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# About us



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## Board of Directors Meetings

The Detroit Region holds Board Meetings every second Wednesday of each month. All members are welcome to attend to see the professional way the club is run. Information about the meetings is on our [web site](#). Minutes of the meetings can be [downloaded here](#).

## Membership

The Detroit Region of the Sports Car Club of America is one of the larger regions with over 1400 members. It has something for every taste, including some of the country's best organized Rallycross, Solo (Autocross) and TSD Rallies.

Membership includes a subscription to [SportsCar magazine](#), discounts and savings, schools and classes, experts and information and insurance while participating at SCCA events.

We have 1457 members as of 08/09/2016

Long Service Awards are listed at the end of the newsletter.

You can join SCCA [online or by mailing the Application form](#).

## Photograph Credits

Many of the photos were found on the internet. If the photographer was known, credit was given. If you want credit for any of yours photos, please contact me at [openexhaust@detroit-scca.org](mailto:openexhaust@detroit-scca.org).

## Cover Photo

Matt Luckow putting down rubber in his Porsche.

## Links

Remember to click on all the links in Blue for videos and still photos on the web.

## Open Exhaust Articles

Articles are always needed and members will get one worker point for every article published. They can be about anything automotive but a priority will be given to articles about Detroit Region events and/or members. Comments about the newsletter are also welcome, particularly about article accuracy, distribution method and readability.

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## Solo

### ***Fall into Autumn Solo***

18 September,

### ***Season Ender***

9 October, Michigan International Speedway,

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## Rallycross

### ***Rallycross #7***

20 August, Crystal Motor Speedway, Crystal, MI 48818

Cancelled.

### ***Rallycross #8***

17 September, Thistle Hill, South Lyon, MI 48178

### ***Rallycross #9***

22 October, I-96 Speedway, Lake Odessa, MI 48849

### ***Rallycross #10 Two Day Event!!!***

12 and 13 November, Oakshade Raceway, Wauseon, OH 43567

Note, free entry on Sunday 13 for those who entered the rained out event at Oakshade on July 24.

### ***Rallycross #11***

3 December, Thistle Hill, South Lyon, MI 48178

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## TSD Rally

### ***Press On Regardless***

10 and 11 September, West Branch, MI 48661

### ***Clare Color Tour***

1 October, Location TBD

### ***Pavement Ends***

19 November, Cancelled

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## Race

### ***SCCA National Championship Runoffs***

19—25 September, Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course, 44904

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## Also:

[Rally America Stage Rally Calendar](#)

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[American Rally Association](#)

**The Twilight Tour** was held on April 16, with headquarters at the Carlyle Grill on Jackson Road in Ann Arbor, with Ken Wiedbusch officiating.

David Stone and Rob Moran took equipped class honors and first overall, with just 12 points for 14 scored legs.

Satish Gopalkrishnan and Savera D'Souza came all the way out from New Jersey to take the limited class win, with just 38 points - an excellent performance.

The stock class win was taken by the long time and experienced team of Adam Spieszny and Piotr Roszczenko with only 34 points, - an astounding stock class performance!

The field of 10 novices (an excellent novice turnout) was won by Ryan Harris and Matthew Rebandt.

The Usher brothers had an engine problem right at the start so they went home. Nathan had the engine out before the rally finished!

A few graduates of the March DR SCCA **Rally School** turned in fine performances. Tristan Koivisto apparently picked up enough at the school to help his driver Ryan Vidnua pull off a second place in class finish. And school grad James Wobser, with help from navi Jon-Alan Shrewsbury, finished a close third, just 10 points behind Koivisto/Vidnua. Well done all!

You can [click here to view the full leg by leg scores and final results](#).



Fishbeck and Dawson heading for 4th in Equipped

TSD Rallying is an excellent way for novices to get a taste of competition without the need for any car modifications, and so it is far more affordable than Stage Rallying. Scott Harvey Jr. has written an excellent "[Beginners Guide TSD Road Rally](#)" which can be found on our web site.

**Moonlight Monte** was held on July 30, with headquarters in West Branch, MI.

Dan Harkcom organized a great rally over some fine back roads in the northern lower peninsular of Michigan.

