

The Checkpoint

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RE-port

Greetings auto enthusiast. It would appear that Michigan has finally decided to spring some weather on us that allows the fun cars to be taken out of the garage.

Tom Hudak has been working tirelessly on the 40th anniversary celebration. Check page # for more details of the what and when and how to register. Also check future issues to see about cars being on display at the picnic.

Want to help the club grow? Want more competition in your class? Bring someone to an event. We need to present the SCCA opportunity to as many people as possible.

If it seems like I am grasping at straws this month that would be the case. It seems I have a real case of writers block.

The Van clean up was April 14th many thanks to Andy Lieber for opening up the shop to us. After the day was done the van was cleaned, organized and overhauled? That's right SVR is going to do there own version of overhaulin. Next time you see the van and trailer it will be completely different. Right now the plans are to replace the tired 351 with the new twin Turbo Powerstroke Diesel. Of course just to make sure it can make the pull up the hills there will be propane assist. The van will seem like it is riding on air because there will be 4 air bags on it one at each corner. This will allow us at the events to lower the van to the down in the weeds look so that it is easier to get in and out of. Wheels will be a nice chrome 22 inch spoke type wheel. The roof will house the new speakers and amplifiers so that way we will no longer have to set up a sound system. All that will have to be done is plug into a 110 power supply or generator and turn on the switch. Also we thought the old wood SVR sign was getting a little dated so we are going to update to a screen like the Soaring Eagle has, however ours will be a little smaller. But it will also be able to play DVD's so there will be many options for keep-

ing people entertained at the events between heats. Further enhancements for timing and scoring will be multiple screens that will be hooked directly to the timing lights that will display the times back to the command post. Timing and scoring will now have partition that will keep the workers isolated from other noise coming from the announcer. They will be able to speak to the announcer through a blue tooth earpiece that will be on its on frequency separated from the course workers. One of the last modifications will be the Captains chairs that will replace all the real comfortable vinyl benches. Of course we can't have all this cool tricked out interior with out doing something to the outside. The old stickers are faded and cracked so it is time to peel all them off and put something a little more colorful and SVR like on the side of the van. Now if you think we are only focusing on the van and forgot about the trailer don't worry. The trailer will have matching graphics and some nice shiny wheels.

Now the question is did I make this all up or could it be that Chip Foose is a long time SCCA member and when I ran into him at the SEMA show he thought it would be neat to give back to one of the smaller regions. I guess you will have to come to the first event and find out. Which will be May 20th Sunday at Delphi Plant 7 in Saginaw just off M46 near I-75.

Event Report

Well the only event going on in this neck of the woods so far has been mowing grass and yard work. Although if you have neighbors on each side of you it is fun to race them to see who can get done first. New blades and fresh oil and I got a lean mean grass cutting machine. Check back next month for a real story about a real event that involved real cars.

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40 Years Ago**May, 1967**

I have no record of a Check Point, but I have a program for the Waterford Hills spring Sprints for May 27 – 28. About 135 cars were entered in the two day event among 16 races. Upon first glance of the entry list, there were more British cars entered than any other. Les Burnett was the only Saginaw entrant, in his Austin Healey Sprite.

The program had numerous automotive related advertisers, from Belle Tire Distributors), Falvey Motor Sales Co. (MG, Jaguar & VW), Leo Adler Datsun, Grimaldi Imported Car Co. (MG, Triumph, Sunbeam & Fiat), Bob Owens Sports Imports (Austin Healey & MG cars), Burban Metro Co. (Anglia, Cortina & Lotus), Michigan Engine Supply to Wood Motors (VW & Mercedes).

30 Years Ago**May, 1977**

In this thin issue of the Check Point, Andy Tessler editor, wrote that he printed all of the information he had received... even well after the deadline. The cover had the illustration of a PACKADERM Z-240, decked out in full rally dress, as an advertisement for the next White Elephant Sale. It was drawn by Sue Sanderson.

Five years prior, the Twin Bay Sports Car Club in Traverse City was planning a rally offering free gas to the entrants and workers! And SVR was planning a May 10 rally school. The succeeding paragraph indicated that 21 cars showed up for the school conducted by Jim Doidge, Sue Smith & Jon Nykamp. Thirty-two non members came from all over the state to attend the school & rally. But in the end, the event was won by Sanderson & Rebney of SVR. Second to Miller/Miller, SVR, and third to Suppes/Suhr, of SVR.

