

Saginaw Valley Region Sports Car Club of America

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Editor's Comments

Katherine Redwine

Spring has arrived! The first event is in just over two weeks!

David Redwine may be the



last person to replace his old helmet, but if you have an

older helmet, be sure to check that it is still legal. Go to (hold ctrl and click on link) <http://www.scca.com/pages/solo-cars-and-rules>, click on **2016 Helmet Certifications** ... under **Quick Reference Sheets**.

Looking forward to seeing you out there!

Odds n' Ends

Tom Hudak

Heritage Classic Stock (HCS) and Heritage Classic Race (HCR) are two new Solo classes for "sports cars, coupes and sedans from the early years of the SCCA". Vehicles must be from model year 1974 or older and not produced by a United States based manufacturer. See the new rules in the 2016 SCCA Solo Rule Book. Go to [www.scca.com/pages/solo-](http://www.scca.com/pages/solo-cars-and-rules)

[cars-and-rules](#) for complete information.



Solo Schedule

Details p.2 in Solo Happenings

Event 1 – **Apr 17** – Nexteer, Saginaw

Event 2 – **May 15** – Nexteer, Saginaw

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Event 3 – **Jun 5** - Nexteer, pending site approval, Saginaw

Event 4 – **Jun 25 & 26** - Yooper Cup at Brimely, MI with our northern neighbors LSR

Event 5 & 6 – **Jul 21 to 24** - Oscoda, Event 7 & 8 - Aug 5 to 7

Event 9 – **Aug 21** - TBD

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Event 11 – **Oct 16** – TBD



Solo Happenings Jay Payne



Well, we still aren't racing yet in our area. If you follow Facebook or some of the other forums you no doubt have seen some of the action from the more weather friendly parts of the country. Dave mentions "In the Marbles" about getting the cars out and it still being a tad early. Well I couldn't resist the last time I was home. I had just got the Red Rocket back on its wheels for the first time in three months. So we took a little spin, literally. A cold damp road and even a 280 tread wear tire don't make good bed fellows. So the Red Rocket went back indoors until it gets nicer out.

Now speaking of it getting nice and going racing, the SVR schedule is just about all set. We are waiting the final approvals on our sites, but they should be at the usual places we all love to visit; Nexteer, Brimely, Oscoda and Barstow. Although the sites are still being confirmed we can get out the dates for you.

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Event 7 & 8 - Aug 5 to 7 – Oscoda, This event will be run by SVR and Detroit hosting the Great

Lakes Solo Region event. The 5th will be a test & tune with the event dates the 6th & 7th

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Keep an eye on [Facebook](#), [the SVR website](#) and [MyAutoEvents.com](#) for updates on locations and when the registration will open for the events.

Something of food for thought. These events take person power to set up and tear down. The help of all of our members is great appreciated in these endeavors. Just showing up a little earlier or hanging around a little longer can go long ways to getting more out of the events. It takes us all to make SVR a great place to come to race.

All of our neighboring regions and the Great Lakes Solo Region have their schedules out now also. Check out some of their events as well. There are some great locations to get plenty of action within a few hours of driving from our region. Remember to share your experiences through Member Happenings.

I can't wait to see everybody at the first event in April.

In the Marbles
Dave Feighner
Greetings again Aliens,



What kind of marbles can we get into this month? One of these months I will come up with a real story, but until then I will have to do the best I can to fill up the page and make it pass the editor's desk.

The weather seems to be playing games with us. She is teasing us trying to make us get those fun cars and bikes out. While some people have been fooled, I don't think the roads are clean enough to get those vehicles out of

storage. Today as I was driving back from helping drop off a Sprinter Van, the wind was very rowdy and the amount of dirt, sand, salt blowing around the expressway was proof that it is not time to get the fun-mobiles out.

