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WELCOME!

The SCCA Mid-South Region continues to grow leaps and bounds! If you would like to get involved, please join us for our monthly meetings. They are held at El Idolo Restaurant in Bartlett, the first Tuesday of every month.

If you have suggestions or items you would like to see added to our quarterly newsletter please email the editor at: koray13@yahoo.com

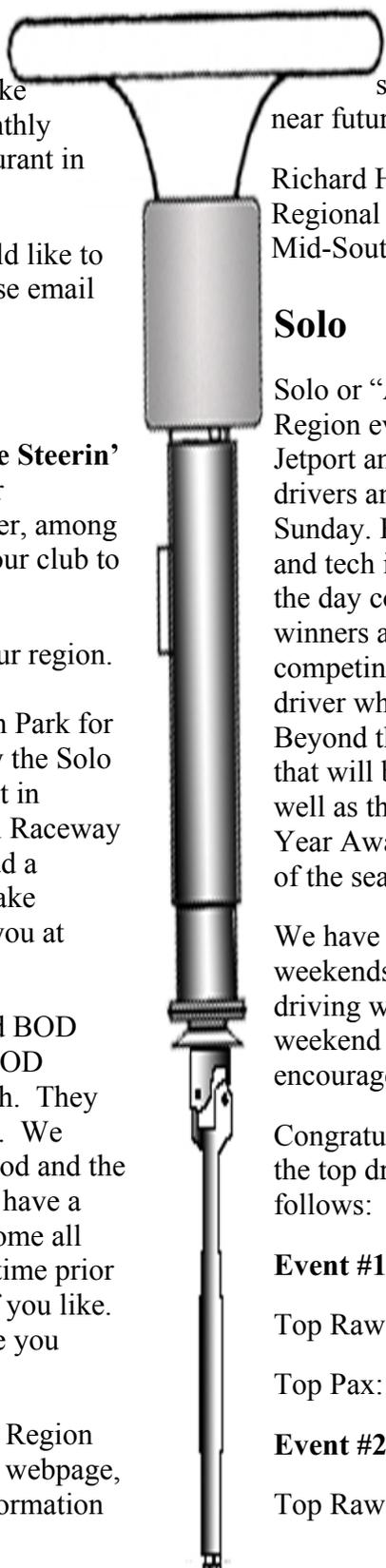
R.E.'s Remarks

Welcome to the 2nd quarter edition of **The Steerin' Column**. Thanks again to Koray Aya for volunteering to put this newsletter together, among many other things he is doing to market our club to the local area.

2016 is looking like a building year for our region. We have had a couple of autocrosses and participation is growing. Thank you, Ken Park for your dedication to the club and especially the Solo program. We will have three Track Night in America events at Memphis International Raceway this year. Thank you, Mike West. If I had a sporty, performance car, I would surely take advantage of this program. Hope to see you at MIR on April 26, May 24, and June 28.

Due to schedule changes in newly elected BOD members, we have moved our monthly BOD meetings to the first Tuesday of the month. They are held at El Idolo Restaurant in Bartlett. We usually arrive around 6:00 pm to order food and the business meeting begins at 7:00 pm. We have a semi-private room in the back. We welcome all members and guests to join us for social time prior to the meeting and stay for the meeting if you like. Our next meeting is June 7th. Hope to see you there.

Please take the time to like the MidSouth Region SCCA Facebook page and bookmark our webpage, midsouthscca.org to check up-to-date information



on club activities. I'm looking forward to seeing you at a meeting or event in the near future.

Richard Holden
Regional Executive
Mid-South Region, SCCA

Solo

Solo or "Autocross" is the staple of the Mid-South Region events. Our events take place at Millington Jetport and are always a two day event, giving drivers an opportunity of fun on Saturday and Sunday. Events begin at 9 a.m. with registration and tech inspections. First cars are off at 11am and the day concludes around 4pm. Each day's winners are posted, including winners for each competing class, as well as a special prize for the driver who posted FTD (fastest time of the day). Beyond this each driver will accumulate points, that will be tallied up towards class champions, as well as the coveted Dan Smythe Driver of the Year Award, all of which are handed out at the end of the season.

We have already had two very successful weekends this season, with many new comers driving well over an hour away. Our next autocross weekend will be held May 14th & 15th, and we encourage every one to join us.

Congratulations to all those who have competed, the top drivers from the first two weekends are as follows:

Event #1 – March 12

Top Raw: Chris Simmons

Top Pax: Cameron Tedder

Event #2 – March 13

Top Raw: Chris Simmons



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Top Pax: John Sharpe

Event #3 – April 9

Top Raw: Richard Holden

Top Pax: Thomas Lackey

Event #4 – April 10

Top Raw: Richard Holden

Top Pax: Thomas Lackey

For those that were unable to join us, here are some fabulous moments from the 2016 Solo Season so far:



Mid-South Club Racing

The racing seasons; club and pro, are well underway. And 2016 Track Night in America returned to MIR April 26.