20 Years Ago**May, 1987**

The May Annual White Elephant Sale was scheduled at the Das Michigan Haus. Up for auction were: a weekend color tour with the Boreens in their motor home; a Chinese dinner prepared by the Hudaks & the Nykamps; and a sailboat excursion with Denny & Sue Rueter. (The original intent of the White Elephant Sale was to supplement the club treasury for future expenditures. Ed.note.)

Al Jones was selling his '78 Toyota Corolla Pro Rally car for \$1500.00. The Portage Grand Prix Jamobree, sponsored by Pro-Auto X and the City of Portage, was advertised with an entry fee of \$17.00.

Guy Light & Jim Brandt were pictured in their new VW GTI 16V, built at the Westmoreland, PA. plant and winning their class at the Barbary Coast Pro Rally.

In the SVR Board Meeting Minutes, a new starting light for use in Solo II & Ice Runs was to be built by Brian Rebney. Interstate Battery would sponsor the 1987 Solo II Series.

SVR planned to have a 30 Year Reunion in August, at the Richland Twp. Park, Hemlock.

10 Years Ago**May, 1997**

In Left Field, written by Dave Feighner, he somehow managed a drive in a Clinton County Sheriffs car. Meanwhile, Uncle Sam was driving him crazy, while he was anticipating familiar faces at the next SVR rally! Then, he & Lorien missed SVR Test 'N Tune, because Dave was driving for Car & Driver at the Chrysler Proving Grounds in Chelsea. RE, Norm Dively reported that 45 people showed up for the Test 'N Tune.

Odds 'n Ends**by Tom Hudak**

If you are like me and many others, who subscribe to several magazines, then keep them for future reference in boxes, taking up lots of space, here is a new suggestion. For your spring cleaning project, gather them up and take them to your local Veterans Hospital, for distribution to the patients. They enjoy reading them, even if they are a few years old. Not only will you gain some more storage space, but your spouse will be happy too!

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Interesting Supply/Demand Scenario

A man eats two eggs each morning for breakfast. When he goes to the grocery store he pays 60 cents a dozen. Since a dozen eggs won't last a week he normally buys two dozens at a time.

One day while buying eggs he notices that the price has risen to 72 cents. The next time he buys groceries, eggs are .76 cents a dozen. When asked to explain the price of eggs the store owner says, "the price has gone up and I have to raise my price accordingly".

This store buys 100 dozen eggs a day. I checked around for a better price and all the distributors have raised their prices. The distributors have begun to buy from the huge egg farms. The small egg farms have been driven out of business.

The huge egg farms sells 100,000 dozen eggs a day to distributors. With no competition, they can set the price as they see fit. The distributors then have to raise their prices to the grocery stores. And on and on and on. As the man kept buying eggs the price kept going up. He saw the big egg trucks delivering 100 dozen eggs each day. Nothing changed there.

He checked out the huge egg farms and found they were selling 100,000 dozen eggs to the distributors daily. Nothing had changed but the price of eggs.

Then week before Thanksgiving the price of eggs shot up to \$1.00 a dozen. Again he asked the grocery owner why and was told, "cakes and baking for the holiday". The huge egg farmers know there will be a lot of baking going on and more eggs will be used. Hence, the price of eggs goes up. Expect the same thing at Christmas and other times when family cooking and baking happens.

This pattern continues until the price of eggs is 2.00 a dozen. The man says, "there must be something we can do about the price of eggs". He starts talking to all the people in his town and they decide to stop buying eggs. This didn't work because everyone needed eggs. Finally, the man suggested only buying what you need.

He ate 2 eggs a day. On the way home from work he would stop at the grocery and buy two eggs. Everyone in town started buying 2 or 3 eggs a day.

The grocery store owner began complaining that he had too many eggs in his cooler. He told the distributor that he didn't need any eggs. Maybe wouldn't need any all week.

The distributor had eggs piling up at his warehouse. He told the huge egg farms that he didn't have any room for eggs would not need any for at least two weeks.

At the egg farm, the chickens just kept on laying eggs.

To relieve the pressure, the huge egg farm told the distributor that they could buy the eggs at a lower price. The distributor said, "I don't have the room for the eggs even if they were free".

The distributor told the grocery store owner that he would lower the price of the eggs if the store would start buying again. The grocery store owner said, "I don't have room for more eggs. The customers are only buy 2 or 3 eggs at a time". "Now if you were to drop the price of eggs back down to the original price, the customers would start buying by the dozen again".

The distributors sent that proposal to the huge egg farmers. They liked the price they were getting for their eggs but, them chickens just kept on laying.

