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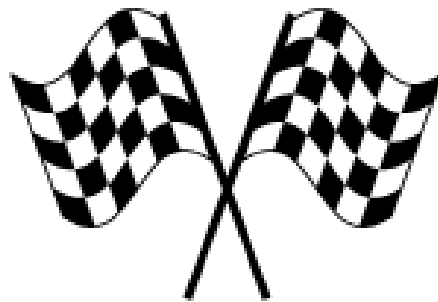
May 2017



Street Survival
May 7th
Iowa Speedway

Solo
May 21st
Osky Airport

Solo
June 4th
Iowa Events Center



As the month of April comes to a close, we are excited about where we have been and where we are going. The month of April has been a challenging one the Club racing front. Due to a newly scheduled event at Iowa Speedway we have had to move our race to July 15th and 16th. This change was not done without a lot of work on both sides. Approximately 2 weeks ago, I was informed by the Iowa Speedway of a potential conflict with a major event. The issues revolved around the catch fence that had to be removed for the June 9th event. To re-install the catch fence and have it inspected would take 5-7 days of around the clock staffing assuming that there were no weather delays. The timing was just too uncertain to risk a cancellation potentially days before our June 16th race. The event turned out to be a benefit concert featuring the heavy metal band Metallica. All proceeds from this concert will benefit The Native Fund, a charity founded by Iowa Natives Ashton Kutcher and Dallas Clark. After all official announcements were made by the Speedway, we then started to work on an alternative date and ended up with July 15th/16th as being our best option. (Not perfect, but our best available). The team is now working to update the supplemental regulations for the date change and moving forward with planning.

Have a safe and prosperous May

Erich

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CALENDAR



May

2	Membership/Board	Smokey D's	Chris Riester
	Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting		
7	Street Survival	Iowa Speedway	Harlan
	Donaldson		
21	Solo	Oskey	Jerry/Randy

June

4	Solo	Iowa Event Center	Jerry/Randy
6	Membership/Board	Smokey D's	Chris Riester
	Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting		
11	Hot Rod Show	Iowa Speedway	Jerry

July

4	7 th Annual Kris Mandt Car Show	Urbandale	Jim Kirk
8-9	Solo	Iowa Challenge/Oskey	Jerry/Randy
11	Membership/Board	Smokey D's	Chris Riester
	Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting		
15-16	Club Racing	Iowa Speedway	Erich

August

1	Membership/Board	Smokey D's	Chris Riester
	Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting		
13	Solo	Iowa Event Center	Jerry/Randy

September

5	Membership/Board	Smokey D's	Chris Riester
	Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting		
17	Solo	Iowa Speedway	Jerry/Randy

October

3	Membership/Board	Smokey D's	Chris Riester
	Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting		
7	Street Survival	Iowa Speedway	Harlan
15	Solo	Adventureland	Jerry/Randy

BoD Minutes

DMVR April 4, 2017 Board Meeting Minute by Minute

The DMVR SCCA board meeting was called to order on April 4, 2017 at Smokey D's by RE Erich Pfalzgraf.

The following board members were present:

Erich Pfalzgraf
Harlan Donaldson
Fred Bell
Chris Riester
Randy Sams
Jerry Grogan
Mary Harrington

RE Report: Erich reported that the race committee is working on the supps for the June 17-18 race at Iowa Speedway which need to be completed at least 45 days before the event. He advised that they will be asking for help. Dave will need driver instructors. We still need a tech chief. Erich will be getting with the chiefs in the next couple of weeks. Chas will work as worker coordinator.

Erich advised the Hot Rod Power Tour is June 11th. We need to work out the language on insurance for our workers. The contract has been signed. We will get a donation for our work.

Solo: Jerry reported the first solo at Adventureland was great with 101 cars. Everyone pitched in to help. Everyone did well at the Saturday school. The June solo event was moved to June 4th. We have a new scoreboard which is remote. Jerry advised solo would like to purchase 5-6 helmets with 2015 Snell ratings. Jerry made motion to purchase 5-7 helmets for solo not to exceed \$800. Seconded by Fred. Motion passed.

