

# The CheckPoint

January February 2021

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Location:  
Ross Lake, Beaverton City Park  
Exit U.S. 10 @ M18

Go north through Beaverton, park is on your left just over the bridge.

Registration: 8:30 a.m.

Cost: \$35 Member, \$50 Non Member

Practice Runs: Until 10:15 a.m. Night 5:15 p.m.

Timed Runs: 11:00 a.m. Night 6:00 p.m.

Tech Inspection, Seat Belts & Helmets Required

\*Night event details – See MyAutoEvents.com



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Restaurants

**Beaverton** –Delena’s Restaurant & Subway, 4 Gas Stations with Restrooms.

It is my understanding that Beaverton Tavern is still closed to business.



For Sale: Formula V Race car, trailer and spares.

For more information contact:

Don Christiansen 989-777-1877. Bridgeport, MI

## **Ice Runs**

We'll continue to use Ross Lake, but there's some potential for conflict with local activities that may have been misplaced due to the dam failures and flooding earlier this year (e.g. ice fishing that would've otherwise occurred elsewhere). We may elect or need to hold event(s) at Saginaw Bay as in years past; we'll keep folks posted.

Of course, with the ongoing pandemic, we'll be providing information regarding safety protocols; expect that in the coming weeks. For now, feel free to reference SVR's Solo guidelines published on MAE; ours will look very similar. Probably the biggest practical change is that we cannot provide loaner helmets, so you'll need to furnish your own.

As in years past, we'll be posting events on MyAutoEvents and will open registration the week of the event(s).

Keep your fingers crossed for consistent sub-freezing temps!

## **RE-Marks**

Finally, a new year. I'd like to start off 2021 with as much enthusiasm and positivity as we can have. We are lucky enough to have a great group of people on the board of directors for 2021 that have shown both experience and eagerness.

Of course, we can't look ahead to the new year until we reflect on the last. An unbelievable effort made by so many of our members have made 2020 one of the most successful years in recent times as far as member growth but also as far as the number and quality of events. All of this during a pandemic the likes of which hadn't been seen in over a century. Like previously mentioned, there are many to thank for this, but most of all this could not have been

accomplished without some excellent leadership from Larry MacLeod. His contributions to the club were paramount in his four years on the board. The club membership has grown consistently in his time as RE and has seen many other improvements as well such as: wireless timing, a new nearly silent generator, credit card acceptance at registration, improved waiver protocols, and the coveted SVR instructions manual. All of these improvements have already shown their worth and will continue to help the club for years to come. Even though Larry will no longer be on the board this year, he has promised to serve as a mentor to us. We are very thankful for this and wish him all the best in his future ventures.

So now we can look ahead at the year at hand. Some of the goals the board will strive for this year include a switch to a new online registration platform, a brand-new website, and a search for a new autocross site. While we are always looking for new lots to play in, this year the search becomes more of a central focal point. Last year, we were made aware that 2021 would be our last year at Oscoda. This is one of the best sites in the state and possibly even in all of the Midwest. Because of this we plan on doing what we can to have as many events there as possible and make all of them memorable.

I am looking forward to the new year, even with its challenges, I am confident that we can make it successful and continue having fun with cars.

Caius Boboescu

2021 SVR Region Executive



## SVR Member Spotlight

### Judy and Tom Hudak

#### Family

How fitting that Judy and Tom Hudak, lifetime SCCA members, actually went on a blind date to the December 1975 SVR GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING! They have no children of their own but over the years have hosted four exchange students and one stray high school student that needed a home. For the most part those experiences were good, and then some not so good. Three are from Germany and one from Chile. They are still in touch with 3 out of 4 of them. Oh, yes, we can't forget the black lab, Gambler, who accompanied Tom and Judy whenever they worked rallies and ice runs.

#### Career

Tom was originally from Pittsburgh, PA. After graduating from Robert Morris University, he moved to Michigan in 1965 to work for Wickes Lumber. Tom eventually retired from Barn Door Lumber in 2006. Judy was born and raised in Midland and worked for The Dow Chemical Company. She first retired from Dow in 1999, returning

to work temporarily then eventually going "full time retirement" in 2006 along with Tom.

#### Life Before Racing

Judy already owned her 1975 Corvette when she accompanied Tom to that fateful SVR General Meeting in December of '75. The seeds of a racing hobby were planted early for Judy.

Tom spent 6 months in active USAF duty after college. But when he returned, he wanted to put his car that had been sitting in storage (1960 Triumph TR3) to some good use. A neighbor, VW salesman, pointed him towards his local SCCA region and he was hooked on a life of motorsports.

#### Hobbies Outside of Racing

Tom volunteers driving for Meal on Wheels and Judy is a coordinator for a local food pantry. It is their way of giving back to the community.