Hallet Majors, April 9-10 2016

<u>Competitors</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>
Tom Smith	GT1/AS	DNS	1 st
Weber Manning	FP	4 th	4 th
Rob Horrell	HP	3 rd	3 rd
Jesse Woodyard	FM	2 nd	10 th
Jim Drago	SM	1 st	1 st

Volunteers: Joe Szostak, F&C; Fred Asbury, F&C; Bobbie West, Grid; John Bowling, F&C; Maureen Wheeler, Registration and T&S; Jim Richardson, Steward; Mike West, Steward

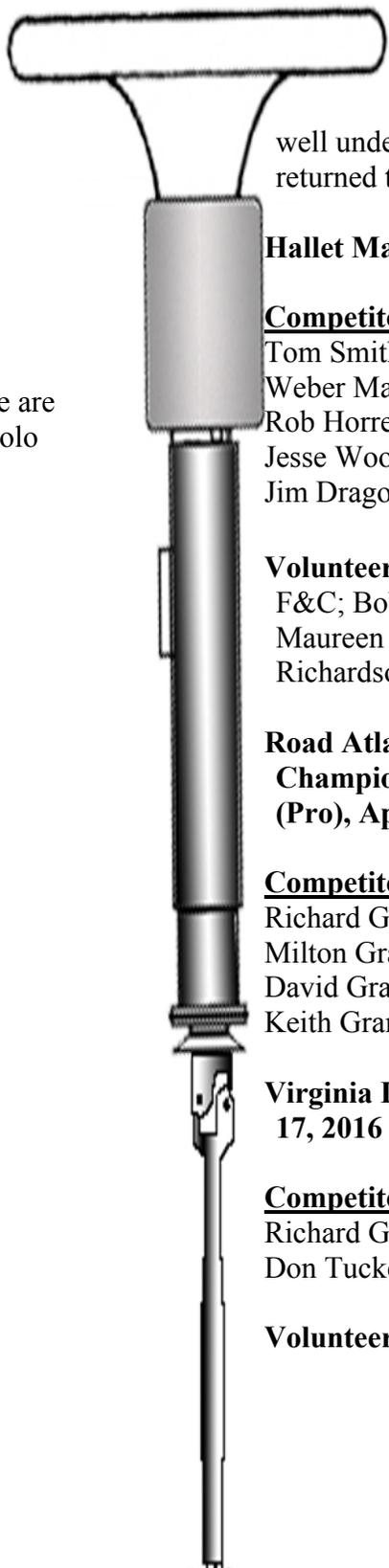
Road Atlanta Trans-Am, Formula Atlantic Championship, and Formula 2000 Champion (Pro), April 10, 2016

<u>Competitors</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>
Richard Grant	TA	-	37 th Overall
Milton Grant	TA5	-	21 st Overall
David Grant	F2000	4 th	2 nd
Keith Grant	FA	DNF	1 st

Virginia International Raceway (VIR), April 16-17, 2016

<u>Competitors</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>
Richard Grant	GT1	DNS	2 nd
Don Tucker	EP	3 rd	3 rd

Volunteers: John Bowling, F&C;





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Majors Conference Standings:

<u>Competitors</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Mid-States</u>	<u>Southeast</u>
Keith Grant	FA	-	2 nd
David Livingston	FF	-	3 rd
Webber Manning	FP	1 st	6 th
Don Tucker	EP	8 th	14 th
Richard Grant	GT1	6 th	6 th
Rob Horrell	HP	4 th	15 th
Jim Drago	SM	1 st	4 th

*Southeast Conference standings do not include points from the VIR Majors

Upcoming Events:

- Circuit of St. Louis (formerly Gateway Motorsports Park) Majors, May 14-15, 2016
- Track Night in America, Memphis International Raceway, Tuesday May 24, 2016; Gates open at 3:00 PM
- Raceway Park of the Midlands (formerly Mid-America Motorplex) Double Regional, June 4-5, 2016

A thank you to all those volunteering their time at the club and pro racing events and congratulations to our drivers.

Please plan on coming out and participating in the TNiA events at MIR in May and June. We guarantee you'll have a good time.

Mike West, Race Chair

Track Night

Track Night in America returned to Memphis International Raceway on Tuesday, April 26. It was a fair turn out, but if the Mid South SCCA has any hopes of getting back into track events of their own, participation will need to increase.