Randy advised we are using the new chief system. The next Test n Tune will be 4/15. The next solo is 4/30 at Iowa Speedway.

Rally Cross: No report

Assistant RE: Chris advised the July meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday July 4th. It was decided to change the July meeting to Tuesday July

11th. There was brief discussion on the annual meeting date. Erich advised the end of the season for Midiv may change to Oct 15th which may make a difference on the date we choose for the annual meeting. Harlan advised that since solo is still running in Oct, we may want to consider November forward as a date. Chris advised we're looking for location suggestions.

Treasurer: Fred advised the financials have been sent to the board. Fred advised solo increased their entry fee by \$5. At this point he is not sure how much National will increase costs. Bob Mauer has submitted his audit report to Eich and Fred. The tax return for 2016 is not due until May.

Jim Kirk advised of the July 4th 7th Annual Kris Mandt car show at Urbandale – a flyer will be in the next newsletter.

Dave advised Fast Friday at RPM will be starting April 14th and there will be several dates during the season.

Ric advised the website is making progress and he is currently working on putting up the by-laws. Hopefully May Drifting will be online.

Erich advised the business card sized schedule needs some corrections and we will have them reprinted.

Harlan advised Street Survival needs workers/instructors/drivers for the May 7th date. Harlan reviewed the student requirements and instructor requirements. He advised we currently have 8 students and 17 workers registered. Harlan advised he is working with a couple of sources for statewide advertising. The next Street Survival is scheduled for October 7th.

A motion was made by Fred and seconded by Randy to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Harrington,
Secretary



Membership News Chas Beeler

May Birthdays:

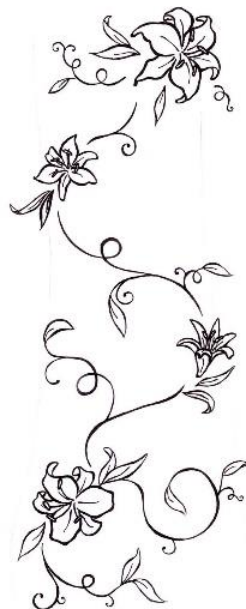
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Armaan Kumar
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Mike Phelps
Monica Shaw
Madison Sly
Diane Struve
Joe Tharpe
David Vande Berg

May Anniversaries:

Bob Maurer - 50 Years
Luke Mckee - 10 Years
Jay Sharp - 5 Years

Change of address:

None



In our thoughts

Our thoughts are
with Keith and
Scott Bowman and
the recent loss of
their wife and
mother.

F4 United States Championship Powered by Honda

Rounds 1 -3 Homestead-Miami Speedway, April 7-9, 2017

By Carl Wieman

Hello Everyone. I am working with the F4 US Championship Series this year. This is sanctioned by SCCA Pro Racing. This is the 2nd year of the series in the USA, after being in other parts of the world for a few years. I am back where I started my career, working with Honda engines. In 1971, I worked at a Honda cycle shop and then several years later, after a few years in the US Army and a teaching job, I worked at Mankato Honda as an Auto Technician and then as Service Manager for 10 years.

During that time, I not only worked with Hondas, but also competed in SCCA Solo II with many different Hondas through the years. In 1982, I rebuilt a Honda CVCC Civic engine from 4 cylinders to a 2 cyl and won a SAE Mileage Competition. Later I swapped out the 2 cyl and put the 4 cyl back in and competed in Solo II and won many trophies.

Many years later, I am now back working with Honda engines in F4 as one of the Staff and Technical Inspectors for the series. Our first race weekend was April 7-9 at Homestead, FL, using the NASCAR oval and infield road course. We had two test sessions on Friday, one practice on Saturday along with qualifying and then race 1 later in the day. Sunday we had two F4 races. Each race is 30 minutes long.