There were 16 entries, including 6 novices providing new blood to TSD rallying.

The rain made getting to West Branch a challenge, but little of it fell on the event roads which were in good shape.

Rob Moran had wiring problems, putting him and Dave Stone out of contention. T

The Dodge Challenger of Peterson/Kirk took a wrong turn and ended up miles away from the route in a sand hole. The Usher brothers, who were running sweep, eventually pulled them out having difficulty finding a place to tie the tow rope!

All ended well at the Loggers Depot and trophies were done around midnight.

James Jurgenson and Jimm Crittenden took 1st place in Equipped with 21 points, only 2 ahead of Jeff and Nic Boris.

Ken and Dennis Wiedbusch came 1st in Limited in spite of making a wrong turn in front of Langosch/Thorpe, who couldn't stop laughing and nearly hit a stop sign!



Wiedbusch's receiving 1st in Limited Class

Marianna Langosch and Brian Thorpe were 1st in Stock with 120 points. Ryan Vidnua and Tristan Koivisto were 1st in the Novice class. Many thanks to Dan and all the volunteers!

[Click here for results](#)



Jurgenson/Crittenden receiving 1st place award from Dan Harkcom.

Formula SAE® challenges university teams to conceive, design, fabricate and compete with small formula-style, autocross race cars. Over the course of four days, the cars are judged in a series of safety, static and dynamic events.

FSAE took place at Michigan International Speedway on May 11-14, and the Detroit Region of SCCA supported the event by planning, organizing, staging and managing Tech Inspection and all of the dynamic events. Over 80 volunteers were onsite to have fun and help with this very worthwhile event.

General Volunteer positions included, Team Stewards (incl Language Interpreters); Registration; Hospitality; Design & Presentation Staging; Scales; Paddock Patrol & Spectator Control; Dynamic Gates; Technical Inspection; Cost Auditors; Fuel area; Brake / Tilt / Noise Testing areas; Practice Track operations; Dynamic on-track events (Skid Pad, Acceleration, Autocross, Endurance) and Timing & Scoring.



Spartans—5th overall

The competitors schedules included Tech Inspections (Weigh-in, Tilt, Braking and noise), Static Judging (Cost, presentation and design). Then performance was measured with Acceleration, Skid Pad, Autocross and Endurance.



## Preliminary Results

The dynamic events are scored to determine how well the car performs. Each dynamic event has specified minimum acceptable performance levels that are reflected in the scoring equations.

Michigan 2016

Overall Res

The following points are possible:

Place	Car Num	Team	Penalty	Cost Score
1	14	Universitat Stuttgart		74.8
2	3	Graz Technical Univ		57.0
3	12	FH - Joanneum Graz		58.6
4	1	Oregon State Univ		56.6
5	23	Michigan State Univ		62.4
6	15	Univ of Wisconsin - Madison		64.4
7	16	Missouri University of Science and Tech		65.3
8	8	Univ of Michigan - Dearborn		70.1
9	2	Univ of Florida		65.1
10	93	Fachhochschule Hamburg		56.2
11	42	Univ of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh		67.3
12	7	National Univ of Singapore		63.9
13	129	Carleton Univ		67.2
14	74	Univ of Cincinnati		59.5
15	81	Auburn Univ		65.0
16	128	San Jose State University		64.8
17	97	Minnesota State University - Mankato		62.8
18	52	Univ of Minnesota - Twin Cities		65.1
19	13	Faculdade de Engenharia de Sorocaba		66.8
20	43	California Polytechnic State Univ-SLO		68.3
21	116	Univ of Toledo		64.7
22	11	Polytechnique Montréal		71.1
23	115	Cornell Univ		59.3
24	80	Univ of Texas - Arlington		62.7
25	4	Kookmin Univ		73.5
26	105	Univ of Connecticut		62.5

- Static Events:                      Presentation 75                      Engineering Design 150                      Cost Analysis 100
- Dynamic Events:                      Acceleration 75                      Skid-Pad 50                      Autocross 150                      Efficiency 100                      Endurance 300

