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## **RE Connection**



After our last board meeting I was approached by members wanting to get more out of our PDX/CTT program. Specifically, can we have more driver training in PDX and more competition in Club Time Trials. PDX driver training up to this point has been focused on safe driving and some technique, but contained no curriculum for driver or instructor. At our October event, we will start the transformation to a curriculum based program with more classroom time and specific on track "drills" each session for the drivers to learn. The PDX drivers will be split up into a novice and intermediate run groups. This will allow for novices and experienced PDX drivers to have more directed training and slightly different passing rules. The intermediate PDX and CTT run groups will be allowed to pass at any point on the track with a "point by" from the driver. This should help limit the backup that can get when passing slower cars.

CTT will also get an upgrade. We are implementing a power to weight ratio car classing system and a driver points system. CTT will be split into 3 classes which are determined by actual weight divided by the published horsepower. If you have upgrades that is no problem, we have predetermined adders for most modifications. If your car meets the safety guidelines we will have a class for you. BTW, the safety requirements will be the same as previous events. CCT will be an event for the experienced street car driver who wants more competition but doesn't want to spend the money and time to prep a purpose-built racecar. Next year, we will have a DMVR CTT championship program with a season points awards at the end of the year. We are also going to be working with the division to take the DMVR CTT championship on the road to other venues. Someday we hope the DMVR CTT Championship will turn into the MiDiv CTT championship.

If you are interested in helping either one of these programs please let myself know. We will be forming a PDX/CTT development committee in the near future. There will be plenty of opportunities to be involved.

See you next month, Erich

This is your club and YOU can help determine the direction.

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#### September

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

Chris Riester

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				
8	PDX	Iowa Speedway	Erich				
15	Solo	Adventureland	Jerry/Randy				

#### November

11	Annual Banquet	Waveland Golf Course	Chris Riester
		More Information to Follow	

#### December

5 **Membership/Board** Smokey D's Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting Chris Riester



## Want to Make Your Teens Safer, Smarter Drivers? Give them Street Survival™ skills!

What:	Tire Rack Street Survival <sup>®</sup> teen safe driving program for drivers ages 15-21
Who:	Presented by the SCCA Foundation, a 501(c) (3) public charity, in partnership with Iowa
	Chapter BMW Club and Des Moines Valley Region SCCA.
Where:	Iowa Speedway parking lot, 3333 Rusty Wallace Drive, Newton, IA
When:	Saturday October 7, 2017
Cost:	\$75 fee – includes in-car training, lunch, and a free family membership provided by the Sports Car Club of America.
	<b>Registration now open at Motorsportreg.com</b>

The DMVR SCCA board meeting was called to order on August 1, 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 Chas Beeler Mary Harrington

A total of 15 in attendance.

Ralph Johnson called in to say hi to everyone!

Treasurer Report: Fred reported solo is up \$4,400 for the year and the membership/catch all fund is up \$660 for the year. We are waiting for the funds from Street Survivor. It was discussed that the club is saving money from Drifting going digital.

Solo: Randy advised the next solo event will be at Iowa Event Center. He is not sure yet if volunteers will be needed. Also, Randy advised that a new timer has been purchased for solo.

Membership: Chas reported we have 318 members with four new members this month.

There was a discussion about updating the membership directory. Erich will comprise a spreadsheet with updated membership information from National. Chas will do a mail merge draft and send it to the board.

Assistant RE: Chris reported the annual banquet will be at Waveland Golf Course on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Chris advised he is currently working on the menu with one to two meat options. Erich inquired about an after party. Also, there was a discussion on how to improve turnout, especially among the solo group. RE: Erich reported the following update on the July club racing event: There were 19 regional drivers, 3 bracket teams, and 25 PDX drivers. The feedback from the drivers is that they had a good time. Erich advised we tried very hard to keep costs as low as possible. Currently we have a \$2,400 loss for the weekend which is an improvement over the last club racing weekend. We have a potential donor to help with this deficient. We are very grateful for the donations received as we may have had to cancel this event without them.

The Majors race at Heartland Park hurt our event. Erich advised our concerns have been expressed to National and we're waiting for feedback.

Old Business: Jim Kirk reported there were 34 entrants at the Kris Mandt Memorial car show. Over \$800 was raised for the Children's Cancer Connection and the Urbandale Food Pantry.

Harlan reported that he and Fred have flyers for Street Survival and encouraged everyone to get them handed out. Registration is now open.