Hobbies for Tom include woodworking, home improvements and yard maintenance. Judy enjoys baking/cooking, jigsaw puzzles and home improvement projects. And while their lives seem to revolve around racing, they also spend time at their cottage that Tom owned before they met.

#### Year Started Racing

Shortly after that SVR Membership meeting in 1975 Judy started competing in 1976 driving her 1975 Corvette. She quickly realized she could scare herself from behind the wheel, and that she was better suited to serve the administrative side of the club. In the years since, she has served time as RE, Treasurer, Secretary, Board Member and is currently our SVR Resident Agent.

Tom started his life in motorsports with the Steel Cities Region near Pittsburgh, PA in

1965. When he moved to the Saginaw area, he connected with the local SCCA people and the other local active club, the Saginaw Valley Sports Car Club. In addition to being part of the original SCCA charter of SVR in 1967, he has served in just about every role in the 50+ year history of the region and is currently our Region Historian, putting together those great historical facts for the CheckPoint every month.

## Current and Past Race Cars

For a more in-depth history of Tom's motorsports (and it is really cool), go check out the Feb 2017 CheckPoint article that Jay Payne wrote for us. Tom has a fascinating history of various cars and racing events, and Jay's interview covers it very well. Thanks Jay!

Included in the current Hudak stable of cars (Tom does like his British cars) are:

1967 Jaguar XKE

2011 Jaguar XF

New project 1972 MGB GT (with 1969 engine)

## In the Marbles David Feighner

Not that anyone needs reminding but 2020 was a unique year to say the least. While we were lucky enough to have the majority of our season, once October and November rolled around what are we supposed to do? Do what everyone did in 2020, go virtual. Now a few of our club members have been doing the virtual racing thing for years. Those stalwarts became the coaches for the rookie class to help get sim rigs built and set

up. In turn, that led to the start of the SVR iRacing Sunday morning winter league.

The first event took place 11-15-20 racing at Daytona on the road course in VW TDI Jetta's. What? I thought this was going to be race cars, not grocery getters. Got to start somewhere right? Our first event had 8 brave participants: Larry, Kyle C. Caius, Ed, Victor, John R, Jon W (LSR) and myself. Missing was Jackson, but he didn't want to waste his talents on such



mediocrity. 80% of the fun is the chatter on Discord as we can all talk to one another. Of course, the bouncing, skipping Jetta's also provided plenty of entertainment.

Since then, our group has grown to 12 and there has to be more participants out there with rigs that are ready to join the madness. While the Aliens in the club have lots of content (different tracks and race cars) we have tried to keep our races to the free

content to help those just getting started not to have to buy a bunch of tracks and cars. It seems the most popular class of cars are the GT3 cars as they always seem to get asked for when the question is “what do you want to run?”. We have run a wide variety of cars, Miata, Formula Skip Barber, Pro Mazda, even a 34 Ford Coupe Legends car.

So, what is it like? It’s fun, funny, frustrating, nerve racking and maybe educational. The last two may sound crazy. How could it be nerve racking? While when you crash, you don’t get hurt. It is nerve racking when you have a lap going, you are in the green (personal best) and you just ever so slightly miss a brake zone or catch a curb and from there, all hell breaks loose. You would not believe some of the air time you can get in some of those cars. Yet it is all those oh crap moments that are also educational. It can teach looking ahead, patience, throttle modulation and the list goes on. Of course, it is all easier said than done but for the most part we have all gotten better. We still can’t keep up with the aliens and, in my case, most of the time I will have one moment of brilliance followed by horrendous mediocrity for the next 10 laps.



### **Times Gone By by Tom Hudak**

Information from old Check Points, courtesy of George Austin. Information from NEM Fifth Wheel publications, courtesy of Bob & Bernie Madison & Joe Beaune.

### **From the Fifth Wheel**

**60 Years Ago February, 1961**

Alfred Hickey was the new R.E. for NEM Region. In this issue, he discussed the benefits of belonging to SCCA, as an organized club. “These, then, are your fellow members and this is their creed as quoted from the SCCA Operations Manual. ‘Its finest and most fundamental spirit is achieved in the Amateur Sportsman.

Without the rules of the game, there is no game.

Without a lucid definition of our sports activities, there is no sport.

Without effective administration of our organization, there is no substance or permanence.

Without a sense of fair play and regard for others, there is no sportsmanship or true pleasure.

The aim of the Sports Car Club of America...is the advancement and preservation of these principles.”

The NEM January Ice Run was held at the Atlas Mill Pond, off US 10 and Perry Rd. Thirty-eight cars entered in four classes. But Marlow Ladd bested everyone in his Saab with a 1:06.5 run. The next best time was a 1:11.2 by Fred Hickey in his Corvair.