But the sun is saying come let go let's play. I am not talking about play in the yard and picking up sticks and raking. Before you know it April will be here and we will be having our first event. But that is still about a month away. What are we to do until then? Right now my yard looks like a solo course with the dirt mounds, sticks and what not in the yard. Maybe we need to get the mower out and get busy. I think if the neighbors saw me out there trying to apex the mole hills and turning the sticks into a lane change or slalom it would set off some alarms. Maybe not as bad when I thought I would aerate the yard using the old blue VW with the ice racing stud tires. I had a spot to put my Dt. Dew, music and the seat and suspension is way better than the Exmark. I think it only got out of control when the goal became trying to get to 3rd gear before the tall grass or road. Lorian never came out and yelled at me so I am sure I could have maybe pushed a little more but I didn't want the neighbors to call the white coats. In hindsight it may have worked better if the studs were a little longer and may have also been more effective if I wasn't doing 45mph in the yard. Maybe this year we can figure out how to rig a roller to the back of the Focus and use that to roll the yard. The Focus has almost 3 times the HP of old blue so maybe 60mph in the yard? Pretty sure I should not try this, all I see are ruts from spinning the front tires when the boost hits about 12-15psi. This is such a shame to; there is a much better radio and heated seats in the Focus. Oh well I guess we gas up the mower, grab the ear buds and when I stop bouncing that means the ground is level.

For more traditional outlets for pent up motorsports enthusiasm check out the other articles that should have event dates. Until then happy mowing, raking and all that other crappy yard stuff. We hope to see you at the season opener in April.

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Member Happenings

Jay Payne

I'm always looking for information for article and Tom Buckman decided to share some of his winter Florida adventures with us. This is Tom's article this month with only a small edit on my part. I felt his description to me was too good not to just post it as sent. Thanks Tom for sharing your story.

Written by Tom Buckman,

For the last 11 years, my wife and I have been lucky to own a home in Florida and spend our winters there. Each fall, I tow my car south and run with the Central Florida Region. CFR is a great bunch of people, with event turnouts of usually 75 – 125 cars.

We run at airport runways in Brooksville, and De Land, a parking lot at the Orange County Convention Center, and sometimes at a track at the Florida International Rally and Motorsports Park in Starke. There is also usually an event or two on an infield track at Daytona Speedway in conjunction with a club racing weekend, but my wife and I have always left for Michigan before they run there. A friend here runs an HPDE through the CFR at Daytona, but it, too, is also after we head north.

Over the years, we have run at a track in Gainesville behind Gainesville Raceway (the drag strip that hosts the Gator Nationals), and we used to run at a police training pad in Geneva before an incident with a car and the lake there caused us to lose the site. By the way, that's quite a story in itself.

CFR runs events all year – they only take off the month of December, but I will say that I'm happy not to be running there in the summer. I run with them until late April and even then it can be pretty hot, not that I'm complaining!

If you ever get a chance to run a solo with CFR, do it.

With Tom's description of running in Florida it kind of makes me want to move to be able to run year around there. We should also encourage Tom to share the story of the car and the lake. This sounds like it could be very interesting indeed.

If you have experiences you would like to share with everybody please send me a brief description and details at mustangracer2015@yahoo.com

Times Gone By

by Tom Hudak



Information from old CheckPoint publications, courtesy of George Austin.

Information from old Fifth Wheel Publications, courtesy of Bob & Bernie Madison and Joe Beaune.

40 Years Ago

April, 1976

SVR had busy schedule of Solo IIs, TSD Rallies and a Pro Rally planned for the year. The Wonder Muffler – Northern Lights Pro Rally, sponsored by Valley Rally Association would be on May 15-16 from Midland. Gary Hayes sent a check from the 1975 Marathon 400 Pro Rally to finalize all of the bookkeeping. As of March, the club checkbook balance was \$124.63 & the savings account balance was \$123.99. The Annual White Elephant Auction would be at the May 5th General Meeting. The Membership list was published with 44 names & addresses. In the R.E. Corner, Don Jekel wrote that SVR has “the know-how and ability to organize any type event, at any level we choose.” Also printed were some of the SVR CB Handles: Terry Rueter, Super Rat; Jim Miller, Top Banana; Guy Light, Robin Hood; Dick Lieber, Fortune Cookie; Wayne Grubaugh, Green Dragon; Jim Doidge, Herbie; Joe LeBeau, Leapfrog; J.T. Harlow, Retriever; And Bert Miller, Red Zed! Also in this issue, a letter from J.C. Meshinggear, Mayor of Broken Sump, Ontario, inviting rallyists to participate in the 1976 Canadian Winter Rally. A copy of Jim Walker’s letter to Cameron R. Argetsinger, SCCA, was published concerning the problem of another sanctioning body for Pro Rallies.