Total Points 1,000

To find out more go to > <http://FSAE.MichiganTurnMarshals.org>

John Lisiecki & Mike McClintock  
SCCA Event Chairs

[Formula SAE web site](#)

[Video at MIS in 2008](#)



University of Wisconsin 6th place

Photo by Pat Barber



Ed Arthur

The Chevrolet Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix was held in the Motor City on Friday June 3 thru Sunday June 5, 2016. The event featured the cars of the Verizon IndyCar Series, the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship, the Trans Am Series, and the trucks of the SPEED Energy Stadium SUPER Truck Series. The SCCA Detroit Region once again provided on-track volunteers for the entire weekend with specialties in Flagging and Communications, Emergency Services, Equipment, Hospitality, Registration, Tech, and Timing & Scoring.

The F&C community rallied and through their dedication, professionalism, and commitment, made the 2016 DBIGP race a success. I personally want to make sure they know that not only does the Detroit SCCA Region recognize their contribution, we wholeheartedly thank everyone for their participation.

Preparation for the event is a group effort and the input from the F&C Executive Planning Committee was immeasurable. At different times I called upon members of the F&C Community to participate in this capacity and this year special thanks go to Steve Balanecki, Robert Duncan, John Lisiecki, and Bill Thompson for their invaluable assistance. I also thank the Chiefs and the volunteers in all the other SCCA specialties whose hard work and dedication make it possible for us to do a good job safely and to enjoy our time on Belle Isle.







# Rallycross



So far this year we have held four Rallycross events with the one in March at Oakshade Raceway, OH being cancelled due to very soggy ground conditions.

## **RallyX # 1 was at Crystal Motor Speedway on January 2.**

Adverse weather resulted in the course getting quite rutted, and the event was limited to 6 runs each instead of the usual 8. However, the course was very long and resulted in about double the usual run times. There were minor timing issues, probably because our timing guru, Ken Wiedbusch, was absent.

The ruts and frozen ground resulted in a rough ride, but that's to be expected at a winter Rallycross.

FTD went to Nathan Usher, whose speed was such that there were many Max times in his class due to the 125% rule.

[Results are here.](#)

## **RallyX #2 was at I96 Speedway on February 13.**

Sean Grogan (Event Chair):

“Thanks to everyone who makes chairing these events relatively easy. The Detroit Rallycross team is a well oiled machine. 8 runs, a lunch break, fantastic trophies and out of there just after 5 PM. Thanks to everyone who helped pushed the pace of the event, showed up on time for work assignments/grid, and even the corner workers who ran their asses off shaggin' cones, as I know the start interval was tight. People in critical positions who are there every event 95 degrees, to 5 degrees, especially those that came out in this very cold weather to not even compete, we can not thank you enough.

Mary S. - Making registration a breeze, with excellent communication and monitoring of a several week long, constantly changing waitlist.

Jerry S. - dealing with ridiculous temperatures, frozen beer and people stealing his radios,

Nathan/Marianna Timing ran flawlessly all day, as per usual.

Ken W. - Always willing to show up first with the timing truck and equipment, handling radios and loaner helmets, determining worker and run group assignments, this guy does everything, as well as provide some occasional unintended entertainment.

And the competitors that are constantly stepping up:

Matt Wolfe for maintaining the Facebook page, helping on the Novice walk along

with;

Dan Hutchinson & Burke Davis helping out with lunch.

Jon A helping with beating mounds of frozen dirt with shovels, and all other safety things.

Bob Martin for essentially being the 'voice of DET RallyX', making a great course design, and constantly pushing to keep things moving.

Jon Jareo for all the hard work behind the scenes and organizing grid.

Chris Lee Awesome trophies, and tremendously quick turn around, keeping no one waiting at the end of a long cold day.

Doug Harvey - helping out with starter duties when I was running.”

FTD went to Scott Banes

[Here are the results.](#)

## **RallyX # 4 at Thistle Hill, South Lyon on May 21.**

As usual, with the 50 car limit, the event was oversubscribed. This is a very popular location for competitors and spectators alike due to its proximity to the Detroit Metro area.