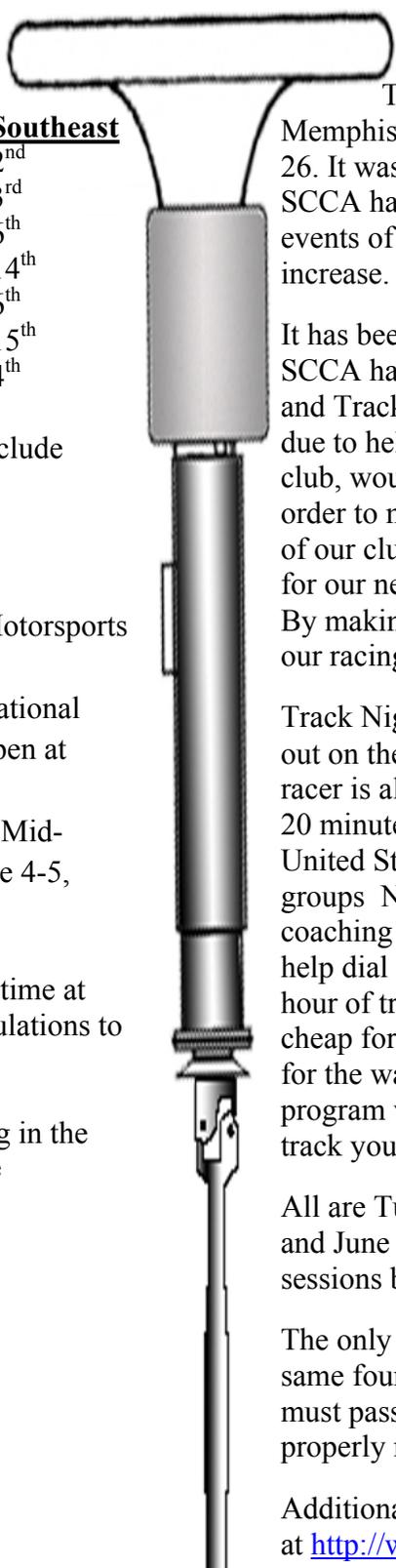
It has been a handful of years since Mid South SCCA has been able to host their own track events, and Track Night in America has only been possible due to help from the National SCCA. We, as a club, would love to get back to that level but in order to make that a reality we need the assistance of our club members. Please register and join us for our next two Track Night in America events. By making those a success we pave the future of our racing program.

Track Night in America is the cheapest way to get out on the track and experience what being a real racer is all about. These events offer drivers three 20 minutes sessions on classic tracks around the United States. Drivers are split into three run groups Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced, with coaching offered before and after each session to help dial in the speed! Here at M.I.R., it is a full hour of track time for only \$125, which is dirt cheap for any track! Even if this is still a bit much for the wallet, they offer a wonderful work/run program with a greatly reduced cost to be able to track your vehicle.

All are Tuesday afternoon/evening affairs: May 24, and June 28. Gates open at 3 PM with lapping sessions beginning around 4 PM.

The only vehicle restrictions you will find are the same found in autocross competition, in that you must pass a simple tech inspection and have a properly regulated helmet.

Additional information and registration is available at <http://www.tracknightinamerica.com>.





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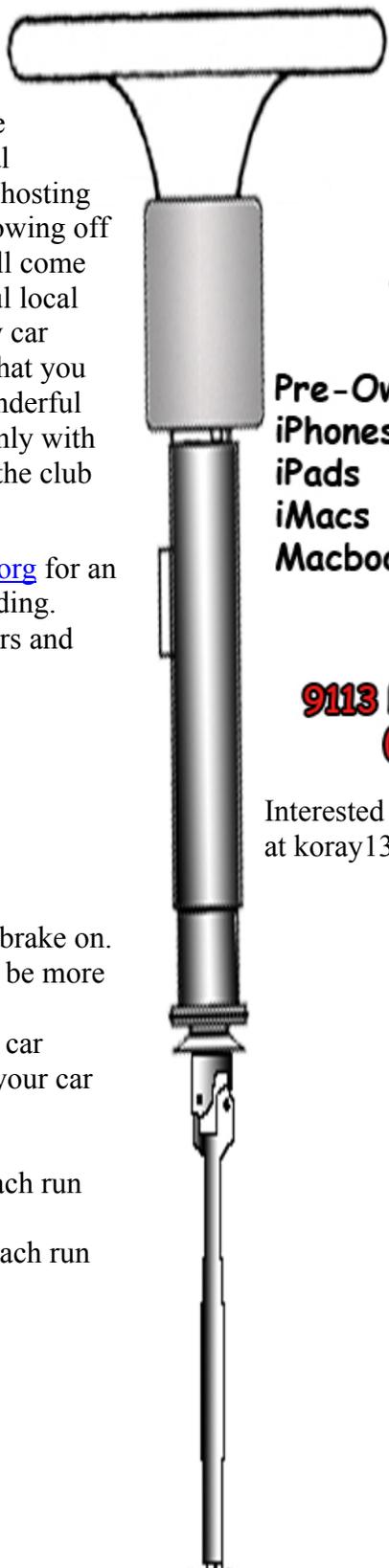
Car Shows