### **From the CheckPoint**

#### **60 Years Ago            February, 1961**

At the SVSCC Annual Awards Banquet, Mr. Arkus Duntov presented a very fine program of the 1960, 24 Hour LeMans and a technical analysis of the CERV-1, Chevrolet's new rear engine experimental car.

On February 25<sup>th</sup> the club planned to have a Torchlight Ice Run.

#### **50 Years Ago            January, 1971**

Tony Validzich (Valik) wrote about his experience at a Night Ice Run a year ago. Since he had so much fun, even though he lost a shifter in his car, he thought it a good idea to join SVR. It seems that Don Jekel & a few others helped him enough by towing the car & lending him a pair of channel locks, just so he could drive the car 90 miles back home.

The Furrin Group planned ice runs at Lake City and SVR had two ice runs a month scheduled in January and February.

Rallymaster Morgan Curry wrote about the Snowman's Revenge Rally. This event had twenty-seven cars. First went to Judith &

Philip Kumier; 2<sup>nd</sup> to Charles Raley & Bill Main.

SVR Driver of the Year went to Joan Fahlgren in her Austin Cooper S. Rallyist of the year went to the husband & wife team of Dave & Florence Kirby.

#### **50 Years Ago            February, 1971**

Jim Miller, the new R.E., wrote about the successful events of the past year, under the direction of Bill Main and what SVR had planned for the future. Mary Lou Main wrote about the Annual Awards Banquet held at the Executive House in Midland.

The January General Membership Meeting had several guests, including Roger & Margo Turpening, Detroit Reg., SCCA. The Turpenings presented a plaque to Harold Nadler, in appreciation for the help that SVR provided during the 1970 running of the POR Rallye. They went on to explain that the 1971 event would span three days and include a trip into the U.P.

Dave Kirby, event chairman for the first Ice Run on Jan. 16, explained that only 28 cars participated because of a conflict with the Super Bowl!

“Preparing a Car for Drivers School” was written by Jim Mickle, Chief Scrutineer.

#### **40 Years Ago            January, 1981**

Steve Sands was filling in for Georgia Peitsch as Editor. Georgia took a leave of absence to take care of her mother. Ice Runs were scheduled to begin on January 11<sup>th</sup> at Beaverton. Ice Run Regulations were printed along with an “Order of Progression.”

A reply to a survey by David Nokes of Albuquerque, NM was completed & printed in the Checkpoint by Judy Hudak. It was a

questionnaire about training to become a Regional Executive & assistance from the Denver Office of SCCA.

**40 Years Ago February, 1981**

Georgia Peitsch's Editorial was about "beeping & waving". Oh yes, sports car owners should be beeping & waving at each other, even if they don't know the owner. It appeared however, that this friendly gesture was fading away, as there were fewer "sports cars" available. With the exception of the MGBs of Gary Kuerbitz & Bruce Fisher, the Porsche of Tom Parker, the TR-6 of Tom Smith, the Spitfire of Rich Dickey and the Lotus of Mike & Georgia Peitsch.

The Annual Awards Banquet, chaired by Jan Smith was a success. It was "all you can eat" salad and steak at Bintz's Apple Mountain.

Steve "Trendy" Sands wrote about the ice Run season. Over 100 cars had entered in the first 3 events. Georgia Peitsch wrote about "The Great Rally Car Monster"... 5 ½ pages long!

**30 Years Ago December/January, 1990/91**

RE Larry Hall announced the new Board Members. Larry also mentioned that of the 61 SVR members, approximately 50% voted. This was the best participation in an SVR election on record. Jim Mickle wrote a review of the Thumbs Up National Tour Rally.

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**30 Years Ago February-March, 1991**

The Checkpoint had ad sponsors from Mid-Pointe Motors, Midland; Discount Tire in Midland; Paul Forwerck's Quality Auto Collision in Saginaw; Interstate Battery of Bay City, Westbay Honda of Saginaw; Harold Zeigler Ford Jeep Eagle of Plainwell; and Rallye Import Automotive of Midland. Former SVR member Roger Suppes was the new vice president & partner of the Zeigler dealership.

For Sales included a huge selection of tires, new & used auto parts, a home & business on 14 acres in Midland... all from Guy Light. Larry Hall was selling his 1976 Winnebago Motor home & Tom Hudak had an assortment of Cibie headlights.

**20 Years Ago December/January, 2000/01**

Outgoing RE Steve Munsell, thanked all who participated in SVR events, especially those who worked events. New Board members would be Mike Horning, Lisa Krueger, Mike Burgess, Trenton Munsell, Dave Feighner & Steve Munsell. New RE would be Kristen Vanzee.

Dave Feighner wrote about energizing a 1969 Mercury Cougar XR-7. Dave also wrote about Jeff Ervin capturing first place at the SCCA Valvoline Runoffs in his GT-1 Ford Mustang Cobra!

