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# For DMR SCON Members,

We are happy to report that DMVR is the 7th fastest growing SCCA region in the nation (2nd among the medium sized regions). Also, we are in the top 10 for retention rate for 2017/2018 season at 92%. This does not happen by accident. I want to thank each of you who made this possible. Growth comes down to making people feel welcome and having events that encourage participation of novices. I am always impressed with how well we do at being inclusive of all who want to have fun with cars. I can think of numerous cases of members going the extra mile to make participants feel comfortable and welcome. The quality of our events is what keeps people coming back. I have to say the Solo group has done an incredible job at making DMVR's program one of the best in lowa.

September is the time we start to work on events for next year. I am very interested in members' opinions on the 2018 season to date and how we should change for 2019. Each of us also needs to think about how we want to be a part of DMVR in 2019. Elections are coming up sooner then we think, and we are in need of filling numerous positions. Please check with your friendly board members for details. I encourage you to consider "Stepping Up" to a stronger role in the club. We have a lot of energetic new talent and we need to get those individuals involved.

Regards, Erich Pfalgraf

See you at the course/track

# CALENDAR

# SEPTEMBER

Hallett Motor Racing Circut, OK

4 Membership/Board Meeting Chris Reister

Smokey D's BBQ, General 6:30p, Board 7:30p

22-23 | Regional/TT/PDX Erich Pfalzgraf

**RPM** 

29-30 | IA Challenege Jerry Grogan

Osky Airport

# OCTOBER

2 Membership/Board Meeting Chris Reister

Smokey D's BBQ, General 6:30p, Board 7:30p

21 **Solo** Jerry Grogan

Adventureland

# **NOVEMBER**

6 | Membership/Board Meeting Chris Reister

Smokey D's BBQ, General 6:30p, Board 7:30p

TBA | End of Year Celebration

Location TBD

# **Annual DMVR Road Racing Awards**

The Road Racing Season has begun...

and at the end of the season there will be recognition!!

Each year at our annual awards banquet, DMVR members are presented with a combination of awards...

from measured accomplishments to just plain fun!

#### Rookie of the Year

- -Got Novice license and competed
- -Voted Award

#### **Driver of the Year**

- -Who did the mostest racing and their class record
- -Voted Award

#### Winged Bitch

- -Racer who had the baddest breaks during the season
- -Voted Award

#### Midiv awards

- -MiDiv competitors who sign up for permanent #s, by class
- -Is tracked at Div level

# DMVR MEETING MINUTES 8/8/18

ATTENDIES MISSING: Tara Box-Walker, Joyce Hart, Jerry Gorgan

#### Membership

Not Discussed, due to time

#### **Assistant RE**

November 10th tentative date for Annual Dinner \$35 per person, \$30 to be charged for guests.

#### RE

Working on things for Ralley-Cross set up and running in the coming months.
TT on August 11th-Cost to be split with Nebraska Region, 4 workers provided by contract, and working on flat rate for regionals/verses per car. Log books issues are being addressed.

#### Solo

IA Challenge September 29th-30th with Iowa Region Hosting

#### **Workers**

Not Discussed, due to time

#### **Treasurer**

Still have money. Working on billing from June TT w/ BMW club.

#### **Old Business**

Jerry and Randy will be stepping down as being in charge of solo events next season.

Mike presented possible PA systems. Lots of discussion. A move to vote with more discussion. Discussion to table til next meeting.

#### **New Business**

PA System was discussed in further detail and final option was given out as the Mega Hailer system from Amplivox. A second mic will be purchased at a later date to see if we need another one. Brought to vote, Chas 1st, Randy 2nd with all voting yay on the issue.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:57pm for State Fair walking rally.

# **MEMBERSHIP**

# BIRTHDAYS

#### **SEPTEMBER**

**Dennis Croxell** Scott Denning **Gary Foster** Samuel Igou Patrick Sandusky Bernice Schroeder Raymond Schroeder Anthony Siembieda Julian Silverberg Morgan Sly Richard Struve Robert Torry Diane Vandeberg Sonya Ver Mulm Jason Witcraft William Wright

# **NEW MEMBERS**

Ray Scheufler Terry Sharp

# CHANGE OF ADDRESS

No one has changed their address.