30 Years Ago

April, 1986

Gail Hoult would be driving the Light Performance Works Olds Omega in the Tulip 200 Pro Rally with Jean Lindamood as the co-driver. Guy Light & Jon Wickens were going for the Production Class Championship in their VW GTI. Rueter’s had a 1981 Chevy Citation for sale for \$1800.00. Jim Harrison, Denny Rueter & Jon Nykamp were looking forward to SVR participation in the MACA-GT Rally. Jim & Cheryl Harrison were moving to their new home on Forestview Dr., Midland...Jim finally had a garage for the cars!

20 Years Ago

April, 1996

Dave Feighner’s “Left Inner Cranium” discussed the possible changing of the SVR club logo. Dave was also getting familiar with the “net” and “email”! Doug Leithauser wrote about a classic sports car exhibit at the Sloan Museum in Flint. Geza Korchmaros, editor of the “Open Exhaust”, inquired about possible email exchanges & complimented Dave Feighner on recent Checkpoint issues. Snyder Racing Enterprises introduced The 1996 Most Improved Driver Competition Award. The Hub Tire Racing Contingency was also published.

10 Years Ago

April, 2006

R.E. Stacey Despelder wrote about scheduling the van clean-up for April 15th. Dave Feighner wrote about SVR’s first Rallycross. James Dimmick & Doug Harvey chaired the event. (If I recall, this event was held at a field on D. Harvey’s property.) A morning session and an afternoon session of 3 runs each were run. Sixteen cars ran in 6 classes. Bob Martin had the fastest time in class (PA) and overall in his ’88 Mazda GTX. Second fastest time went to Scott Harvey Jr. in his ’90 Eagle Talon, Class M4.

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SAGINAW VALLEY REGION SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2016

TIME: 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Mike Burgess, Dave Feighner, Lisa Burgess, Kyle Chipps, Jay Payne, Steve Alger, Terrance Daniels and Lorien Feighner.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Mike Burgess at 7:36 PM. Dave Feighner made a motion, seconded by Jay Payne to approve the January meeting minutes. Motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: 107 members. Three new members joined.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The balance includes payment for the banquet and 2015 awards as well as the income from the first ice run. Payment for Ice Run sanction and insurance has not been made. Weekend memberships have already been taken care of through myautoevents.com. The audit of the books is complete. Judy Hudak provided a summary. She was able to find the accounting error that Steve Alger had missed. There were a few items where there were missing receipts from Oscoda event. Judy recommended that Steve include the sanction and insurance paperwork for each event in with the accounting records. Steve has not heard back from Barstow on the \$1000 deposit. Terrance recommended that we request a letter to acknowledge the deposit or request that they return the deposit and SVR will send a new check for the deposit.

EQUIPMENT REPORT: Dave Feighner obtained the certificate of insurance so that he can renew the license plate for the van. Dave is starting to look around for a potential van replacement.

SOLO REPORT: Chuck Tate, Kyle Chipps and Jay Payne met on 2/14 to discuss potential dates for events and provided them to Sean. An additional meeting will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks for additional planning for the 2016 season. The ice run for 2/21 was cancelled due to the ice conditions.

TABLED: Chad Brower to move the archives to the new website. Boreen Cup - purchase of small trophies or cups for past winners.

OLD BUSINESS: The charter renewal paperwork has been completed and sent to the SCCA National office. Katherine Redwine volunteered to be the CheckPoint editor. Jay Payne and Lorien Feighner will meet to discuss the existing process and spreadsheet used to manage the solo points.

NEW BUSINESS: The Great Lakes Division spring training meeting is scheduled for Saturday 3/12.

NEXT MTG: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday March 15th at 7:00 at the Fuddruckers in Flint.

ADJOURNMENT: There was a motion by Steve Alger, seconded by Terrance Daniels, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lorien Feighner
Secretary

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