After a 16 year absence from the rally scene, Steve Nowicki and Dave Stone (SVR

member) took first in the Group 5 Class at the POR / Lake Superior Pro Rally at Houghton, MI. They picked up the built for rally 1979 Mazda RX-7 on Friday and won on Saturday!

**20 Years Ago                      February-March,  
2001**

Kristin VanZee, the new R.E., thanked all who helped make the 2000 SVR year successful. Dave Feighner & Mike Burgess were looking for help to do the Annual Van Spring Cleanup. This issue of the CheckPoint had many pictures of the Annual Awards Banquet. Kristen won New Member of the Year, Class Champion and the Snyder Racing Most Improved Driver Award. Buddie Jasman was pictured as the first winner of the Boreen Cup (Best SVR Driver's Year End Index). Bruce Richards was recognized for all of his hard work as the Event Site Coordinator, with the George Austin Service Award.

The 2001 Solo II schedule was announced with events to be held at Bay City Powertrain, Barstow Airport, Delphi Plant 6 and the Great Lakes Tech Center in Flint.

**10 Years Ago                      December- January  
2010, 2011**

Dave Feighner CP Editor was having a hard time getting his column, In the Marbles, started. Although he had been cutting & splitting wood for his mom...he was thinking that the log splitter should be powered by a Ford small block! Next on his agenda was working on the Rabbit / Scrabit studded tires & wheels. Fortunately, Dave has never drawn blood or ripped his jeans doing this job!

The Ice Run Schedule was posted for the first two events to be held at Ross Lake,

Beaverton and the last two events to be held at the Saginaw Bay, Linwood Road ramp.

The Year End Awards Banquet would be held at Stein Haus, Bay City along with a visit to the Bay City Motor Company. RSVP to Judy Hudak.

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Call to order

Larry MacLeod, Kyle and Nicole Roberts, Caius and Jackie Boboescu, Dave and Lorien Feighner, Ed Prymak, Victor Tugulan, Jackson MacLeod

December 2020 Minutes

11:24 by Larry, seconded by Jackie.

Motion to approve Nov minutes by Caius seconded by Dave.

Membership

141 Members

Treasurers Report

Weekend memberships are paid for that were invoiced from National Office

Paper weekend memberships have yet to be paid, Nicole is working with National Office on those  
Larry messaged John Li to pay SVR from the Oscoda event.

Equipment

Old display repair in progress, replacement

Loaner helmet fate to be decided.

Road rally

Still looking for a date. Sam K is going to talk to Tom

Solo

No change in sanction fees for 2021

Ice Runs

Ashley has a schedule out, and is working to get the Ice Runs set up for the year.

Probably should have Ice Runs use My Auto Events, while we look into MotorSportsReg

Old

Jackie is going to look into Motorsportreg as a registration system. She is in contact with John Li to start the transition.

Kyle will send out pricing info and a preview of website.

New

Sam brought up possibility of reaching out and handing out info at car events in the Tri city area

Might look into creating a brochure or page on new website for new members

2021 Board transition

Kathrine - Checkpoint editor

Jay - Points Keeper

Sean - Solo Chair

Kyle R - Asst RE

Secretary - Kyle C

Caius wants to look into using vinyl stickers for tech rather than paper which doesn't come off easily

Annual Tech Discussion

Would speed up the process

Could charge once per year for the annual tech stickers

Ed is going to look into how to implement

Next

Jan 27 Zoom 7PM

Ajourn

12:47 Larry, seconded Caius.

Call to order

Larry MacLeod, Kyle and Nicole Roberts, Caius and Jackie Boboescu, Dave Feighner

8:04 by Larry, seconded by Jackie.

Motion to approve Oct minutes by Caius seconded by Kyle R.

Membership

No report.

November 2020 Minutes

Treasurers Report

Nicole has been keeping the spreadsheet updated.  
Pending check from Detroit from Oscoda event.

Equipment

Equipment is stored for the winter.  
Jackson is still working on the old display.  
Will wait till next year to decide on what to do with loaner helmets.

Road rally

Larry talked to Tom, organizers involved in road rally setup ran one with Detroit region.  
Still looking for a date.

Solo

No report.

Old

Van stickers are slowly appearing. Caius will pick up stickering in the spring.

Website

Board shared ideas about sites, specifically other SCCA sites that looked nice.  
Kyle C will put together a list of options for website pricing with wordpress.

New

Website blurbs about Banquet and karting will go up.

2021 Board

Dave Feighner  
Ed Prymak  
Jackie Boboescu  
Kyle Roberts  
Kyle Chipps  
Chris Pruett

Next

TBD

Ajourn

8:50 ED, seconded Caius.

Jackie is going to look into Motorsportreg as a registration system. MAE will not fix the issue with weekend memberships. We do have a workaround but it is a manual process.

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