# **ANNIVERSARIES**

Allen Myers, **20 Years** Steve Myers, **20 Years** 

PLEASE CONTACT CHAS BEELER FOR ANY INFORMATION CHANGES

# IOWA STATE FAIR WALKING RALLY

Thank you to everyone who came out to play on the walking rally. It was a hot one, but much fun was had. A large thank you to Lyle at Stockman's Inn who donated the gift certificates for the winners. 1st place won 38 points out of a possible 45, 2nd place had 34 points, and 3rd place had 26 points. To shake up the competition it was decided by the organizers that 2nd place would have to plan next year's rally, which was a pleasant surprise to 1st place and a not so pleasant surprise to 2nd place. Looking forward to seeing all of you next year!

#### **OUR 2018 WINNERS**



1st Place
Team Lake Idiots
Wes Sharp
Betsy Sharp
Doug Larson
Brandi Larson



2nd Place
Team Us
Erin Sharp
Jay Sharp
Alison Vice
Jake Vice



3rd Place
Team Linda
Linda Goodsell
Sandy Robinson
Jan Van Ryswyk

THANK YOU AND WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

### HOSKINS AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT

"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." - Hoskins award trophy

The time has come to nominate your favorite club members for the Hoskins Award. This award is given annually to a member of DMVR that contributes to one or more of our programs over many years, and it's up to you, members, to put the names of your favorite helper bees into the hat.

Please send your nominations to Randy Sams, or any Hoskins award winner by October 1st. Include the name of the person you would like to nominate, as well as a couple of sentences about them, and why you are nominating them. All of the nominations will be considered by all of the past Hoskins award winners that are currently active in DMVR.

You can email Randy at randallsams@yahoo.com or send him a message on facebook.

#### PREVIOUS HOSKINS AWARD RECIPIENTS

1973 Clyde Nipper	1990 Joe Rosenberg	2007 Jarrod & Jennifer
1974 Sam Scharnberg	1991 Kris Mandt	Igou
1975 Ron Hoyt	1992 Ric Johnson	2008 Ralph Johnson
1976 Ron Sharp	1993 Lyle Kreps	2009 Dick Struve
1977 Greg Scharnberg	1994 Tom Juckette	2010 Dave Volante
1978 Barb Zimmerman	1995 Greg & Sam Scharnberg	2011 Doug Walker
1979 Jack Andrews	1996 No award	2012 Noah Lacona
1980 John Armstrong	1997 Bob Eddy	2013 John Jacobs
1981 Jean Sharp	1998 Colan Arnold	2014 Harlan Donaldson
1982 Bob Dickelman	1999 No award	2015 Fred Bell
1983 Richard Fisher	2000 Ron & Monica Shaw	2016 Dan & Mary
1984 J. B. Silverberg	2001 Marina Kraft	Harrington
1985 Fred Thomas	2002 Rick Talbot	2017 Randy Sams
1986 Bob Maurer	2003 Nancy Mandt	2018- TBA
1987 Mark Paar	2004 Kelley Huxtable	
1988 Deb Goodner	2005 Bart Holden	
1989 Ron and Jean Sharp	2006 No award	



# TT/PDX AUG 12TH

Thank you for everyone who came out for and who worked the event! We had a great time and enjoyed ourselves! (See second photo of the stack) Can't wait to see everyone soon!

# RESULTS

РΑ

1 2 3 4	Adam Walker James Green Jan Gerber Paul Gregory	1:54.148 1:56.485 1:57.385 2:00.549
PB 1 2 3 4	John Jacobs Jay Sharp Daniel Jullano David Champion	1:49.244 1:51.341 1:52.405 1:54.074
PC 1 2 3 4	Zach Bertness Nathan "Boonie" Bo Anthony Brobston Adam Pressetto	1:46.396 one 1:48.869 1:49.583 1:51.120
PD 1 2 3 4	Joey Green Matt Thompson Robert Vierhout Albert Hermans	1:46.396 1:48.869 1:49.583 1:51.120

# DMVR AUTOCROSS SOLO AT THE IOWA EVENTS CENTER- AUGUST 19TH



Thank you to everyone who came out to the Solo event at the Iowa Events Center on August 19th. We had over 80 participants in the event! With so many cars and a challenging course it was a long but fun day! Thank you to the Iowa Region drivers who decided to join us for the day! Be sure to take a look at the DMVR SCCA facebook group page to see pictures from the event!