In F4, there are 6 race weekends with 3 races each. It makes for a tight schedule, but with so many young drivers, it gives them the track time, without missing a lot of school. Of the 33 cars, we had two drivers that are 13 years old with most of the drivers under 20 years old. They come from 9 different countries, including the US.

One of the 13 year olds, Jack William Miller, Westfield, IN, his Dad raced at Indy in 1997-2001, is new to the series. Jack raced in go-karts last year, but no car experience before 2016. Jack finished 5th in the first race, in the 2nd race DNF from a crash, as several other drivers. It seemed like race 2 was not good for many drivers, or they could not remember how wide their car was and contacted another car. The 3rd race, Jack came back for a 6th place finish. Timo Reger, Houston, TX won race 1 and 3 along with a 2nd in race 2. Timo is another young driver that is still in high school.

With this kind of enthusiasm and results from all of these young drivers, the US might have some fantastic American drivers in F1 and Indy Cars in a few years. Hopefully they will develop their skills and become a Champion in those series.

I was at Pit-In with a radar gun checking speeds as they came off turn 4 of the NASCAR oval, after being on the oval from after turn 2 of the oval. As they come off turn 4, the cars were running 122 mph, and by the time they got towards the end of the straight, before turn 1 of the oval, where they turn left to take the infield portion of the course, the cars are at 128+ mph.

For more details and full results on the F4 US Championship series, see sccaproring.com or f4uschampionship.com.

The next F4 race weekend is June 9-11 at Indianapolis, IN. Followed by July 6-9 at Canadian Tire Motorsports Park, and August 10-12 at Mid Ohio.

The F4 Championship Story

In 2013, the The Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) saw the need for an entry into open-wheel racing for graduates of disciplines such as Karting, but at a lower expense than Formula 3. This new category, Formula 4, was created to meet that need.

Since that announcement, officially sanctioned F4 Championships have appeared throughout the world, and now, we are pleased to announce the creation of the **F4 United States Championship certified by FIA**.

SCCA Pro Racing contracted with the FIA to sanction the F4 Championship in the United States, and earlier this year, (2015) the SCCA solicited proposals for engine, tire, and chassis partners. The SCCA's goal was to create a competitive, exciting, and affordable series for participants. After a thorough review, the chosen partners are: Honda (engines), Pirelli (tires), and Crawford Composites (chassis). The United States F4 Championship will commence in 2016.

Carl



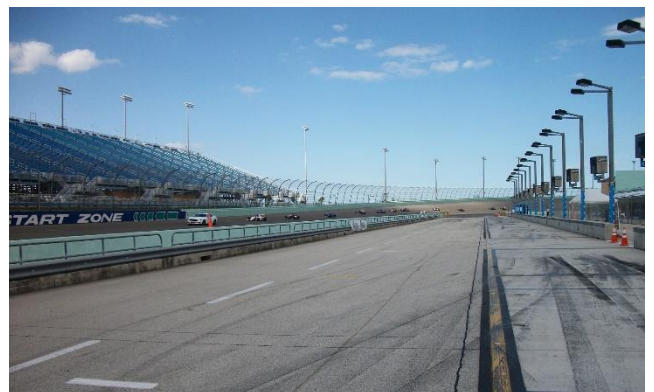
F4P re-grid



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Jack Miller



F4 Start



Street Survival still has openings!
"It's about more than driving. It's about living."

Sunday, May 7th, 2017
Iowa Speedway
3333 Rusty Wallace Drive
Newton, IA 50208

8:00am - 5:00pm

· Host · Des Moines Valley Region SCCA
Local Contact: Rick Talbot
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The Tire Rack Street Survival® school is a safe teen driving program designed to go beyond today's required driver education and give teens across the U.S. the driving tools and hands-on experience they need to become safer, smarter drivers. The school provides trained and qualified in-car driving instructors as well as a valuable classroom experience for each student. This school is open to permitted or licensed drivers ages 15-21.



