# DRIFTING



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# 2017 Hoskins Award Recipient



A Challenge to the Club
In the RE Connection.
Can YOU Meet the Challenge
At the December General/Board Meeting?

## **RE Connection**



It is that time of year again, we need to look at the goals that were set for 2017 and start planning for 2018. In February 2017, we set goals to get web site running and useful to the members, hold a solo school and provide more track opportunities.

Thanks to Mikael Gustafson, Rick Johnson and others, the website has been up and running since April. Our web site is now getting traction with members and others outside the region. In May, the first addition of Drifting was available online. On-line publishing is saving our club thousands per year in postage while still getting the word out. In 2018, We will continue to use the website for Drifting and event info. Our challenge is to keep the content fresh and accurate.

In March, we held our first solo school with a lot of effort from Jerry Grogan, Randy Sams and many others. The event was a success and set the stage for a great solo season. Solo events throughout the year were very well attended and most events achieved the goal of 8 runs per day. The organization and pride of the solo team showed in each event.

We also built a foundation for more Club racing opportunities by hosting two very successful events at Iowa Speedway. We have spent 2017 getting ready and showing we are still capable of holding a Majors event. It was with great pleasure that we announced the first Majors race to be held May 19-20, 2018 at Iowa Speedway. DMVR is also leading the formation of a Club Trials (CT) program. CT will be a multi-regional series with competition at Iowa Speedway, Heartland Park, Hallett and ending with the finale at Raceway Park of the Midlands (RPM). Thank you Chris Bienert for all your work at setting up the classing and the rule

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# **CALENDAR**



**December** 

5 **Membership/Board** Smokey D's Chris Riester

Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting

**January** 

2 **Membership/Board** Smokey D's Chris Riester

Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting

**February** 

6 **Membership/Board** Smokey D's Chris Riester

Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting

9-10 MiDiv Convention Kansas City

TBD Club Racing Drivers Meeting TBD Harlan Donaldson

March

6 **Membership/Board** Smokey D's Chris Riester

Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting

TBD Crash Fire Rescue TBD Solo Drivers Meeting TBD

**April** 

3 **Membership/Board** Smokey D's Chris Riester

Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting

May

1 **Membership/Board** Smokey D's Chris Riester

Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting

19-20 **Majors Race/PDX** Iowa Speedway Erich Pfalzgraf

#### **SCCA National Convention**

Registration is now open for the 2018 SCCA® National Convention taking place in Las Vegas, Nevada, January 18-20 at South Point Hotel and Casino. The cost is currently only \$275 per attendee and grants access to more than 40 educational seminars, as well as the Annual Meeting and Welcome Party Thursday evening and Saturday's SCCA Hall of Fame and Awards banquet. The cost to attend goes up beginning December 25 to \$335 per person.

### **BoD Minutes** DMVR Board Minutes November 7, 2017 Minute by Minute

The DMVR SCCA board meeting was called to order on November 7, 2017 at Smokey D's by RE Erich Pfalzgraf . A total of 16 were present.

The following board members were present:
Harlan Donaldson
Chas Beeler
Fred Bell
Chris Riester
Randy Sams
Mary Harrington
Erich Pfalzgraf

Jacob Wheeler

RE Report: Erich reported the Midiv schedule for next year is set. We are still looking to see if we can fit three Regionals in 2018. Erich advised DMVR has been approved for a Majors race in 2018. He advised that it is estimated a 40 car breakeven for this event. There was a discussion of the budget for the Majors event. Erich advised he would like to start the planning conference calls in the next couple of weeks.

Erich also reported that he has an estimated budget cost for a Regional at RPM next year. The breakeven is estimated at 25 Regional drivers, 15 CTT drivers, and 20 PDX drivers.

Erich reported that the process of writing the rules for the new CTT program in Midiv has started and details are being worked out. These will be two day events at four tracks: RPM, Heartland Park, Hallett, and Iowa Speedway. Erich advised we are getting positive feedback on the CTT program. He advised he will try to get a schedule out in the next couple of weeks.

There was a discussion of worker availability. Also, there was discussion of hosting Crash-Fire-Rescue in March. Erich advised he will connect Dick for more information.

Club Racing: Harlan reported that club racing did not do much this year. A lot of the scheduled events were cancelled. There was discussion on how to close the gap between experienced and less experienced drivers. Also discussed ways to overcome the perception that it is difficult to get a competition license.

Harlan advised we will have a Winged Bitch and Driver of the Year award this year. But, we will not have a Rookie of the Year award. Harlan advised we will have a driver's meeting in February and he will advise where/when as soon as the details have been worked out.

Harlan and Fred advised the Street Survival was a success with 24 in class. The track was slick as it was rainy and cold. There was discussion for possible future sites.

Solo: Randy advised Jerry will start working on the 2018 schedule when he gets back from Haiti. Jerry will attempt to work around other events that have been scheduled. Randy also advised there will be a solo driver meeting with a tentative early March date.