Finally, the egg farmers lowered the price of their eggs. But only a few cents. The customers still bought 2 or 3 eggs at a time. They said, "when the price of eggs gets down to where it was before, we will start buying by the dozen."

Slowly the price of eggs started dropping. The distributors had to slash their prices to make room for the eggs coming from the egg farmers. The egg farmers cut their prices because the distributors wouldn't buy at a higher price than they were selling eggs for. Anyway, they had full warehouses and wouldn't need eggs for quite a while.

And them chickens kept on laying.

Eventually, the egg farmers cut their prices because they were throwing away eggs they couldn't sell. The distributors started buying again because the eggs were priced to where the stores could afford to sell them at the lower price. And the customers starting buying by the dozen again.

Now, transpose this analogy to the gasoline industry. What if everyone only bought \$10.00 worth of gas each time they pulled to the pump. The dealers tanks would stay semi full all the time. The dealers wouldn't have room for the gas coming from the huge tank farms. The tank farms wouldn't have room for the gas coming from the refining plants. And the refining plants wouldn't have room for the oil being off loaded from the huge tankers coming from the Middle East. Just \$10.00 each time you buy gas. Don't fill it up. You may have to stop for gas twice a week but, the price should come down. Think about it.

As an added note...When I buy \$10.00 worth of gas, that leaves my tank a little under half full. The way prices are jumping around, you can buy gas for \$2.65 a gallon and then the next morning it can be \$2.15. If you have your tank full of \$2.65 gas you don't have room for the \$2.15 gas. You might not understand the economics of only buying two eggs at a time but, you can't buy cheaper gas if your tank is full of the high priced stuff.

Also, don't buy anything else at the gas station, don't give them any more of your hard earned money than what you spend on gas, until the prices come down..



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May 20th Sunday Delphi Plant 7 Saginaw
June 3rd Site TBA
June 16th Saturday Wurtsmith Airbase Oscoda*
July 21st Midland Area
Aug 5th 40th Anniversary Event Midland Area
September 8-9 GASS event Flint Area

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

Entry Fees

SCCA Members \$30.00 Non-SCCA \$45.00 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 (highly recommended)

Any questions, please contact the Solo Board:

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*Solo Trial June 17th Sunday Wurtsmith Airbase Oscoda. The plans for this event are still in the planning stage. Tentatively it will be a limited entry event limited to 70 cars. Marcus Merideth and I will be the keepers of the entry list. At a minimum pants, long sleeve cotton shirt and full shoes will be required. Convertible have to have a hard top or a roll bar to be able to run. SM, SM2, Prepared and Mod cars will need to have roll cages. More information will be made available as soon as the plans are finalized.



SAGINAW VALLEY REGION

SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA

40th Year

1967-2007



April 2007

Dear Saginaw Valley Sports Car Club and Saginaw Valley Region/SCCA Member, past or present,

You are cordially invited to the:

**Saginaw Valley Region
Sports Car Club of America
40th Anniversary Reunion
Saturday, August 4, 2007
From 2:00 p.m. until ?
Plymouth Park, Swede Road
Midland, Michigan
Dinner: \$12.00 Each
Includes BBQ chicken & ribs dinner
Rally entry \$10.00 per Car
Solo II entry \$30.00 per driver**

Other events of interest for this weekend may be: The Saginaw Street Rod Assoc. on Fri. night at Green Acres Plaza or the Great Lakes Loons baseball games at the Dow Diamond, Midland.

On **Saturday, August 4**, Bob Pierce, will be rally master for a short TSD rally, that will begin at 1:00 at the Midland Holiday Inn and end at Plymouth Park, in time for dinner and free beer!

Sunday, August 5, a Solo II (gymkhana), will be held at Midland Barstow Airport. Registration will be open at 9:00 a.m., FCO at 11:30 a.m.

Bring your old SVSCC/SVR memorabilia, pictures, films, trophies, banners etc. If you are unable to attend and have something to share, please send it to me.

We look forward to seeing you - please reply by completing the tear off form and returning it to me.

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Will you be able to attend the SVR/SCCA 40th Anniversary Reunion August 4, 2007? **Yes or No**
If Yes, who will come?

Name: _____ Name of Spouse or Friend _____
Address: _____ Dinner \$12/Each _____ Rally \$10/Car _____ Solo II \$30/Driver _____
City/State/Zip: _____ **Make checks payable to SVR/SCCA**
Phone: _____ **Please RSVP by Monday, July 16, 2007**
E-mail Address: _____

What year/years were you a member of SVR/SCCA? _____
If you are not interested in running the rally would you be interested in working a checkpoint?
Do you know of any past SVR members who might want to attend?
Please list their name, address, phone number and/or e-mail address.