Fred reminded us of the Annual State Fair Walking Rally on August 9<sup>th</sup> at Stockman Inn.

Harlan wanted to encourage everyone to send an article to Mary for Drifting to let people know we're still here.

New Business: Harlan advised that Dick Minnick has offered to donate an open trailer to the club for store the Street Survival fire hose. DMVR would need to provide a storage area for the trailer. A note will be included in the next Constant Contact email asking if anyone has space to store the trailer.

Motion made by Fred to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Chas.

Submitted by Mary Harrington, Secretary



Membership News Chas Beeler

## September Birthdays

Chase Davison Scott Denning Judy Eddy **Gary Foster Peighton Harrell** Samuel Igou Michael Sanakikone **Bernice Schroeder Raymond Schroeder** Anthony Siembieda Julian Silverberg Morgan Sly **Richard Struve Diane Vandeberg** Mike Venable Sonya Ver Mulm **Bill Wonderlich** William Wright Zihan Xiao

## September Anniversaries

Chuck Hemmingson 40 Years

> Douglas Walker 40 Years

## **New Members**

Alison Bell Dana Conrad Mustafa Hafeez Mingzle Wu

## **New Address**

None

DMVR's mailing address PO Box 65176 West Des Moines, IA 50265

## **Iowa State Fair Walking Rally**



Photo compliments of Dave Champion

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# Team Dave and Jo came in 1st losers.

**Fred Bell**: Many thanks to Erin Gibson and her 'helpers' for putting together this year's rally! Fun questions, and a few gotchas to make it challenging.



### The Hoskins Award

Since the annual banquet will be in November instead of December this year, it's time again to collect nominations for the Hoskins Award.

For those who have not seen the criteria recently, the trophy reads:

"This award is presented to the DMVR member who has consistently, over many years, given Outstanding Service for Involvement, Accomplishments, and Contributions in many aspects of Des Moines Valley Region Sports Car Club of America which reflect True Sportsmanship and Dedication involving Motorsports."

Please send your nominations to us by September 30th. We would appreciate a few lines of explanation for each nominee as to time with the club, any board positions held, event organizer or worker positions, areas of interest for that nominee, etc. – something that we can send to the award electors for those who are not familiar with all of the ways in which a given nominee may have contributed to the club.

By tradition, the past Hoskins Award winners who are currently members of DMVR select this year's award recipient. We'll circulate the nominations to all of the past winners shortly after the close of nominations.

#### Give your Hoskins nominations to Dan/Mary Harrington or any committee member now!!! Dan/Mary can be contacted at dan73vette@aol.com Due September 30th, 2017!

Previous Hoskins Award Recipients 1973 Clyde Nipper 1974 Sam Scharnberg 1975 Ron Hoyt 1976 Ron Sharp 1977 Greg Scharnberg 1978 Barb Zimmerman 1979 Jack Andrews 1980 John Armstrong 1981 Jean Sharp 1982 Bob Dickelman 1983 Richard Fisher 1984 J. B. Silverberg 1985 Fred Thomas 1986 Bob Maurer 1987 Mark Paar 1988 Deb Goodner 1989 Ron and Jean Sharp 1990 Joe Rosenberg 1991 Kris Mandt 1992 Ric Johnson 1993 Lyle Kreps 1994 Tom Juckette

1995 Greg and Sam Scharnberg 1996 No award 1997 Bob Eddy 1998 Colan Arnold 1999 No award 2000 Ron & Monica Shaw 2001 Marina Kraft 2002 Rick Talbot 2003 Nancy Mandt 2004 Kelley Huxtable 2005 Bart Holden 2006 No award 2007 Jarrod & Jennifer Igou 2008 Ralph Johnson 2009 Dick Struve 2010 Dave Volante 2011 Doug Walker 2012 Noah Lacona 2013 John Jacobs 2014 Harlan Donaldson 2015 Fred Bell 2016 Dan & Mary Harrington

#### F4 United States Championship Powered by Honda

Rounds 10 -12

Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, Lexington, OH, Aug, 10-12, 2017

By Carl Wieman, Owatonna, MN

We were joined by the Trans Am Series and Xfinity series. 31 F4 drivers took to the track on Thursday for two 35 minute test sessions and one 50 minute practice session. They also had a 30 minute Ridealong with driver coaches in a passenger car. That is a total of 2.5 hours that they could be on track in one day. The F4 series is designed to give these young drivers the most track time as possible.

