

# THE DOWNSHIFT



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## That Looong Race - Cool and Fast



Frank Riemann leads Allen Wheatcroft/Bruce Lindstrand through T4 in the Group 3 Race.



Pete Anderson (Porsche) takes an inside look at Jeff Henderson's Mustang at T6 Group 4.



Bruce Weatherston used his Van Diemen to collect fallen leaves while finishing 2nd in FF.

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## 2005 Tentative Competition & Event Schedule

Proposed Date	Event	Venue
April 9-10	DS/W2W	BFR
April 22-23	AX/W2W	BFR
May 14-15	AX/W2W	SFP
May 28-29	AX/W2W	Autobahn 1.4
June 11-12	AX or DS/W2W	BFR or SFP
June 25-26	DS or AX/W2W	BFR
July 9-10	W2W/W2W	RA
August 6-7	W2W/W2W	Gateway
August 20-21	AX/W2W	SFP
September 3-5	W2W/Enduro	GMR
September 17-18	DS/W2W	BFR
October 1-2	AX/W2W	Autobahn 2.1
October 15-16	W2W	BFR

BFR = Blackhawk Farms Raceway - South Beloit, IL

GMR = GingerMan Raceway - South Haven, MI

RA = Road America - Elkhart Lake, WI

SFP = State Fair Park - Milwaukee, WI

Gateway = Gateway Intl - Madison, IL

Autobahn = Autobahn Country Club - Joliet, IL

## Chicagoland SCC Banquet

Rich Cwick reports that the annual CSCC Awards Banquet is scheduled for January 29th, 2005. Mark your calendar and set your GPS for "The Black Ram" restaurant in DesPlaines, IL. More details will follow in the mail and in this newsletter over the next few months. Bring a friend.

## The Downshift Information *(The fine print)*

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## Meeting Minutes: Sept. 22, 2004

Chicagoland Sports Car Club membership meeting  
September 22, 2004

- **Those in attendance were:**

Frank Riemann  
Larry Best  
Joel Welch  
Alden Wells  
Lois Berg-Wells  
Dale Kofoed  
Jay Busse  
Bruce Weatherston  
Jack Packer  
Michael Schindlbeck  
Kevin Carr  
Rich Cwick

- **Call to Order:**

President Jay Busse called the meeting to order at 7:31 PM.

- **Previous Minutes:**

The August BOD Meeting Minutes were accepted as written in the Downshift.

- **Treasurers Report:**

The Treasury is in good shape.

- **That Looong Race 2004:**

Larry Best went over the proposed budget for the 2004 race. Kevin Carr will be co-race chairman. We got behind sending out the entry forms. We need to get as many members as we can to fill the many important positions. Board members should call club members.

- **Stewards Report:**

MC got a new copier. Bunny Snivley new race staff director. State Fair Park (The Milwaukee Mile) is available in 2005. The MC Comp Director is looking at other tracks for 2005.

- **New Business:**

Time to start thinking about 2005 CSCC BOD elections.

President Jay Busse adjourned the meeting at 9:27 PM.

Minutes submitted by Michael Schindlbeck Chicagoland Sports Car Club Secretary.

## For Sale & Trade

Club Member ads may be submitted via US Mail, EMail, or by telephone. Ads will run until you say to stop. Contact me via phone (847-683-1028) or via Email at [LJBEST@Foxvalley.Net](mailto:LJBEST@Foxvalley.Net).

### For Sale: 79 Mazda RX-7

- \* Original paint
- \* Stored every winter
- \* 13b-240 HP rotary engine
- \* Updated and rebuilt 5 speed tranny
- \* Shimmed up posi diff with disc brakes
- \* Steel braided clutch and brake lines
- \* Aluminum cast spoked wheels with TA's
- \* Rikon aluminum rims w/ 9 inch Hoosier slicks

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Phone Roger at 920-788-7292

**For Sale:** Rare 1955 Mercedes 300SL Shop Manual. This manual won't last forever - it's your chance to get this now. Contact Frank Hartl @ 847-382-4388.

**Winter Storage: 10x20** Storage in DeKalb or Sycamore, IL. For a \$120.00 Flat Fee - Now through March 2005. \$50.00 per month if you stay beyond that. Contact: 815-756-3616 - or call Larry Best for a coupon today (847-683-1028).

**Wanted:** Info. I am in the process of restoring a 1969-71 Formula Ford made by BEATTIE, in Great Britain. Does anyone have any info on this car? I mainly am in need of original style body work -- especially a nose. Any help will be greatly appreciated! Contact: Bruce Weatherston 708-957-8322.

**For Sale:** Portable Garage that can be assembled and disassembled on your site. Summer is coming! Contact Rich Cwik for details. (630) 483-8799

**Wanted:** 6 Bolt Nissan Truck Wheels. Need 16" or 17" Diameter. New/Used/Etc. Contact Rich Cwik (630) 483-8799 (Home) or 630-848-5062 (Work). Winter is coming again.

**For Sale:** 1974 Lotus Europa TwinCam. 5 Speed Special. New stainless exhaust system, new twin aluminum gas tanks. Green (Glow in the Dark) w/ Black interior. Converted to 4 wheel disk brakes. New HU 32R's (175/50 Front, 215/40 Rear) on Lotus Alloys. Needs master cylinder. Many new parts in boxes included \$5500.00 OBO. Contact Rich Cwik (630) 483-8799 (Home) or 630-848-5062 (Work).



**Available Soon:** Tommy Fennell's **Second Edition** of the classic story of his life, motorsports career, and passion. "From A Dirt Floor Garage In Ireland To An American Retirement" is required reading. This book will be available soon at many of the usual book sellers, Irish Goods stores, and other online outlets. If you raced with Tommy, get this book and catch up on what you missed.