# TOP TIMES OF THE DAY

CATEGORY	TIME	CLASS/#	NAME
RAW TIME	42.236	KM 240	Eric Less
PAX	36.989	PGS 6	Alex Bronson
STREET	46.802	DS 66	Michael Phelps
TOURING	47.516	STX 86	Andrei Kramer
STREET PREPARED	45.433	ASP 162	David Price
CLASSIC AMERICAN	46.009	CAMC 101	Todd Spuzello
PREPARED	45.490	XP 138	Boonie Boone
STREET MODIFIED	45.757	SMF 40	Francisco Davila
KART	42.236	KM 240	Eric Less
NOVICE	41.666	NAS 50	Jie Niu









# Photos provided by Derek Meinen









# FORMULA E CHAMPIONSHIPNEW YORK CITY BY CARL WIEMAN

I worked with SCCA Pro Racing at the Formula E Races Rounds 11 and 12 in New York City. This was held on July 14-15, 2018.

For those people not familiar with Formula E, it is 100% Electric Racing with a formula race car. That is correct, not a hybrid, no gasoline or anything else, just battery power. Before you get upset and say that is not real racing or a real car, as the editor of our local newspaper would say, "bear with me on this one".

I have never been involved with any type of electric car before. My experiences have all been with internal combustion engines, such as gasoline or ethanol. I have done experiments with ethanol in car engines while going to school at Mankato State University, as well as our youngest son had a go-kart in Solo competition for a few years that ran on E-95.

Many years before that in the 1970's, I converted a 4 cyl, Honda car engine to a 2 cyl. engine and won a SAE Mileage Competition and a few weeks later, reinstalled the original engine and won a Solo event. Then there was the American Sedan V-8 Mustang that I crewed on for many years and going to the Runoffs. That is just some background to give you an idea that I did not think I would ever get involved with a 100% electric vehicle, let alone work at a race, and enjoy it.

GRENT

The weekend starts on Saturday morning with two Practice sessions, then 4 groups of Qualifying, and a Super Pole Qualifying. There is some time with nothing happening on track which allows for spectators to walk in the Garage area.

Race #11 was held at 15:34 for 45 laps, which takes about 1 hour. There is no work done in Pit Lane. If a car needs any work or adjustments, they come into the Garage. While in the Garage, a large fan is blowing on the batteries, with dry ice dumped into the hopper on the fan to help cool the batteries quicker. On Sunday morning there is one Practice session and 4 groups of Qualifying again followed by the Super Pole Qualifying.

Then the Garage is open for spectators until 15:04, when Race 12 Starts. I am not sure why the races start at what some people would think are hard to remember times, such as 15:04, and not 15:05 or 15:00.

Formula E is the only race group all weekend, which gives the workers, such as myself, some time to look around the area and the garages. There is also an area where they have a stage with bands, displays with vendors, and many other things to keep even the non-racing person busy all day long. I was enjoying the Garage area too much to check out that area.



Garage for Formula E racers

Team uses Dry Ice Cooling Fan on tires during Formula E Races.



Large Screen Showing kw left



Carl in his spot during Formula E Races in New York City



Car Entering Pit

I worked with the Pit Lane Team at Pit In. I was on the inside corner as the cars came off the track towards pit lane and garages. My main job was to listen on two different radios, one in each ear of my headset, and watch for problems in the Pit In Lane. When they heard that I had used two radios with MX-5 Cup for several years, they knew that I was the person for that position. I did have to use a yellow flag once, and almost hit a car, when it came so close to the cement wall that I was behind.

There was a large screen to my left, behind me that faced the grandstands across the track, so I could look at it and watch some of the race as it happened in other parts of the track as well as some very interesting information displayed.

Then towards the half way mark of the race, the screen would display amount left in the battery. About half way the cars would come into the garage and the driver would jump out and into the next car that was waiting for him to continue the race. That meant the driver and team had to plan accordingly, and have two cars that will make it through the complete race as well as maintain enough battery power to be in the lead at the end. In this version of car, they do not change batteries; instead they change cars when the battery gets low.

This meant that the driver had to practice and setup two cars for each race. These cars have a high pitch electric motor whine. They remind me of being in the Dentist chair while he is drilling. But, you cannot hear the car until it is very close on the track. In the Garage area when going slow, they are quiet. There was no Whoomah sound like in A Sedan.

This schedule makes for a quick weekend. I flew into New York on Friday and flew out on Sunday night. This was a brief explanation of the Formula E Race in New York. I hope everyone enjoyed the insight and look forward to watching a Formula E Race next season, which starts in Dec. 15, 2018. The New York City Race is July 13-14, 2019, the only Formula E Race in the US at this time. This will be with the Gen2 car which will have a larger battery capacity that will not require a car change mid-race.

For more details on Formula E Races and cars, check out www.fiaformulae.com.



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