Return to: Tom & Judy Hudak, 13806 Dice Road, Hemlock, MI 48646



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40 Years
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As a matter of record, interest, or just for fun, what cars have you owned during the last forty (40) years?

Year	Year/Make of Car	Year	Year/Make of Car
1967		1987	
1968		1988	
1969		1989	
1970		1990	
1971		1991	
1972		1992	
1973		1993	
1974		1994	
1975		1995	
1976		1996	
1977		1997	
1978		1998	
1979		1999	
1980		2000	
1981		2001	
1982		2002	
1983		2003	
1984		2004	
1985		2005	
1986		2006	
		2007	

Name: _____

What year/years were you a member of SVR/SCCA? _____

Are you bringing a car that you would like to display? If so, please let me know what car you plan to display.

By July 16, 2007, please return this information along with your registration form to:

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May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
Solo Detroit Season Opener 6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	SAE Competition Detroit Board Meeting 16	SAE Competition Detroit 17	SAE Competition Detroit 18	19
Solo SVR Tentative Site TBA 20	21	Inputs due for next checkpoint 22	23	24	25	GASS Solo Lexington KY 26
GASS Solo Lexington KY 27	Solo Detroit Memorial Day 28	29	30	31		

June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	Tune & Tune Oscoda 15	SVR Solo Oscoda 16
Solo Trial Oscoda Father's Day 17	18	Inputs due for next checkpoint 19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

SAGINAW VALLEY REGION
SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 21, 2007

- TIME: 7:00 PM
- PRESENT: Chris Pruett, Mike Burgess, Lisa Krueger, Dave Feighner, Lorien Feighner, Jarrod Hoops and Tom Hudak.
- EXCUSED: Stacey Despelder and Dave Siniff
- CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Dave Feighner at 7:12 PM. A motion was made by Chris Pruett seconded by Mike Burgess to approve the minutes from the February meeting. Motion passed.
- MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 97 members plus dual members.
- TREASURER'S REPORT: Club is in the Black. Balance includes payment of insurance for Van and Equipment for full year.
- EQUIPMENT REPORT: Equalizer bars will be purchased prior to the first event or in time for van clean-up. Individual approached Andy Lieber to see if club trailer was for sale. Decision was made to keep the trailer until Club replaces the van with another vehicle or set-up. Board to develop plan to replace van in approximately 5 years.
- MERCHANDISE: No report.
- SOLO RPT: Solo Schedule has not been finalized. Dave Feighner reviewed calendar and outlined the best dates. Dave to contact Solo Board.
- OLD BUSINESS: Tom Hudak presented proposal to the Board for the 40th Anniversary Celebration Weekend on August 4-5. There will be a Rally early Saturday afternoon, followed by a picnic in Plymouth Park. An Autocross will be held on Sunday. Tom will send first mailing in early April. There will be separate fees for the Rally, Picnic and Solo events. The cost for picnic will be in the \$9-13 price range. Jarrod Hoops made a motion, seconded by Chris Pruett to approve a \$2000 budget for the 40th Anniversary Celebration. Motion passed.
- Dave Feighner provided pricing information on the 40th Anniversary Stickers. Jarrod Hoops made a motion, seconded by Chris Pruett to spend up to \$400 for the stickers. Motion passed.
- NEW BUSINESS: Dave Feighner put forth to the Board a matter to be voted upon by the Executive Board - will Saginaw Valley Region provide monetary support for the Great Lakes Divisional Driving School to be conducted in June. Each Board member was opposed to providing monetary support for the Driving School.
- Board discussed SVR Website and desire to have website content updated. Dave Feighner will contact Chris Holm to see if it will be possible to update the website and if there is any way that other individuals can post content to the website.
- Dave Feighner proposed that the club reimburse the RE and/or designee for expenses to attend the National Convention, Roundtable and Spring Training meetings. Board discussed various options. Dave to bring expenses for 2007 National Convention to the next board meeting for further discussion.
- NEXT MTG: The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday April 14th after the van clean-up in Bay City.
- ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Chris Pruett, seconded by Mike Burgess, to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorien Feighner, Secretary

Next Board Meeting
Wednesday May 16th, 2007 at 7pm
Ponderosa Alma , Michigan

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