7th Annual Kris Mandt Memorial Car Show Urbandale, Iowa



4th of July, 2016

Location: Urbandale High School

Time: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, registration closes 1 pm

Participate Judging. Top 20 awards

Entry Fee: \$15 per car. ALL Proceeds donated to

Food Pantry of Urbandale and Children's Cancer Connection

(You may leave the car show for parade and re-enter after the parade is finished.

Aurora closed during parade, alternate entry from 72nd Street south of Meredith)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Year of Car: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Special notes:

No Pre-registration Please pay/donate at the gate when you arrive! THANK YOU! Entrants: By signing this entry you hereby release and discharge Urbandale 4th of July committee and DMVR SCCA and anyone connected with management of this event, from claims for any damage, lose, injury, or judgment, or from any other cause suffered by the entrant, or to the entrants vehicle, or to personal property of the entrant, which occurs during the course of this event being held at the Urbandale High School on July 4th, 2017

Signature:



Grandi Gare di Noah
"Noah's Great Races"
July 15-16, 2017 at Iowa Speedway, Newton IA
Hosted by Des Moines Valley Region



MidAm Triple Regional Runoffs Qualifier / Bracket Challenge / PDX

TRIPLE REGIONAL – ALL CLASSES

- ❖ Three Regional races for Runoffs qualification for eligible classes
- ❖ MidAm Championship Series points



PLUS,

BRACKET CHALLENGE – a 3-hour Enduro PLUS Sprint Races!

Run under the SCCA Club Racing Experience (CRE) program.

Wheel-to-wheel racing in a controlled environment without having to make the full commitment to SCCA licensing and GCR compliance on car preparation.

- ❖ 2-driver teams. Each driver earns points toward the team Bracket Challenge Cup by competing in a sprint race and a 3-hour endurance race!
- ❖ Full competition license not required. Can be run with an SCCA weekend membership.
- ❖ Closed-wheel competition vehicles; basic SCCA safety tech.

PLUS...



PERFORMANCE DRIVING EXPERIENCE

- ❖ Get the speedway experience in a constructive learning environment stressing proper driving techniques.
- ❖ In your street car or your ready-to-run racer, it doesn't matter.
- ❖ No competition license required.
- ❖ SCCA weekend memberships available, if needed.

Club Racing Driver Profile

Dan Harrington

Race Car: 95 Spec Miata/ITA

96 Corvette Grand Sport

DMVR member since 2003.

With SCCA, Dan has raced on MAM, Gateway, Blackhawk Farms, Hastings, and Iowa Speedway. Classes ran were Spec Miata and ITA and has held a National and Regional Racing license.

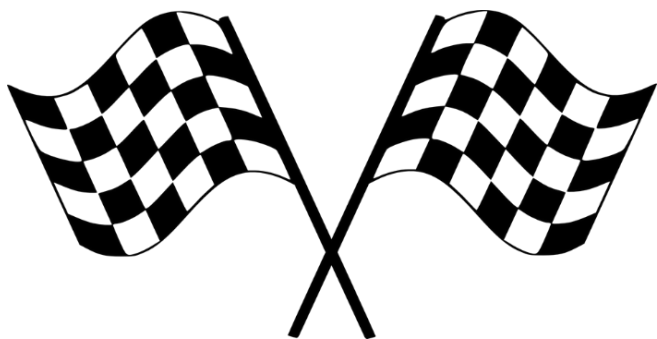
Dan has raced the Pony Express in Nevada (took first place in 130 mph average class). Other tracks he has raced on: Charlotte Motor Speedway, Rockingham Motor Speedway, Atlanta Motor Speedway, Roebling Road, and Road Atlanta.

Dan has served as RE, Assistant RE with DMVR, served on MVRG Racing Board and is also a Hoskins Award recipient. When not racing, Dan has volunteered to work grid, paddock, registration, race admin, and drive the pace car.





Chas Beeler
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Have you signed the WAIVER?

Race Season has started! Did you
sign the waiver?

Reminder: To be eligible for
coverage under the SCCA Plan, one
of requirements is a person must
have signed the proper event waiver
release. When arriving at the event,
please remember to sign the waiver!

Thank you!