

# *The CheckPoint*

**Jan – Feb 2019**

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<b>Board Minutes</b>		The Awards Banquet was held January 12. The following awards were presented:
<b>Contacts</b>		New Member Award: Kyle Roberts
<b>In The Marbles</b>		Most Improved: Keith Roberts
<b>Pax Results</b>		George Austin Award: Caius Boboescu
<b>Results</b>		We welcome new board member Kyle Roberts and new-old board member Dave Feighner. Re-elected Board members are Shawn Kelly, Caius Boboescu, Steve Alger and Larry MacLeod. The RE is Kyle Chipps.
<b>Solo Happenings</b>		Thank you to outgoing board members Mike Burgess and Jackson MacLeod.
<b>Times Gone By</b>		

I have photos from the event and will post on web page in the near future. Katherine Redwine

## **ICE RUNS**

Ice Runs for January 20 were cancelled due to lack of ice.



Ice runs for Feb 9/10 were cancelled due to horrible ice conditions

## **Checkpoint**

The next issue of *The Checkpoint* will be **MARCH 2019**. I will be accepting articles beginning Feb 25. It's just 2 weeks away.

Be sure to check the web page for the latest. <http://www.svr-scca.com>



## Checkpoint November 2018

*Did not get put in Nov-Dec as planned. Ed.*

### RE Corner

### Larry MacLeod

A few months ago, I wrote about the many other ways to have #funwithcars in the SCCA beyond only autocross. Those include rallycross, Track Night and Time Trials. Lately I've found myself lucky enough to attend a few of those events beyond the solo world. And it's an amazing world of car-related fun.

I mentioned back in August about the new SCCA Time Trial format. These events were the next logical step after the very successful Track Night in America program that debuted a few years ago. Time Trials have added competition against the clock into your high-speed track time. Time Trials (TT) now offer a place where people can competitively drive their fun cars faster than autocross, with more seat time than autocross, but without the higher risk associated with wheel-to-wheel contact.

I was lucky enough to be invited to help work at the first ever TT Nationals held at the track at NCM in Bowling Green, KY in late September. It was an impressive event at an amazing facility. People brought daily driven cars like Civics, 350Zs, Miatas, Corvettes and Mustangs as well as "trailer-queens" like Vipers and McLarens to play at the high-speed track at NCM. While there are no cones, the event format includes "sprint" segments that are similar to autocross with standing starts around small segments of the track. There are also full open track sessions where your fastest lap counts towards your score (similar to road-race qualifying). The event was so successful that Tire Rack has now signed an agreement to be the title sponsor of an annual 10 event National Time Trial series (similar to Tire Rack Solo National Tours) starting in 2019 that will culminate in the National Finale at NCM each year. If you have a fast car and want competition and lots of track seat-time, you should look into SCCA Time Trials.

There was a second National SCCA event held a few weeks ago that I was luckily enough to be asked to help work. This one was certainly not new to SCCA, but most people in our little region don't pay much attention to it. The 55<sup>th</sup> annual Club Racing National Championship Runoffs held at Sonoma Raceway in California. Each fall, the best of best club racers get together to crown a champion in each class. The event rotates to different tracks each year. It was at

Daytona in 2015, Mid-Ohio in 2016, Indianapolis in 2017 and this year at Sonoma. I was asked to provide color commentary for the TV and web-stream broadcasts. While the TV announcing was a lot of fun, the racing event itself was spectacular. The track might be one of the most challenging in North America. The sounds of the cars echo through the hillside are mesmerizing. The views beyond the track include the rolling hills of wine country in northern California just take your breath away. And the racing is some of the closest and best you'll see anywhere. This club has some incredible drivers. While some are professionals that still like to compete at the club level, the vast majority of the competitors are regular people just like us who want to drive wheel-to-wheel and go toe-to-toe with the best amateur drivers in the country before they go back to their normal jobs/lives on Monday.

One common theme between these events (TT Nationals, Runoffs and even Solo Nationals) is the people. Hundreds of drivers, hundreds more crew members and mix in the best volunteers and SCCA staff workers available to manage the events, and it's a guaranteed good time. The best part of any of those events is still the people. It's true what they say: "you come for the cars, but you stay for the people". #funwithcars

### In the Marbles

### David Feighner

Who's this guy and what is in the marbles? Most of the time...alright all of the time it's just some old wind bag trying to help fill space in the Checkpoint. Occasionally I have something useful or entertaining to say. This time we are going to entertaining.

