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CALENDAR

Septemeber's Monthly Meeting will be happening at

**The HandleBar Resturant at
1607 Sugar Grove Ave.
Dallas Center, IA 50063
at 6 p.m. on Septmeber 1st.**

Upcoming monthly meetings are to be determinded based on the state of Iowa's restrictions on bars and resturants in response to the pandemic.

Remaining Events:

Septmeber 19 - 20:

Worldwide Technology Raceway at Gateway (TT w/majors)

October 10 - 11:

Two day Solo at Adventureland

At this time there is no Street Survival scheduled due to the healthcrisis. We will update on the DMVR SCCA website and Facebook page when more information is available.

DMVR MONTHLY MEETING MINUETS

NEW NEWS:

Solo:

Event at Eddyville after the 4th of July

- Positive experience, still complaints about it not being in the greater Des Moines Area
- Still no mentoring program, unless both people are from the same household

Next Autocross will be on August 30th again at Eddyville

- Waviers:
 - Make sure they are filled out prior to the event
 - Continue to send the link to people prior to the event

Iowa Speedway Update:

- We are still working on trying to see if the event will move forward
- Discussion on future of working with the racetrack

Adventurland two day event October 10-11th will potentially be next autocross event

Treasurer:

- Moving forward with Transponder Rental - \$40 per piece per week
- Solo - in the black with attendance and operating costs breaking even
- Membership Dues - in the black
- Need to invoice Heartland Park for transponders (KBRG)

TT:

- Heartland Park Event - went well
- Gateway Event post-poned until September 19-20 due to health crisis
- RPM not an option for IA speedway weekend alternative
 - hating to \$ per day and not cost effective

TT cont:

- Sponsors:
 - No big payouts for winners
 - Carry over into next year
 - Paid out contingent prizes at 1st event
- Maybe a 2 event season due to health crisis

Racing:

- No one is racing due to lack of events because of the pandemic

Rallycross:

- No report

Street Survival:

- On hold, not officially on the calendar
- Change of location

Membership Chair: *not present*

Workers: *not present*

Assistant RE:

- Discussion on future membership and board meeting locations
- Annual Meeting discussion held until board meeting

BOARD MEETING

NEW BUSINESS:

Meeting began at 7:24 p.m.

RE:

- Board Meetings will be held via Skype Call due to certain members not able to attend in person due to pandemic precautions
- Membership meetings will be held on the first Tuesday of every month, in person if possible with pandemic precautions

Solo:

- Iowa Speedway is still up in the air
 - All people involved with planning are now based out of Kanasa City Speedway offices
 - Conversation about potential last minuet alternative locations
- PA Needs Maintenance
 - DMVR member will evaluate and then contact us if \$ is needed

Assistant RE:

- Dicussion on viability
 - Number of events with concerns about if trophies can be awarded
 - Larger event with pandemic concerns
- Postponing until another time
 - February or March
 - Fall of this year
- Location
- Continued conversations about best ways to reach everyone during the pandemic
 - Drifting to be sent out in 3-4 page format if no articles sent to Drifting editor

Due to prior commitments Chas Beeler has stepped down from his position as membership chair for DMVR. John Haluska was nominated and was voted to be his replacement. We thank Chas for his continued dedication to DMVR and all of the hard work he has done for the club as membership chair.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Miscellaneous Autocross Ramblings

by John Haluska

Good day to all you DMVR-ers! Just wanted to bring the good people of our esteemed club up to speed (get it?) on the two latest Autocross Events plus bonus coverage of how six of DMVR's finest conquered Hawkeye Downs on July 19th.

June 21 Eddyville Event #1

After a (Three Month!) forced sabbatical, 44 drivers descended upon Eddyville Raceway for the first event of the year. It was heard throughout the paddock that Co-Chairs Will Fanchier and John Haluska put on "a hell of an event!" (was this a good thing or a bad thing? More will be revealed).



Denny Godwin ready to "haul the mail"

While Eddyville proved to be a challenge for course designers, an epic design emerged and the track was laid out with the customary pylons.