I was at the Pit out for the Ride-along in the Pre-Grid. The cars and vans did not all come at the beginning of the session, and when I sent them on track, it seemed a little strange to not hear race engines or any tire noise. The whole session was quiet, as they were all told in the Drivers Meeting, no passing and there better not be any Yellow or Red Flags brought out. Most of the drivers were the coaches and did not try to set any records for street cars or vans.

On Friday, F4 had Qualifying and Race 1 and 2 of the weekend. Race 1 was wet causing several drivers to slide off the track. Most of them did return to the track to continue. Brendon Leitch, from New Zealand, charged his way from starting in last place from pit lane for a penalty, to claiming his maiden victory.

Meanwhile, the Xfinity cars did not take to the track all day with the wet conditions and also some lightening in the area for part of the afternoon, during the scheduled T/A sessions, canceled those sessions also. That made for a boring day at the track, no race engines and stuck under the awnings with rain. When the lightening was gone the F4 cars went back out for Race 2 of the weekend.

Race 2 was very wet. More cars went off track with some not able to continue. Skylar Robinson, Augusta, GA, scored his first F4 U.S. win of the season in Race 2 after starting in 11<sup>th</sup>.

These two races showed who had patience and who did not with the results being much different from what we had seen in dry races.

A special Drivers Meeting was called the next day to help instruct these young drivers to use some caution in the wet. Many have never driven in the wet before and did not know what the wet line meant. After the meeting, some came away smiling and some came away looking confused and unhappy. It is all part of the learning to be a better driver in all conditions. This series is designed to help these drivers to work their way up the ladder to eventually they can be in F1 or an Indy Car. I like to think of it as some day, maybe one of these young drivers will be a F1 Champion. And what would make it even more special, is if that person was from North America. Or, at least they got their start in the US F4 Championship Series.

On Saturday at 11:00 we had the 3<sup>rd</sup> race of the weekend of F4, with the weather being cool and dry which suited some of these young drivers much better than the wet. Kyle Kirkwood, Jupiter, FL taking his 7<sup>th</sup> win of the season. This helps him to extend his lead of 204 points to 129 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place Championship contender, Raphael Forcier of Montreal, Quebec.

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

Future F4 race weekends are Aug. 25-27 at VIR, and Sep. 14-16 at COTA, TX, with WEC. Another race weekend of only two races was added recently for Oct. 19-22 with F1 at COTA.

Until next time, keep the pedal down...on the track



Carl

Got to thinking about it last nite. Much like the drivers interpretation of the flags, the terms practice/qual/race probably differ from normal thinking:

1. Practice-to see if shit works.

2. Qual-Much like race but with restraint involved. I.E. replace "I think I can..." with "Wait till I'm sure because this ain't the race yet."

