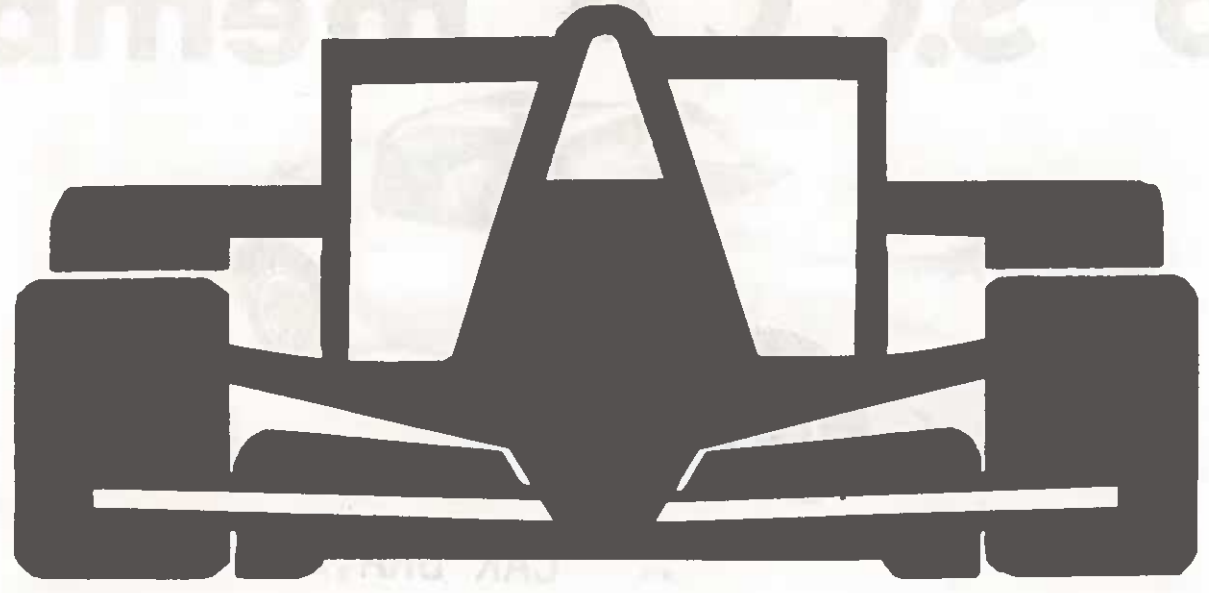


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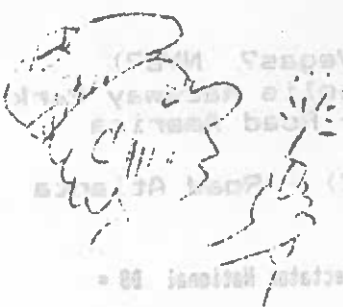
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1983 Solo II Schedule

DATE	SERIES	REGION	EVENT/LOCATION	Update: 8/07/83
SEP 3/ 4	SCCA		Pro Solo II > Atlanta	
3/ 4		NWOR	Pork & Beans Festival - Fostoria, OH	
4		WOR	Monarch Marking Rte 725 & I-75 - Dayton, OH	
4/ 5	CANADA		Burlington, ONT	
(sun) 4	LMAS#10	KSCC	Bangor MI High Schl	
(mon) 5	LMAS#11	PA-X	Bangor Grand Prix (street solo)	
11	LMAS#12	CHI	Triton College, River Grove, IL	
11		CINCY	Ford Trans. Plant - Sharonville, OH	
15-18	SCCA	SF-KC	NATIONAL SOLO II RUNOFFS - Salina KS	
18		INDY	Regional	
24		SBR	Northwood H.S., Nappanee, IN	
25	TSSCC		Tri-State	
25		FWR	Norwell H.S., Ossian, IN	
25		OVR	Powell Speedway - Powell, OH	
OCT 1/ 2		NWOR	Put-In-Bay	
2	PTAS	SIR	(TBA)	
9		SBR	Elkhart Memorial H.S.	
9		WOR	Monarch Marking - Rte 725 & I-75 - Dayton, OH	
9		INDY	Regional	
(sat) 15	LMAS		Awards Presentation > Ionia	
15/16		WNR	Double-Header Challenge > Ionia, MI	
16		CINCY	Ford Trans. Plant - Sharonville, OH	
16		OVR	Powell Speedway - Powell, OH	
23				
30		FWR	Regional	
NOV 6		CINCY	Ford Trans. Plant - Sharonville, OH	
6		INDY	Regional	
6		NWOR	Regional	
12/13	CENDIV	DET	Roundtable	
13		DET	Roundtable Solo (after meeting)	
13		WOR	Monarch Marking - Rte 725 & I-75 Dayton, OH	
27		FWR	Regional - Australian Pursuit	