Scott Harvey kept the dust at bay with liberal watering of the track (and sometimes the competitors!)

FTD went to Nathan Usher in his superbly prepared Subaru, and he won the Modified AWD class. However, Scot Banes was a close second. Every one of his 8 runs was faster than Nathan's but he hit too many cones. Scott, you have to stop doing that!

[Results are here.](#)

## **RallyX # 5 was a Great Lakes Divisional Championship at I96 Speedway, Lake Odessa, MI on June 25 and 26.**

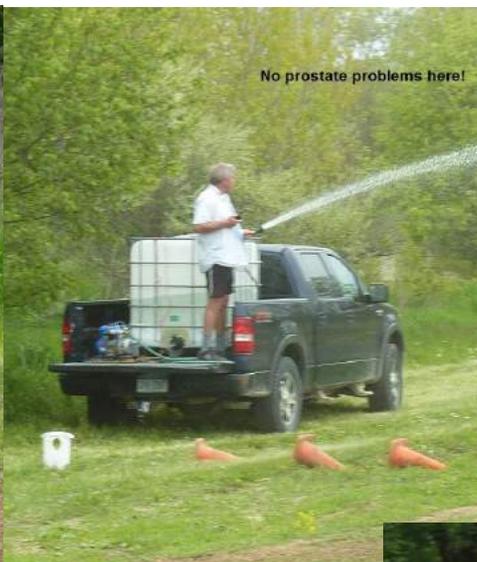
There were 50 entries for this two day Championship event. I96 Speedway is sometimes a dust bowl but they are pretty good at watering it down when needed.

FTD went to ZB Lorenc of Ohio Valley Region and he won the Stock AWD class. Just goes to show you don't need a souped up car to do well in Rallycross.

[The rest of the results are here.](#)



Jared Kreft in his Toyota Supra, taking 3rd place in Stock Rear.



No prostate problems here!



Sean Grogan, winner in Stock Rear, with 8 clean runs.



Andrew Layton winning Stock Front at the GLD Championship

Photographer: Scott Banes



Nathaniel Muncie winning Prepared AWD at the GLD Championship



Matt Wolfe winning in Stock Front with NO CONES!!



Burke Davis on his way to winning in Modified Front

Photographer: Scott Banes





There's lots of racing and action on track during [SCCA U.S. Majors Tour](#) events. But there are ancillary things to do, too, during these exciting weekends. And not all the activities are for adults.

Take for example the recent [SCCA U.S. Majors Tour at GingerMan Raceway](#) in South Haven, Michigan. During the planning process for the Northern Conference event, Race Chair Jeff Luckritz thought there should be a special activity just for kids during the weekend to get them involved. The concept of a simple, fun fishing tournament emerged and, well, snowballed into a fabulous affair that came together thanks to the great work of several folks.

South Bend Regional Executive Dennis Jennings reached out to some friends who love fishing to see if they would host the tournament. A week before the race, GingerMan's small paddock pond was stocked with 200 bluegills, the cost being shared between the track and South Bend Region. To help out, the track manager also bought some fishing poles and got the bait donated. Then the tournament hosts called a couple places to scare up some door prizes and even hauled to the track their bass boat for kids to explore.

With everything in place, the tournament started at 9am Saturday morning and ran until noon. In all, 14 kids joined in and caught 208 fish in three hours. While the kids didn't get to keep their catch, many of them did receive pretty cool trophies Saturday night in front of 300 people attending the evening's dinner soiree.

The Sports Car Club of America is all about having fun with cars. But it's more than that. It's also about having fun with friends and family ... and that was achieved in spades during the GingerMan Majors.

Article stolen from SCCA website



<http://www.scca.com/videos/2028606> July 10 interview

<http://www.scca.com/videos/2028578> July 9

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyOMXN8xL3Y> Rear view during race

Sak wins both races at the SCCA Majors at Gingerman.

Bobby Sak won both the Saturday and Sunday races at the Double Majors weekend in July at Gingerman Raceway. Driving his black #19 SRF3 (Spec Racer Ford, Gen 3) Bobby led the field of almost 20 cars from the start in both races. Bobby is the son of Don Sak, a former Trans Am driver from Detroit Region. The Double Majors weekend at Gingerman is co-hosted by the Detroit Region and the South Bend Region of SCCA.