Rally Cross: Jacob reported it was a mediocre year for Rally Cross. But Rally Cross did break even. There was discussion on possible sites for next year It was discussed to have a March event at Indianola and then build around that. Jacob suggested we set goals and work toward that and possibly working with the Iowa Region.

Jacob also reported that the Rally Cross Nationals will be back in Indianola in 2018. In the past, DMVR did the test-n-tune course which was a money maker for us.

Membership: Chas reported we added four new members in September. We have around 360 members.

Assistant RE: Chris advised the Banquet is all set. Erich asked if everyone had taken care of their award responsibilities – everyone reported yes.

Erich reviewed the 2018 board positions.

Harlan made a motion to adjourn. Second by Randy.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Harrington Secretary



## Membership News Chas Beeler

# **November Birthdays:**

John Baldwin **Joseph Brandner** Walter Chivers **Alex Clement Lauren Conte Noah Donato Dennis Godwin** Jaden Harrell **Barry Hull Nancy Pratt Aaron Reno Jay Sharp Brian Sult Michael Trier Flint Vernon** Jacob Wheeler **Carl Wieman** 



# November Anniversaries:

Bob Eddy - 50 Years William McFarland Jr. - 5 Years

## **New Members:**

None

# **Change of address:**

None

#### **RE Connection Continued**

set that will be used at each event across the division.

As you can see we met our goals and exceeded them in many areas. That does not happen without planning followed by effort and sacrifice by many club members. At our December membership/board meeting, I challenge the club to come ready to discuss what our goals should be for 2018.

I am looking forward to a great year!!

Erich

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

# 2017 DMVR And the Awards Banquet



# Hoskins Award Randy Sams

Randy has been an active volunteer at Solo, RallyCross, Club Racing, and Street Survival events for many years. Several people have described him as the first to arrive and the last to leave an event. Our RE reported he has played an integral part in the development of our new CTT program for 2018. In addition, he holds a Time Trials Driver Instructor License and a Solo Safety Steward License. Randy has also served as an engaged board member for several years.





Worker of
The Year
Joyce Hart

Soloists of the Year

Presented in recognition of their hard work in supporting the solo program in 2017

> Mikael Gustafson and Tara Box-Walker





# Driver of the Year Bob Mauer

Solo Rookie of the Year William Watters

Winged Bitch Award Chris Bienert (Team Party Cat)

Club Racing "Special Award"
Randy Sams

# Milestone Membership Anniversaries in 2017



Lyle Kreps 50 **Bob Maurer 50** Bob Eddy 50 Fred Thomas 45 Scott Bowman 40 Chuck Hemmingson 40 Doug Walker 40 Julian Silverberg 35 Carl Wieman 35 Tracy Sandberg 35 Donna Yergler 30 Ron Ver Mulm 25 Alan Warner 25 Mike Bronson 20 Sam Kranovich 20 Kurtis Goertz 15 Luke McKee 15 Lauren Igou 10 Howard Roth 10 Robin Roth 10 Denny Godwin 5 Sue Zacek 5 Richard Manion5 Frank Ferrari 5 Erich Pfalzgraf 5 Jay Sharp 5 Kyle Dickinson5

Mike Phelps 5
William MacFarland 5





# 2017 Awards Banquet And After Party Recap

There were approximately 47 attendees at the 2017 DMVR Awards Banquet. Chris did another great job coordinating the annual banquet. The Waveland Golf Course was a great venue. The room was inviting, the food was good, and the

fellowship was exceptional. Chris facilitated a short general meeting. The 2018 board was approved.

Tara shared a recap of the after party: About a dozen people stood around at Chris' and talked about awesome awards! We talked about 2018 goals and plans. We would have liked more people to come. Doug shared a lot of stories from the past. We also talked about getting me behind the wheel this year with a little help. We all were really excited about the majors. We had fun talking about positive and negative things that happened in 2017.

## **Preliminary MiDiv Club Race Schedule**

Below is the preliminary MiDiv club race schedule. Please note we have a couple tentative dates listed. As this is early in the season there could be events that add options such as CRE to their events. The NEW CT program classing and rules have been drafted and are now in review. I hope to have those out soon.

Date	Location	<b>Event type</b>
Feb 9-10	Kansas City MiDiv	Convention
March TBD	Des Moines	Drivers meeting
March TBD	W.DSM	Crash Fire Rescue
April 7-8	Hallett OK	Super Tour Only
April 28-29	Heartland Park	Majors/CT
May 19-20	Iowa Speedway	Majors/CT
July 21-22	Heartland Park	Regional/PDX/CT
*August 4	RPM	PDX/CT
Sept 01-02	Hallett OK	Regional/PDX/CT
**Sept 22-23	RPM	Regional/PDX/CT
October 16-21	Sonoma CA	Runoffs
October 27-28	3 RPM	Regional/PDX/CT



