the van. Dave Feighner made a motion, seconded by Mike Burgess to spend up to \$125 to purchase a radio and speakers for the van. Motion passed. Dave Feighner made a motion, seconded by Mike Burgess to spend up to \$75 to fix radio that will not charge.

MERCHANDISE: Rulebooks, Waivers, and Minor Waivers have been received. Waiver Bracelets are on backorder.

SOLO RPT: Solo School is complete. 15 entrants participated. SVSU Gran Prix is coming shortly. Sean has volunteers for Monday, but no volunteers for Tuesday. Sean will be able to get everything set up Monday morning for event. Bob Olson inquired into his \$25 certificate for working the 2005 SVSU Gran Prix event. Steve Munsell will issue Bob a refund check for \$25 for his entry fees from the first event. Airport authority advised group at first event that Barstow is scheduled to be re-paved in mid-July.

OLD BUSINESS: CENDIV event update. Tent, table and chairs have been requested. Deposit has been made. A caterer for Saturday

welcome party has been contracted for \$1800 to feed 225 people. Price includes 2 entries, Side Dish, Plates, Silverware and other utensils.

NEW BUSINESS: Tom Hudak would like to publish membership list. Board agreed. For those that receive the Checkpoint electronically, the membership list will be emailed to them. List will be distributed with next Checkpoint Mailing. Stacey will contact Tom to see what to include in list.

NEXT MTG: The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 11th after the Solo event.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Lisa Krueger, seconded by Mike Burgess, to adjourn the meeting at 5:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lorien Feighner, Secretary

# July 2006

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| CENDIV<br>Solo DET<br>Oscoda 16 | 17  | 18                                      | 19  | 20  | 21  | 22                              |
| DET Solo<br>Firecracker 23      | 24  | Inputs due<br>for next<br>checkpoint 25 | 26  | 27  | 28  | CENDIV<br>Solo<br>Grissom 29    |
| CENDIV<br>Solo<br>Grissom 30    | 31  |   |     |     |     |                                 |

# August 2006

| Sun                   | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat                             |
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| 6                     | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12                              |
| 13                    | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19                              |
| 20                    | 21  | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | SVR Solo<br>Oscoda 26           |
| Det Solo<br>Oscoda 27 | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31  |     |                                 |



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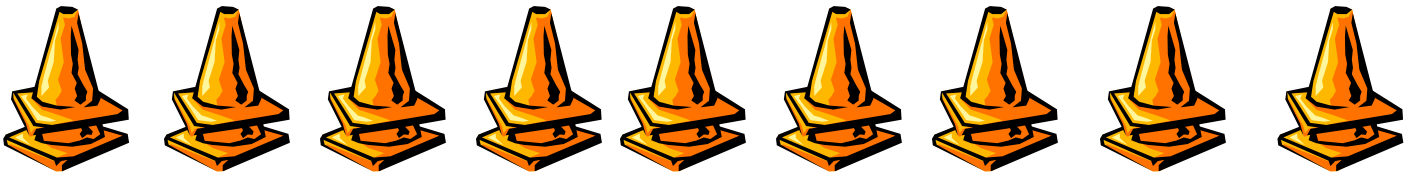
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