The Cincinnati Region held its 10th IT/SPEC\*acular Plus Club Race on August 4 through August 7 at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course in Lexington, OH.

Congratulations to Detroit Region member Jon Yanca, in placing 1st in all three Touring 4 races in his 2010 Mazda MX-5.

He had a fantastic weekend, starting off by setting a few personal best lap times and then he pulled off a sweep with three race wins! He also set the fastest T4 time of the weekend.

He is looking forward to the Runoffs at Mid-Ohio in September where he will compete against 30-plus competitors, vying for the T4 national championship.

He was accompanied by his always supportive wife and crew Emily. Also thanks to Steve Steeb, of [Steve Steeb Service](#), for helping with the setup, among many other things, and Hoosier Tire.



Jon raced Spec Miata at Waterford Hills and in 2014 he received 7th place in the top ten driver



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# The Magnum Opus Stage Rally



Organized by NASA Rally Sport, the rally was run on 17th and 18th June, 2016, and was headquartered in Newberry, MI way up there in the UP.

The Detroit Region was well represented by the following six teams, however they only had a 50% finish rate!:

**Dan Finn/Teena Hauxwell Finn (car 32)**                      **Subaru RS**                      **DNF Hit tree**

Well.... We had our first real off. An unfortunate introduction with a very large tree on the first stage of day two. We are both totally fine, just sore and sad. We are very grateful to everyone who helped us out, from fellow competitors, to volunteers and spectators. Thank you for your support and concern. Big thanks to our amazing crew for rescuing us. You guys are the best. Scrappy is going to need some definite TLC, but we'll be back. [Video of the crash](#)

**Mike Ryba/Burke Davis (car16)**                      **Honda Civic**                      **7th overall and 1st in 2WD light class**

**Todd Tortorelli/Drew Rosek (car 25)**                      **Subaru WRX**                      **4th overall and in AWD class**

**Dmitry Martinov/Molly Disend (car 68)**                      **Subaru WRX**                      **DNF Engine**

Not 100% sure on what exactly happened yet, but the motor is most likely dead. It first died on course and I thought it was just a clogged filter. We kind of cleaned it out and made it to the finish, but the car barely runs/starts now and there is some not so nice noise happening. Will need to drain the oil and investigate further.

**Matt Peterson/Amanda Skelly (car 81)**                      **Honda Civic**                      **DNF Hit tree**

We started 22nd and I figured as long as I could keep the car running we would have a fun time. The first couple stages had us adjusting to the car running rich and not liking the lower RPMs.

Unfortunately on the roughest stage of the event, SS3 Two Hearted, we were about 9 miles into a 10.1 mile stage when we came into a turn and just on the inside edge of a rut, caught a small stump with the tire. It pulled the steering wheel from my hands and slid us sideways. I fought to regain control but couldn't stop us from hitting a tree.

The axle blew apart and front control arm bent back jamming the left front wheel in the wheel well and sliding the car sideways. Unfortunately we blocked the stage until a large group of us managed to pick up the rear of the car and slide it over so others could pass. Then to add insult to injury, another car's starter died and another got stuck in the sand trying to push start him.

**Eric Anderson/Jay Anderson (car 917).**                      **Toyota Celica**                      **10th overall and 3th in 2WD heavy class**

It was a tough rally! only 15 of 32 cars finished. We finished, but not without damage...distorted/bent front frame rails, lost our entire exhaust, and had to weld a strut in service. We're in the process of repairs and we will be back.

[Tyler Linner recap of Magnum Opus](#)





# Summer Sno\*Drift Stage Rally



Sno\*Drift Summer Rally (SSR) was run by the Sno\*Drift organizing committee as a summer alternative to cold north Michigan January weather. It ran as part of the 2016 Rally America Central Regional Rally Championship.

SSR took place on the roads of Montmorency County, Michigan on August 6, 2016. There were 8 stages with 40+ stage miles and about 90 miles of transit. This was an old school rally, route book only. No notes, no recce, no problem!