Current CENDIV Racing Schedule

DATE	REGION	TYPE	LOCATION	Update: 4/12/83
SEP 3/ 4		AMA	Pro Motorcycles - Brainerd	
3/ 4	NEOHIO	REG	Nelson Ledges	
10/11		CART	PPG 200 - Mid Ohio	
10/11	LO'L	NAT(S)	Brainerd	
10/11	DET	ResReg	6 Hr Showroom Sedans - Waterford Hills	
10/11			Skip Barber Series - Road America	
17/18	OVR	REG*	Mid-Ohio	
24/25	CHI	REG*	Road America	
24/25		SCCA	F1 Grand Prix (Las Vegas? NYC?)	
OCT 1/ 2	WOR	REG	WOR Games - Indianapolis Raceway Park	
1/ 2		SCCA	Skip Barber Series - Road America	
8/ 9	MILW	REG*	Blackhawk Farms	
20 - 23	ATL	SCCA	Natl Runoffs (CSPRRC) - Road Atlanta	

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REG* = CENDIV Championship Regional Race REG = Regional NAT = National NAT(S) = Spectator National DS = Driver's School ResReg = Restricted Regional PRO,AMA,CART,INSA = Pro Races

SOLO II SIZZLES!

Let's see, where did we leave off? I guess we reported on the South Haven solo. We missed the Milwaukee LMAS (#5) but we did take in 1-1/2 events the following weekend. My client, Audio-Technica, had an in-house autocross on Saturday in their own (tiny!) parking lot as part of a company picnic. Since we were going to Detroit that Sunday, we did a sidetrip to Akron, to help out... complete with the SBR timer, our own PA, and a copy of the Solo II rulebook! It went off without a hitch, and even attracted a passing member of the Akron Sports Car Club who was puzzled why this big-time event wasn't listed on his club event calendar!

That evening we arrived at the Detroit Renaissance Center to pick up entry information for the International Solo II Challenge, then off to dinner with relatives, and up early next morning for the big show. The solo was on the same site as the 1982 Divisional Runoffs and used part of the Formula I Grand Prix course. Despite some "lumpies" with information flow, we had a good time, as did many of our members. Jim McKamey got FTD (surprise!), Davy Looman got a busted engine (boo!), Steve Tamandli worked 'em with his MRC TurboSprite, Trudi was the fastest female on race tires, Joyce Looman shared Davie's engine woe, Jerry Cozort picked up the C Stock trophy, while Pam was the fastest female on street tires! All-in-all, a good day!

The following weekend we journeyed to Fort Wayne for their first LMAS event. The course was quite tight (lots of 180-degree turns) due to the size and shape of the Magnavox lot, so "handling" cars seemed to thrive. Since Fort Wayne can normally time only one car at a time, they borrowed our timer to speed the action. It took a little while to get this unfamiliar gear in hand, but Steve Tamandli and Dave Perez volunteered to run the timer, with the Fort Wayne folks doing the pylon counts, paperwork, and the rest. Again we had some problems with information flow, possibly because the Fort Wayne system was similar to Detroit's. But we all did our best to cope, and I think we all learned from this inter-regional cooperation. I suspect we'll both be the better for it! I don't have the FWR results, but some of the SBR folks on the scene were: Dave and Pat Perez, Jim & Trudi McKamey, Dave Loebl, George Saxton, Jerrel Reneberg, Dave and Joyce Looman, Steve Tamandli, Jerry and Pam Cozort, Penny Slaughter and Ted Foote, Sue Javor and Hank Beechy, Judy McKinley, Steve Jackson, Tom Tarleton and Annette Bonfiglio.

The weekend of July 23-24 was busy! Saturday found us at Middlebury for an SBR solo that was about as laid-back as they come. Just 21 cars chose to run, so everybody had as many as 8 tries at perfection. Steve Tamandli and Jim McKamey traded cars for the day... considering the results it may never happen again! I don't know if running on Saturday was the only reason for the small turnout, but I suspect it helped. The next day was just the opposite. Almost 100 cars showed up in Defiance, OH for the NWOR/DFT Challenge at a GM foundry. A big lot, but several "yumps" (it was an airborne weekend)! We got to use our new FM radios to get the times from their van to ours... worked great! And our new way to keep our record sheets proved itself, especially with their "5 heats for 4 runs" method of making certain everyone works, but nobody is "stuck" on the course.

There was some confusion between the two regions about how many cars make a class, and not everyone was pleased with the bumping (done after the event). But this can happen when you go out of region, especially when the National bumping rule is widely ignored or modified to suit local regions. While it might be fine for one-event Divisionals and the National Runoff, it seems to fall short in many region's views. Perhaps LMAS can be a catalyst for change and greater uniformity in CENDIV, or at least better communication to the drivers before the event begins.