Chris Miller and Josh Jones battled it out for FTD with Chris taking the top honor. Not far behind was Josh (2nd fastest) with Will Fanchier filling out the top 3 podium spots.

A couple of honorable mentions go out to Alison Bell for best sounding exhaust and Mike White for fastest Truck (not only a cool autocross vehicle but comes in handy picking up cones after the event!).

A fun time was had by all until a Corvette decided to poop on the tarmac and we had to take our ball and go home... (Due to oil on the track and a late start it was decided to end the event early). Unfortunately, some drivers did not get all their runs but all left with an appetite for the next event!

July 12 Eddyville Event #2

The second event at Eddyville saw the highly vaunted team of Patrick Sandusky and John Haluska as Co-Chairs. A course was designed, cones put down and with the smell of burning tires in the air, the first car was off!

Another epic battle began to take place for FTD honors between Chris Miller and Josh Jones. A real Ford vs Ferrari (or in this case Chevrolet) played out before our very eyes! But wait! Was there to be a spoiler played by a Mitsubishi Evolution and piloted by our very own Worker Chief Extraordinaire, Darin Ballard? As the day came to a close, it was the top three podium spots in that order. Chris hauled the mail again for FTD followed by Josh and Darin. However, the rest of the field saw lots of action, punctuated by a fast Fred Bell in his gorgeous Imola Red Z4 M Coupe, Patrick Sandusky's new NA Miata, a speedy STX "Twin" driven by David "The Champ" Champion and "some Miata with a choo coo boi". All stellar drives! It was also nice to see novice Ben Graham back at his second event and getting faster and more confident!



"Ready for my GQ photo shoot!" - Boonie Boone

Finally, a special "Thank You" to our "Very Official Grid-Master" Boonie for leaving his car at home so as not to scare any Eddyville Sign-posts!

Iowa Region July 19th Event at Hawkeye Downs

This is a story about how six racing starved drivers from the Des Moines Valley Region would conquer Heck or High Water to have the chance to be "Down for the Downs!" Or how Dave Eggert, Dan Doyle, Nathan Bickel (accompanied by the fair Taylor), Lucas Clayton, Steve Schafer and Yours Truly dodged Jail, bullets, goats, and that thing where you eat Ice Cream to go fast at Iowa's gem of a Racetrack!

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Iowa Region July 19th Event at Hawkeye Downs

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It's no secret that I love Hawkeye Downs and Iowa Region puts on a First Class event and they did not disappoint! It was a fast, fun course. Did I mention it was fast? Yes I did!

To begin with, we are going to have to give Lucas "Is That your Real Hair?" Clayton a new nick-name. I'm going to start calling him "Kid Natural" as he is proving to be a real Contender. Lucas was fast from his first event last year but as skill and confidence build he will rise to the top of the PAX chart.

Dave Eggert had a great event and finished 2nd in E Street and 13 out of 65 in PAX. Nathan took 2nd in STX but stole the show! Besides making lots of friends of all the corner workers he earned the new moniker PAC-Man! We have never seen such cone carnage at an autocross!

Overheard in the Paddock:

Dan - "Seemed like there were some safety issues that I hadn't seen before at an event, with the alfa's wheel and the guy blowing through the start. Not sure if those are regular occurrences over there, but otherwise it was a smooth and fun event"

Jonathan and Lucas - "All in all we really liked it. Enjoyed the announcer guy."

Nathan - "I personally couldn't get the flow of the course. I might've had a moment of anger and flew through the course in a moment of glory and took all the cones out to see if there any defective ones and immediately take them out of service"

Dave - "To shift or not to shift? Sh!t, I probably should have shifted! So, yes it was a fast course. I really enjoyed it. The course made you slow down in some spots but after a few runs really let you carry more speed than you thought possible on the first run. I've really enjoyed both times I've been to Hawkeye Downs. Also, Iowa Region always seems to put on a good event. 65 cars and we were still out of there by 4:00."

Nathan - "Yeah I saw that they are a little lax on the 55 mph rule. When my Miata is hitting 65 mph then I can only imagine what the big HP cars are hitting."



Dan "Chillin' like a Villain"