Rally Headquarters were in the Atlanta High School, Atlanta, MI .

The Detroit Region of SCCA was once again well represented.

Nathan Usher and Marianna Langosch were 1st in class and 2nd overall. Well done guys, that is a superb accomplishment.

Mike Engle and Brian Arpke were 2nd in class and 3rd overall, again a great showing by the Detroit Region teams.

Willian Marenich and Lori Clute were 13 overall and 5th in G2 in their VW.

[Excellent video from Sunrise Cable Network of the Sno\\*Drift Rally](#)

<https://vimeo.com/180075633>

[Here's a link to an article on the rally by Tyler Linner](#)

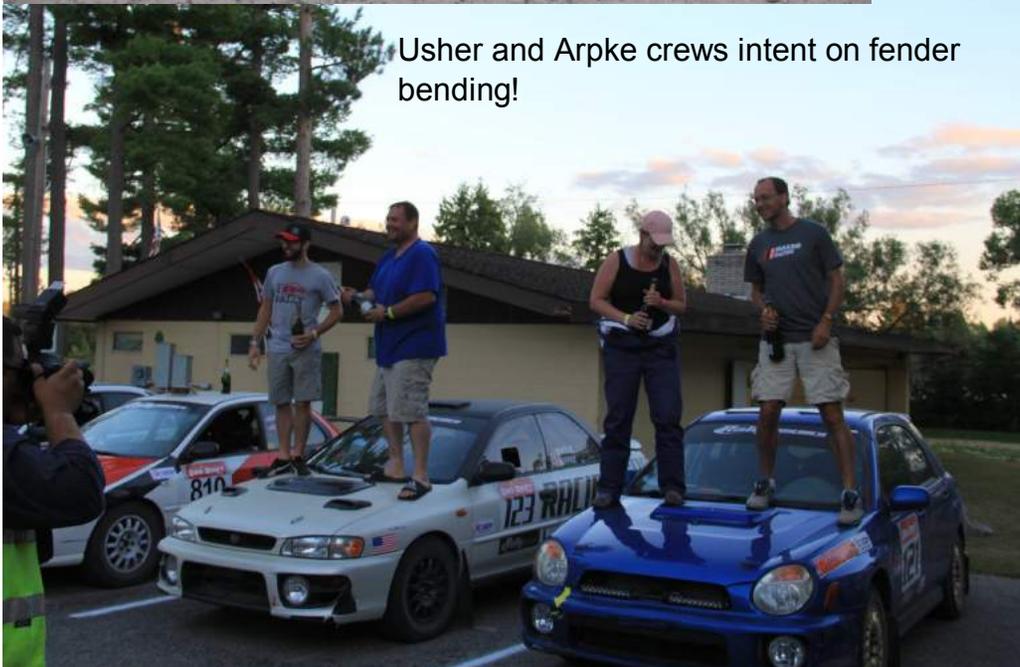
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Marenich/Clute in there somewhere!



Arpke/Engle on the way to 2nd in class!

Usher and Arpke crews intent on fender bending!



Usher/Langosch on the way to 1st in class



The Season Opener Solo event was held on April 24 at Michigan International Speedway.

Shawn Alexander was Chairman and the event was a success with over 200 entries.

Here are some comments from Kenneth Tsang:

“That was fun! Using the new course area turned MIS into a site that I can really get excited about going to for an autocross. I can't wait to do more events there now.

It was awesome to have the biggest turnout that I've ever seen at a Detroit Region event. Four runs would have been cool, but despite our best efforts (seriously, quite a lot of effort on the part of many people), we still had some timing/equipment hiccups, so ultimately 3 runs was the right call. Thanks to Pat Barber, live timing was really awesome to have and the wireless timing lights allowed a course configuration that would have been at least somewhat prohibitive to do with the old wired lights, so I'm really excited about the direction that our solo program is going. Thanks to all involved in making this happen because the more involved I get, the more I realize that there are a lot of people doing a lot of work.