3. Race-Means the same to everybody.

Harlan

#### FINAL RESULTS Iowa Events Center – August 13, 2017 Totaled Registered: 68 With Times: 66

											Total
1T	bs	Spizman, Alex	44.821	43.995	44.031+1	> 43.704	43.503+1	44.863+1	44.023	43.765	43.704
2T	bs	Reinhardt, A.J.	44.389+1	44.605	44.651+1	44.323	43.861	44.305+1	44.68	> 43.802	43.802
		Walker, Adam									44.896
3T	bs		48.321	46.691	44.994	> 44.896	45.323+3	45.048	45.258+1	45.414+1	
4T	bs	Cormier, Brandon	67.753	45.426+2	45.745+1	45.655	> 45.015				45.015
5	bs	Tri, Tony	50.094	45.455+dnf	46.262	45.122+1	45.986+dnf	45.894	> 45.888	47.168	45.888
6	bs	Schultz, Tom	47.853	47.866	47.632	46.755	47.788	46.792	46.438	> 46.078	46.078
7	bs	Farlinger, Caleb	49.614	47.643	60.525+dnf	46.461	46.889	46.487	> 46.339	46.841	46.339
8	bs	Walker, Doug	50.373	48.571	48.409	47.627	48.322	> 46.719	48.402	47.195	46.719
9	bs	Sharp, Chris	47.940+dnf	50.415	48.513+1	48.591+1	49.46	47.739+1	46.584+1	> 47.469	47.469
10	bs	Whitten, Ryan	52.512	49.583	48.378	48.074	47.909+4	48.203+1	47.944	> 47.505	47.505
1T	cs	Krueger, Todd	49.046	48.872	47.083	46.994	46.76	46.107+2	> 46.496	46.853	46.496
2	cs	Buls, Matthew	52.077+dnf	50.85	47.763	47.568	47.166	> 46.983	48.444	47.395	46.983
1T	ds	Phelps, Michael	44.473+1	44.655	44.499	> 43.288	44.396	42.807+2	43.813	43.528+1	43.288
2T	ds	Wright, Jason	47.389	46.089+2	46.131	45.387	45.717	> 44.400	44.9	45.397+2	44.4
3	ds	Riester, Chris	46.802	46.810+1	46.313	46.518	46.911+1	> 46.253	46.531	47.286+1	46.253
4	ds	Johnson, Ric	50.374	49.848	49.113	49.73	49.575+dnf	49.763	> 48.117	47.835+1	48.117
5	ds	Carter, Ryan	52.827	52.829+1	51.634	49.989	49.874+1	> 48.915	49.103	49.609	48.915
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1T	es	Siembieda, Tony	49.163+2	48.675	47.616	47.118+1	47.102+2	47.691	47.42	> 47.118	47.451
2	es	Hueholt, Mike	51.03	48.807+1	48.473	48.203+1	48.253	47.728	> 47.451	47.597	53.359
3	es	Huenon, wike	61.209	57.217	57.267	55.936+dnf	55.183	54.632	54.256	> 53.359	33.339
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1T	fs	Spuzello, Todd	46.908	46.539	46.565+1	45.469	45.281	> 44.236	44.134+1	44.33	44.236
1T	hs	jones, josh	46.004	44.819	45.070+1	44.155+1	44.141+2	44.943	44.416+1	> 44.320	44.32
2T	hs	Schaffer, Steve	47.779+dnf	47.72	46.953	46.161+1	46.848	46.326+1	> 46.547	46.228+1	46.547
3	hs	Fredricks, Eric	49.379+2	50.170+1	48	47.914	47.688+1	49.385	47.511	> 46.798	46.798
4	hs	Hafeeze, Mustafa	62.474	57.239	52.995+2	53.622	> 52.842	53.725+1	55.836	52.389+1	52.842
1T	stf	Brown, Trevor	48.516+1	47.402+1	48.007+1	47.566+1	47.308	46.860+1	> 46.895	46.832+1	46.895
2	stf	Crawford, Joe	53.449+1	> 52.523	52.735	53.083	54.282	54.266	52.538	54.178	52.523
1T	sts	Lucchesi, Nick	55.659	51.513	50.486	51.597+1	52.702	50.7	50.276	> 49.609	49.609
2	sts	Wheeler, Jacob	52.845+2	> 50.119	50.746+1	49.752+1	49.513+2	50.338	59.394	49.407+1	50.119
3	sts	Ciocan, Teodor	57.473+dnf	54.062+1	53.536+1	53.436	52.66	> 52.522	52.587+1	52.571	52.522
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2	stx	Fanchier, William	51.151+2	45.46	45.375+1	> 44.533	45.543	51.899+dnf	44.753+1	44.745+1	44.533
3	stx	Champion, David	46.952	45.552+1	45.642	45.105	44.819	45.749	> 44.600	45.277	44.6
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1T	str	Dickinson, Kyle Boone, Nathan	45.926	44.478	43.676+1	43.953	44.610+1	44.594	48.373+dnf	> 43.879	43.879
2	str	"Boonie"	53.262+dnf	49.061	47.816	47.414	47.037	46.489	> 45.673	45.833	45.673
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1T	stu	Bell, Alison	47.126+2	46.572	45.839	45.359	45.552	45.39	45.728	> 44.932	44.932