Erich

<sup>\*</sup>Tentative

<sup>\*\*</sup> Possible alternative to October 27-28 date at RPM

# **2017 DMVR Solo Season Points by Class**

### **Event Number**

	Event Number									
Class	#	Driver	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
asp	31	Kothe, Ryan	12	15			15	12	9	63
bm	44	Maurer, Robert (Bob)	15	15	15	15	15			75
bs	3	Walker, Adam	12	15	15			12	10	64
bs	89	Reinhardt, A.J.			12	12	12	15	15	66
bsp	117	Sams, Randy	15	15	15	15	15			75
bsp	21	Bell, Alison		12	8	10		15	15	60
bsp	24	Bell, Fred	12		12	12	12			48
camc	77	Grogan II, Jerrald	15		12	12	15	15		69
camc	203	holmes, jack	12	15	15	15		12		69
camc	32	Wirth, Karen		12	10	10		9		41
cams	74	Denning, Scott	15	15	15	15	15			75
cs	46	Krueger, Todd		15	15	15	15			60
csp	94	Godwin, Dennis	15	12	15		15		15	72
ds	66	Phelps, Michael	15	15	15	15	15			75
ds	2	Riester, Chris		12	12	10	10		10	54
ds	33	Johnson, Ric	7	10	10		9		9	45
es	19	Siembieda, Tony	10	12			12		12	46
gs	220	Wheeler, Jacob	15		12	15		15	15	72
gs	34	Snyder, Jeremiah		15	10	10		12	12	59
hs	6	jones, josh	15	15	15		15	15		75
hs	4	Schaffer, Steve	10		12	15	12		9	58
hs	82	Fredricks, Eric	12	12	9		10		12	55
hs	30	Hafeez, Mustafa		10		10	9	12	5	46
pes	219	Haluska, John	10	10	10		15		15	60
рср	134	Miller, Chris		9	15	7		15	12	58
pgs	124	Bronson, Mike	7		12	8		10	10	47
smf	40	Davila, Francisco	15	15	15	15	15			75
smf	163	Smith, Austin	12	12	10			10	10	54
smf	741	Nebuda, Court			12		12	12	12	48
smf	174	Nebuda, Dean	9		9		6	9	8	41
stf	55	Crawford, Joe	9		15		12	9	10	55
str	105	Dickinson, Kyle		15	15	12	15	15		72
sts	85	Conrad, Dana	12	15	12			12		51
stx	142	Fanchier, William	15	12			12	15	15	69
stx	72	Jacobs, John	10	8	15		15	10		58
vfsp	56	Enloe, Jim		12	15	15		15	15	72
хр	350	Gustafson, Mikael	15	15	15		15	15		75
хр	63	Beeler, Chas	12			10		12	15	49
хр	687	Watters, William			10		12	10	10	42

# **2017 DMVR SCCA PAX points**

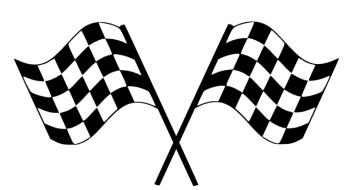
#### **Event**

#### Number

	Number									
Place	Class	Driver	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Total
1	ds	Phelps, Michael	100			70	67	75	89	401
1	hs	jones, josh	102		64		66	79	90	401
3	pes	Haluska, John	98			68	65	72	91	394
4	pgs	Bronson, Mike	88		62	67		73	86	376
5	smf	Davila, Francisco	92		61	57		49	75	334
6	рср	Miller, Chris		38	63	66		78	88	333
7	fs	Spuzello, Todd	83	30			62	67	87	329
8	camc	Grogan II, Jerrald	84		54		53	69	66	326
9	stx	Fanchier, William	93	45			54	57	76	325
10	camc	holmes, jack	77		58	58		68	63	324
11	hs	Schaffer, Steve	80		80		56	32	74	322
12	bsp	Sams, Randy	95		55	50	59		62	321
13	gs	Wheeler, Jacob	79		38	46		59	77	299
14	hs	Fredricks, Eric	86	33	42		51		84	296
14	pcs	McKee, Luke	99	48		72		77		296
16	bsp	Reinhardt, A.J.			34	42	61	76	82	295
17	bs	Walker, Adam	51		53		57	64	61	286
18	ds	Wright, Jason	91	42			63	نــــا	81	277
19	pgs	Bronson, Alex	81		45	62			85	273
20	ds	Riester, Chris	68	44	40		50		70	272
21	stx	Jacobs, John	67	35	56		60	53		271
22	str	Dickinson, Kyle		40	59	53	58	52		262
23	cams	Denning, Scott	52		49		43	54	58	256
24	gs	Snyder, Jeremiah	72	22	36			48	72	250
25	stx	Kramer, Andrei		43		64		55	56	218
26	pds	Kirkegaard, Carl	96	50		71				217
27	es	Brandner, Joseph	85		25		29	26	30	195
28	stx	Sharp, Jay	66			26	41	51		184
29	bbsp	Bell, Alison	34			16	46	38	48	182
30	ds	Johnson, Ric	43		28	25	31		52	179
31	smf	Smith, Austin	61		32		16	20	47	176
32	хр	Gustafson, Mikael	38		30		27	36	38	169



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# Have you signed the WAIVER?

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!