Also, thanks to Kevin Gu for the co-drive in the S2000. We had some handling issues due to a total lack of rear shock travel, so we weren't able to power out of corners as much as I would have liked and I had to be pretty conservative running through the kink after the big sweeper (which must have been a ton of fun in a car with linear suspension travel!), but once we identified the issues, we were able to drive around them and put down some solid runs. Not bad for a car that has literally 2 weeks in development!”

[Here is a video of Kenneth in Kevin Gu's Honda S2000.](#)



Aaron Little



Jen Merideth



Mike Nienhuis

Photos by Andrew Wong

[Results are in this link](#)

After FSAE Solo at MIS on May 15 —chairman was Mike Nienhuis. [Link to results here.](#)

Jason Kolk



Steven Bunce



What's so funny Jeff Kidorf?



James Prostell



## Oscoda DR/SVR Great Lakes Divisional Solo—August 5 to 7, held at the Wurtsmith AFB in Oscoda, MI.

There was a test and tune Friday for those looking to spend some time dialing in their set ups.

Saturday's event was a two autocross event with runs in the morning and afternoon.

Sunday was a standard solo first thing in the morning.

Hope everyone had a good time in Oscoda this past weekend. Sorry we did not get to do the Saturday afternoon runs. The timing issues really pushed us back. Would have done 5 runs if we had known the timers were not going to cooperate. Was not planning on 140 people so we were a little short on facilities. Will have to correct that next time. Big thanks to Dave Feighner for working his butt off repairing the pavement. Thanks to all the folks who stepped up and helped with everything.

### Solo Files on Facebook

Saginaw Valley Region results from #7 and #8 Solo events:

<http://www.svr-scca.com/vb/content.php?53-Results-from-SVR-7-and-8>

Looks like Solo competitors could save weight by removing the left rear wheel!!! Photos by Aaron Little





# 2012 Press on Regardless TSD Rally



*No rhyme nor reason for this inclusion, but I suffer a great delusion, that I could have been a poet, after this you may not know it!*

## Friday - 3 sections, 250 miles.

Off we went, ready to be a hero  
 At the first control we had a zero!  
 Control 2 was under a minute away  
 We couldn't keep the gremlins at bay  
 Sad to say we were 13 late  
 Double digits, that I hate.  
 Control 3 was only slightly longer  
 We got a 3 and began to feel stronger  
 Then confident we were on time,  
 at control 6 we got a 69!  
 It cannot be, I said to Jen  
 We had to be in with less than 10.  
 Our total came to 93  
 We ended section one with glee.

Section 2 began much better.  
 Getting cool, should wear a sweater  
 In sight of 10, a truck came at us  
 Had to recheck our status.  
 Claimed a balk of 15 seconds.  
 We got a 4. Lady Luck beckons.  
 Our luck continued at control 15  
 Our score was bad and not pristine  
 The leg was thrown out, thank you much  
 We came second, we have the touch!

In Section 3 we had no issues,  
 With wet feet I needed tissues!  
 First in class with 26  
 We beat the Ushers on 36  
 They must have gone to sleep I fear  
 Or else they were stuck in first gear!  
 And so the first day was ended  
 A welcome kip was recommended.  
 Third, second, then first in class.  
 Kudos to driver, Jennifer Glass.

## Saturday - 4 sections, 320 miles

We started leg 1 with a zero.  
 Praise the navigator, what a hero!  
 Next we passed Sawdust Pile  
 The control must be within a mile.  
 But it was longer than I thought  
 We were late, they couldn't be bought.  
 Before the control we heard a ping.  
 Don't worry Jen, it's no big thing.  
 Then braking hard we felt a shudder.  
 The UK navi said "That's a bugger".  
 Jen checked the wheel it looked OK  
 I watched as she drove back and forth  
 The caliper was loose, a bolt was missing.  
 Beginning to wish I'd gone fishing.