As most of you know on January 12<sup>th</sup> we had our awards banquet and afterwards a group of us went to Clio for karting. While this isn't really new this year we had one of the best turnouts with 9 of us out mixing it up. The suspects are Larry, David, Jackson, Emma, Dylan, Kyle R. Caius, Shawn K, and Victor. We all choose to do a Grand Prix which would give us a 4 min. practice session, 6 min. qualifying session and an 8 min. race from a standing start.

Starting with the practice that was a time to get used to the karts and for those that are returning to remember the line and the quirks some of the karts

have. If memory serves correct the order of the top 4 was Larry, Jackson, Caius and Dave. Next up after a short brake was qualifying. Qualifying for the most part was uneventful with only a few taps here and there to let people know pressure is coming. It also allowed you to figure out driving styles and passing opportunities for the GP. When the dust settled the top 3 after qualifying was Larry 1, Jackson 2 and Dave 3. Larry had laid down a time for second fastest of the day followed by Jackson and Dave. Larry also thought it would be a good idea to start taunting me with thirdsies, a disease he knows all about up until this year.

Now we move into the apparently no holds barred GP. To help give the karting mortals a chance the order was inverted so the speedsters would have to work their way through the field. Larry proclaimed to watch out and stay out of his way because he was going to be charging through the field. Jackson rolled his eyes and I thought great maybe those two will mix it up giving us a chance to get away. With that the starting order became Emma, Caius, Kyle, Shawn, Victor, Dylan, Dave, Jackson, Larry. Once the green flag dropped I quickly got past Victor as his kart appeared to not have anything for out of the hole. After we got through the tight left right combination side by side was able to make a move past Shawn at the far end of the track. Looking ahead was Dylan and I could see Jackson right behind me sizing me up for a pass. Heading into lap two heading into the left right again I was going to comment to the inside and it appeared Jackson was heading for the outside. Hopefully Dylan would bobble and leave the inside open. Dylan opened the door a little when he locked up and I stuck my nose in there. We touched a little bit as he was not expecting to find a kart there when he tried to get back to the inside. Jackson was taking the long way around and gave me a chance to get away. Next was Kyle and I chased him down and applied pressure to him all the way through the left right and he gave me the point by on the straight. Now I just had to make sure not to lock up and let him back around. Up front Caius had gotten past Emma and I was looking for Jackson and Larry to be applying pressure soon. I got past Emma I believe after the big sweep in the right hander. Next was Caius and still looking for Jackson and Larry unless Jackson was giving Dad

fits and keeping him at bay. I caught Caius and passed him in the same area that I got by Emma if I am remembering correct. Then the next lap I thought I saw a sub 32sec. lap time and knew I needed to keep charging because Larry and Jackson had to be coming. A few laps later the checker flag waived. After the cooldown lap I was handed the flag to take a victory lap. What just happened here? How did I hold off the Kart drivers? Come to find out after Jackson and I got around Dylan there was a pile up that Larry got caught up in and he just wasn't the same after that. He also said the kart he had was a real beast to drive. Larry still turned in the second fastest time of the race a 31.449 just .3 slower than his qualifying time. Meanwhile I bumped Jackson to 4<sup>th</sup> fastest of the day with my best lap of 31.419. After our race SVR ruled the top 10 as we had 2-10 locked down. For the last 7 days Larry, David and Jackson were in the top 9. Larry was the only one to stay in the top 10 for the month of January.

There is a rematch planed after the February board meeting.

Saginaw Valley Region SCCA  
Executive Board Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2018

Call to order

8:07pm by Larry MacLeod

In attendance: Mike Burgess, Larry MacLeod, Jackson MacLeod, Caius Boboescu, Kyle Chipps, Steve Alger, Sheri Wolford.

Membership report

119 members

One of highest membership count in past years.

Treasurers Report

Weekend memberships not completely paid

Dumpster was billed twice, in process to fix

Van/Trailer storage paid through June 2019

Paid deposit on the banquet

Equipment report

Pricing FarmTek timing system, looking for spare JACircuits timing box from other regions.

Larry working to get spare box from NEOH.

Solo report

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Free entry for event chair?

Masters class?

Sheri has contacted women of the region to solicit ideas about the future of ladies classes/index

Old business

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Add people to myautoevents site to create events

Working on operations manual. Include page for responsibilities of the event chair.

New business

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Board Election results are in, next years board members will be contacted to confirm.

Banquet cost: \$20 adults, \$5 children aged 4-12.

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Adjournment

Next meeting at Famous Dave's on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:39p.m.

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Call to order

7:21pm by Larry MacLeod

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Next meeting at Apple Mountain before banquet  
Meeting adjourned at 8:20

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