But all-in-all it was a GOOD day! Hot but not ridiculous. On hand from our area were Ted Foote and Penny Slaughter,, Jerry and Pam Cozort, Steve Jackson, Dave Locsi, Jim & Trudi McKamey, Dave & Joyce Looman, Steve Tamandli, Kevin Knepp, Pat & Dave Perez, and Jeanne, Tassie, and yours truly. I think Tassie was the only one not to get some sort of trophy! You would think that with 5-1/2 events so far in the month we would have had enough... but not quite! On the 31st we toured up to Benton Harbor to help the Heilmans put on the Lake Michigan Region LMAS event at Orchards Mall. Fifty eight cars ran, with lots of SDR folks. All those listed above, plus Hank Beachy and Sue Jawor, Judy McKinley, Jerrel and Carol Reneberg, and Lester Wallis. Everything went smooth as silk, the weather was cooler than we've had, and we had a fine time after the event at a bistro on the lake called Newberry Port... a neat place!

Before I end this epistle, let me congratulate Larry Savage on a fine first issue of *Amateur Road Racing News*. It looks great and I hope he can keep it going. Look out Car and Driver! Which reminds me, I haven't sent in my subscription yet. Now where was that little slip of paper? Have a good, busy, competitive month, and we'll see you around the pylons!

- Lloyd Loring

NEXT CHAPTER, MORE SIZZLE!

I guess I missed a deadline, which is why the preceding wasn't in the last Pit Board and two are in this one. With all the other news of changes in racing, rallying, and Solo II, plus general membership news, it would be nice if we could find a way to get it into Pit Board... and it would be nice to hear from an officer -- any officer -- at least once this year. Ah well, if you're happy, I'm happy.

We traveled to Benton Harbor again on August 7 to work with the Western Michigan Region at Lake Michigan College for LMAS event #9. Nice day, nice event. And our final tuneup before the CENDIV runoffs in Cincinnati. Yes, the drivers tune up, and so do we (tonsil test!). We tried a new "trick" broadcasting the PA sound on FM from a tiny transmitter operating on 88 MHz so that distant pit areas could hear clearly. It seemed to work well and will be particularly useful on rainy days or when the speakers can't cover a particular area too well. Can't stop progress, can we?

The BIG weekend has arrived. I took two days of vacation to get ready and get to Cincinnati, via Bloomington to see a photo exhibition my daughter had at the I.U. art museum. Brown County was beautiful but the 2-lane was slow and we found the motel had sold our reserved room even though we were just 20 minutes late! No harm, we got another nearby and did last-minute paperwork and toured the site (a Ford plant parking lot) before getting to sleep (with a 4:30 AM wakeup call!).

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We heard nothing but compliments about the Cincinnati Region all weekend. SUPER people. Worked HARD! Did GOOD! Dave Toler as RE can be proud, and Grayden Obenour kept it all moving as Chairman. They were on time, fair, pleasant, and expert in all the important things. Like timing. Just one glitch all day Saturday, and only a few reruns on Sunday. Fantastic!

They gave away three Escort radar detectors as door prizes, so party and awards presentations were VERY well attended. Escort was a super sponsor, and Ford and Pirelli also gave excellent support. Yes, you say, that's all well and good, but how many SBR Champions are there this year? Five! The McKameys, the Loomans, and Steve Tamadli! Congratulations all! Hank Beachey and Sue Jawor had car problems (fuel feed) and couldn't quite do it again. And Jerry and Pam Cozort also had car problems... Jerry had C Stock won until they found he had forgotten to put the air cleaner elements back in the Alfa, disqualifying great runs by both of them. Kevin Knepp couldn't catch Wayne Snyder in D Prep (Wayne drove like he was on fire!). I can't give a complete rundown since I don't yet have the official results, but we can be proud of our region... even when we didn't win we gave them a real run for their money!

The following weekend was our own GTI Challenge at Elkhart Memorial High School, sponsored by Putnam Imports of Elkhart. Great trophies and \$\$\$ for the winners of the Challenge round. After a regular LMAS event (with about 64 cars) the class winners were given two runs in a VW GTI hot off the Putnam showroom floor. Two cars, with each driver getting one run in each to keep it super fair. Nick Scott of Lakeland, MI won the \$75 first place prize, Sam Bloom from Chicago took second (\$50), and Jim McKamey earned \$25 for third. By popular demand, yours truly also took a pair of runs, without benefit of walking the course or running the event. Wow! A VW GTI can even make ME look good! In fact, I can now proudly boast I beat Dave Looman in a VW! Thanks, Putnam for making it all possible!

We're going to lay out for a week, then head for Bangor, Michigan, wherever that is, for the Apple City Grand Prix on Labor Day weekend. A "Portage-style" two day event that should be bushels of fun! We'll let you know how it went, along with the rest of the Solo II news next month. Now, let's see if Steve Jackson will talk "deal" on a slightly used silver GTI!

- Lloyd Loring

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