In an effort to grow our membership, we are going to expand our presence at local car shows and events that we attend; by hosting booths, passing out information, and showing off our beloved cars! We hope everyone will come out and support us at these wonderful local events. Also, if you know of any weekly car gatherings that are in your area we ask that you make an appearance and discuss the wonderful things Mid-South SCCA has to offer. Only with increased participation and growth will the club continue to see years of success!

Please check our website midsouthscca.org for an up to date list of events we will be attending. Currently we will be at the Memphis Cars and Coffee on May 28th.

Racers Tip

- At the track, don't park with the hand brake on. It will stick to the hot rotor and you will be more than embarrassed, you will be immobile.
- Always do your own inspection of the car before each track event. And look over your car after each track session.
- Stay hydrated.
- Check your car's fluid levels before each run session.
- Lower the drivers fluid levels before each run session and bring hand sanitizer.



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2016 Calendar

Season Calendar

- Jan 16** - Ronald McDonald Charity Autocross at M.I.R.
- Mar 12 & 13** - Autocross at Millington Jetport
- April 9 & 10** - Autocross at Millington Jetport
- April 26** - Track Night in America at M.I.R.
- May 14 & 15** - Autocross at Millington Jetport
- May 24** - Track Night in America at M.I.R.
- June 4 & 5** - Autocross at Millington Jetport
- June 28** - Track Night in America at M.I.R.
- July 9 & 10** - Autocross at Millington Jetport
- Aug 5 to 7** - National Pro Solo at Blytheville
- Sept 24 & 25** - Autocross at Millington Jetport
- Oct 15 & 16** - Autocross at Millington Jetport

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Pit Stop Game

Match the correct Car number with its Model.

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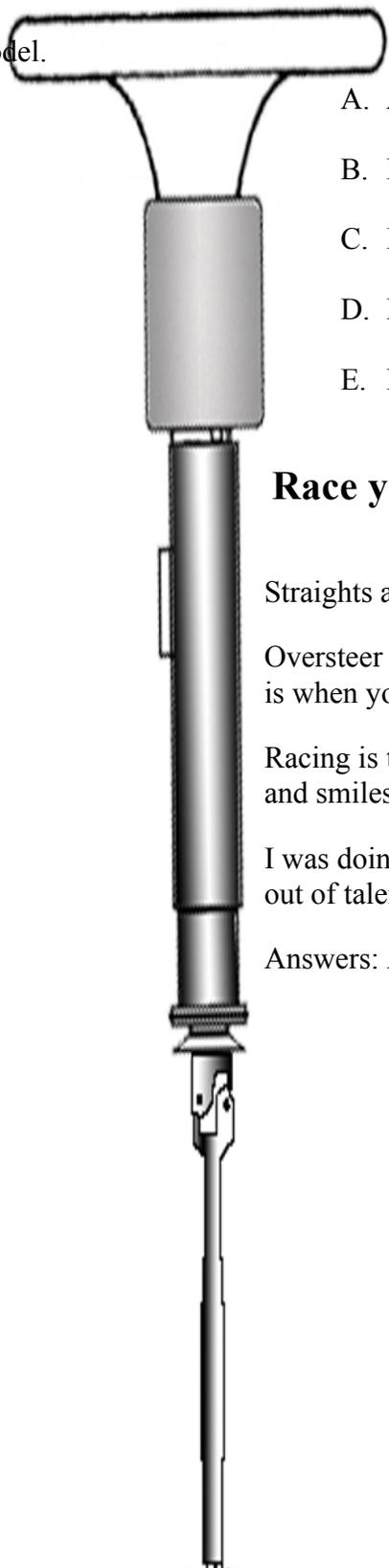
3.



4.



5.



- A. Amphicar _____
- B. Bugatti Veyron _____
- C. Lamborghini Countach _____
- D. Ford Edsel _____
- E. Ford Focus RS _____

Race you to the Punch Line!

Straights are for fast cars. Turns are for fast drivers.

Oversteer is when your ass hits the wall, understeer is when your face hits the wall!

Racing is the process of turning money into noise and smiles.

I was doing fine until about mid-corner when I ran out of talent.

Answers: A:4, B:5, C:1, D:2, E:3