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1T	asp	Kothe, Ryan	49.481	48.251	48.926	46.891	47.466	48.123	> 46.549	47.425	46.549
1T	bsp	Sams, Randy	45.472	43.575	42.834+1	43.207+3	42.665	> 42.493	43.274	42.882	42.493
2	bsp	Bell, Fred	45.656+1	46.389	45.207	45.811	44.32	> 44.197	44.914	45.028	44.197
1T	csp	Godwin, Dennis	55.618+dnf	52.036	49.256+dnf	50.667	49.818	49.599	49.064	> 48.782	48.782
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1T	dsp	Sharp, Jay	47.113	45.551	45.869	44.936	45.270+1	45.068	> 44.594	44.644	44.594
1T	camc	Grogan II, Jerrald	47.110+1	45.812	45.813+1	45.919	45.346	45.301	> 44.529	45.291	44.529
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2	camt	Smothers, Rich	> 51.918	55.723	53.088						51.918
1T	cams	Denning, Scott	45.169+1	46.944+1	45.600+1	44.957	45.663	45.193	> 44.724	45.461+dnf	44.724
1T	xp	Gustafson, Mikael	45.117	44.343+2	44.382	43.949	44.485	> 43.897	44.745	44.695	43.897
2	xp	Watters, William	45.116+1	45.636+1	> 44.703	44.758	47.601	45.532+1	44.787		44.703
3	xp	Brobston, Anthony	46.354+1	44.773+1	44.152+dnf	43.942+1	45.337+1	45.332+1	43.545+1	> 42.998+1	44.998
1T	smf	Davila, Francisco	44.999	44.436+1	> 43.851	43.909+1	44.469	44.132+1			43.851
2T	smf	Nebuda, Cort	55.446	48.682	46.784	45.585	45.84	45.177	44.314	> 43.994	43.994
3T	smf	Hale, Michael	49.640+dnf	46.867+1	45.981+1	46.469	45.596	45.037	> 44.688	45.267	44.688
4	smf	Mackey, Thomas	51.629	48.159	47.817	47.634	> 46.610	47.332	47.808	48.13	46.61
5	smf	Goodman, Steve	52.649	50.223+1	47.170+1	48.572	> 47.647	47.115+1	48.495+1	47.559+1	47.647
6	smf	Smith, Austin	50.513	50.507	48.135+2	> 47.801	48.625	47.394+1	46.929+1		47.801
7	smf	Nebuda, Dean	61.399	52.343	51.433	51.487	53.479	52.632	> 51.116	51.952	51.116
1T	sm	Brandner, Joe	47.715	48.449+dnf	46.502	46.495	46.669	45.476	> 44.855	46.892	44.855
2	sm	Vizcarra, Randy	50.739	49.430+dnf	47.033+120	47.041	> 46.423	63.614+dnf	47.367	46.626	46.423
3	sm	Ziad Nimry	50.429+2	49.236+2	49.988+1	47.534+2	47.633+3	> 46.885	47.994	49.232+1	46.885
1T	bm	Maurer, Robert (Bob)	45.664+1	45.774+1	45.736+1	45.164	46.513	44.717	> 44.641	44.806	44.641
1T	nstp	Thompson, Matt	64.507+dnf	51.263+1	50.162	49.84	47.877+dnf	48.003	48.02	> 47.813	39.206
2T	nsm	Leabhart, Kevin	53.292+dnf	50.321	48.072+2	47.279+1	46.943	> 46.353	45.892+1	46.993	39.909
3T	nsmf	Kaplan, Austin	52.411+dnf	49.374+dnf	> 49.814	48.928+dnf					42.242
4	ndsp	Young, Cameron	67.744+dnf	53.381	52.973	51.878	51.234	50.426	> 50.197	52.153	42.265
5	nsmf	Griggers, Christopher	64.219+dnf	58.752+1	56.938	54.483	52.924+dnf	52.532	54.043+dnf	> 52.410	44.443
6	nsmf	Swartz, Will	63.948+dnf	54.709	> 54.070	53.164+1					45.851
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1T	pes	Haluska, John	45.568	45.205	44.579	44.512	44.514	46.533	44.178	> 43.966	34.909
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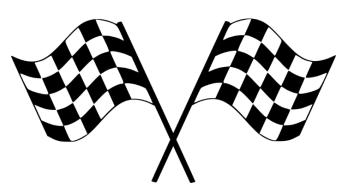
Top Time Of Day:

Raw time: 42.493 bsp 117 Sams, Randy Pax: 34.673 ds 66 Phelps, Michael Street: 43.288 ds 66 Phelps, Michael Touring: 43.862 stx 72 Jacobs, John Street Prepared: 42.493 bsp 117 Sams, Randy Classic American: 44.529 camc 77 Grogan II, Jerrald Prepared: 43.897 xp 350 Gustafson, Mikael Street Modified: 43.851 smf 40 Davila, Francisco Modified: 44.641 bm 44 Maurer, Robert (Bob) Novice: 39.206 nstp 119 Thompson, Matt





Chas Beeler 708 East 12<sup>th</sup> Pl N Newton, IA 50208



## 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!