Several people stopped to inquire.  
 When they saw it looked quite dire  
 They all drove off except Dave the Tire.  
 In Gaylord you should find some screws.  
 Let's go there we have nothing to lose.  
 We tightened the remaining bolt  
 And slowly drove trying not to jolt.  
 At first we checked out AutoZone,  
 They had no bolts we should have known.  
 Auto Value is down the street  
 For metric bolts they can't be beat.  
 A 12 mil fine thread is what we needed  
 A bit unlikely they conceded  
 But after looking through their bins  
 They found one, we cried holy s..t  
 A little too long, it hit the disk  
 But extra washers made it fit  
 With lots of torque it's worth the risk.  
 While we're at it let's check the others  
 It made sense we had our druthers  
 Two more pin bolts were missing  
 I could hear someone hissing!  
 Who changed the brakes recently,  
 Could it have been done decently?  
 All back together we left the parts shop  
 for Luzerne the next rest stop.  
 Almost there we saw the rally

Let's join it here we'll add to our tally.  
 With nine max scores and nothing to lose  
 We were now recovered from our blues  
 We scored a 1, before the break  
 The brakes were good, no more shake.  
 Both sections 3 and 4 were OK  
 Second in class, we kept Adam at bay.  
 We can't catch the Ushers I'd yell.  
 When are they moving up to L?  
 (Limited!!)

The other drama of the night:  
 The Navarre's had a fright  
 A tree jumped out and took their fender  
 It looked like it went through a blender  
 It was a pine tree you could tell  
 Bits of bark left their smell.  
 Glad they made it home with luck  
 In spite of steering joints amuck.

Many thanks to Bruce and John  
 For putting this great rally on.  
 Of course the workers deserve great praise  
 Maybe they should get a raise!

Brian Thorpe



# Long Service Awards



Congratulations to the following long service members:

## **50 years**

Orval R. Turley

## **40 Years**

Dr. Donald N. Coleman  
Dena M. Hallandal

## **45 years**

Mark Davison  
Hugh Laird  
Terry Myr

## **40 years**

Dena M. Hallandal  
James S. Arthurs Jr.  
Philip Schilke

## **35 years**

Tim R. Clauchert  
Stephen Scannel

## **30 years**

Thomas H. Best IV  
Lewis Cooper Jr.  
Michael R. Studnicki  
Jason S. Steeb  
Eugene R. Clark  
W.G. Giles  
Gerald J. Budnick  
Larry Diemer

## **25 years**

Davis Grudzinski  
David Hertzberg  
Philip W. Kingham

Gary M. Godula  
Mark Rushbrook  
Charles Rutter  
Joanna Rutter  
Laslie C. Sheidler  
Arthur S. Hyde  
Philp Lower

## **20 years**

Leslie A. Little  
Michael A. Ray  
Jeremiah T. McClintock  
Eric Vickerman  
Jackson B. Bennett  
Donald R. Elzinger Jr.  
Douglas Harvey  
Vance Johnson  
Patrick Kernahan  
Kevin K. Taylor  
Deborah L. Armstrong  
James R. Thompson

## **15 years**

Sarah Kingham  
Brian Line  
Corry Johnson  
Frederick W. Scarpace  
Lauren James Scarpace  
Paul A. Woolner  
Dr. David Satterley

## **10 years**

Kristen Margaret Schweitzer  
Thomas Filipucci  
James Richard Henson II  
Dr. Norman John Betts DDS  
Mark Kingham  
Gary Rogers  
James D. Bambard II

Laurence Winckelman

## **5 years**

Christina Ebenstreicher  
Allen Chen  
Ray Price  
Kevin William Thompson  
Evan Deneau  
Eric Leichtle  
Ken Mascia  
John H. Payne  
Micheal Ray  
Mark Rothenberg  
Alex Szilagyi  
Richard Thalhamer  
Tammy Breece  
Sraig Anthony Capaldi  
Barbara Duncan  
Gerald Peres Gomes Jr.  
Henry Jason  
Keith M. Jason  
Christopher R. Kiczek  
Stephen Eric Lakey  
Dr Christian Machado  
Matt Price  
Matthew Joseph Saylor  
Christopher James Scafer  
Nathan Sumner  
George A. Thornton IV  
David Henry Geloock  
Jeremiah Mauricio  
Dave McCagg  
Robert J. Potocki  
Mark R. Scott  
Randall Shaw