**Still Available:** If you missed getting your 2004 "That Looong Race" event poster, there are a few remaining. \$1.00 Cheap. Contact Larry Best at 847-683-9283 and reserve one for pick-up soon.

## Midwestern Council of S.C.C. Boards Meeting Minutes, October 14, 2004

The meeting was called to order by President Ron White at 8:05 PM at Sam's Ristorante, Rockford, Illinois. All officers were present and clubs represented, except Formula Club. M&2 to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Pass. Jane Snively stated that she had offered to handle to Race Staff Director only for the balance of this year.

Treasurer Jay Busse was not present, but he had sent his report. Approval was held to a later time to allow all to review it.

Old business: Ron White volunteered to put together a 2004 annual. Send him photos at Ron White, 225 Cliffside Pl., Rockton, IL 61072.

New business: Ron White said that he had received a note that the MCSCC website could be more flashy and up to date. Ray Jackson acknowledged that he has been lax in updating the site this year and that he was ready to turn the job over to someone else if someone would like to do it.

Ray estimated that it takes about 6-8 hours per event to post the results. The webmaster candidate should have html and graphic skills. Ray clarified that we do pay for the space, about \$200/year. The current site takes about 2-3 meg total. We have up to 10 meg available. Steve Belling volunteered to take over the webmaster job. Jason Kubicek was also mentioned as a possibility for the job.

A tentative schedule for 2005 was presented:

April 9-10	DS, W2W	BFR	August 6-7	W2W, W2W	Gateway
April 22-23	AX, W2W	BFR	August 20-21	AX, W2W	SFP
May 14-15	AX, W2W	SFP	Sept. 3, 4, 5	W2W, Enduro, open	GMR
May 28-29	AX, W2W	Autobahn 1.4	Sept. 17-18	DS, W2W	BFR
June 11-12	AX or DS, W2W	BFR/SFP	Oct. 1-2	AX, W2W	Autobahn 2.1
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July 9-10	W2W, W2W	RA			

John and Julie Ganley underlined that this was largely a tentative schedule. Dates at SFP, Gateway, Autobahn and RA are set, but Blackhawk will not give us any dates until after the SCCA roundtable. VSCDA again asks for our assistance for their Father's Day weekend race, May 21-22. A call was heard for a long race earlier in the field.

Great Lakes SCC has had a number of meetings with State Fair Park management and reports them to be very cooperative in setting up a safe road course. GLSCC presented a five page report on their findings so far, as a guide to clubs considering running there in the future. Great Lakes reports they plan to run an autocross Saturday and a wheel-to-wheel race Sunday. The autocross will be capped at 175 cars.

GLSCC has also broached the idea of a Daytona type extended race and reports some interest. PCA is running a touring day September 23 at SFP and it was said that it was sold out.

M&2 to accept Treasurer's Report as presented. Pass

Contest Board: Medical tag proposal- Tabled motion from last month. Voted on. Did not pass.

Thought- What about having 2005 tire wall day at State Fair Park? Should have been in Administration section.

Rule-A-Thon rules proposal packets were distributed. Committees: AX- no report. AX committee will need a new chair for 2005. Vintage/Historic Committee will have a meeting at the Looong Race.

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Stewards' Committee: Five race reports were given. Seven are still outstanding. The possibility of a peer review committee for stewards was discussed and will be worked upon over the winter. Next meeting- November 6 at Annamarias. Formula Committee- no report. Production Committee- AGS drivers had a meeting since the Rule-A-Thon. More later.

Old business- Rule-A-Thon results were discussed. They will be voted upon at the November meeting. John Boldt presented a proposal from the Stewards' Committee for minor revisions to the licensing procedures:

Purpose: To simplify and expedite the licensing process:

*Procedure changes: Clubs are currently submitting membership information to MC electronically. This information would need to be copied to the Licensing Director. Applicants for competition licenses would mail their applications and medicals directly to the Licensing Director for processing. This would not only speed the process but promote greater accuracy.*

Necessary Changes: Motion: Change the term "Temporary Permit" (Section 3.2 et al) to "Driver School Permit".

Reason: Many students believe the license they are applying for is a "Novice" when in fact they need a permit to attend school. At the Indoor Schools potential students are told that they would receive a "Novice" license upon completing the school. They need to know that to attend school they need a "Driver School Permit (DSP)".

Motion: Strike entire section 3.1.3 "Club Steward Responsibilities"

Reason: This section would not be necessary as part of the licensing process. This section describes the redundancy of this requirement. All procedures listed here are duplicated by the Licensing Director upon receipt of all applications as part of the processing.

By sending the applications to the club representative adds an unnecessary step which causes delays and potential loss of paperwork.

Corrections in section "3 Licensing":

3.1.2.1 All medical forms and applications for any license action must be received, by the MCSCC Competition Director *Licensing Director*, no later than the Wednesday prior to the event in which the wishes to compete.

3.2.2.3 Have a valid, approved MCSCC Medical Form on file with the MCSCC Competition Director *Licensing Director*. (This phrase is repeated in 3.3.3.1.3, 3.4.2.1.3, 3.6.1.1.3, and 3.7.1.3)

3.8.1.2 A copy of his/her current license is on file with the MCSCC Competition Director *Licensing Director*.

New Section:

Renewal of Probations License

Those renewing who have a "Probation Letter" must include that letter with their renewal application. The letter will be identified as valid for the year. When the probation is complete, the signed off letter would be submitted to the Licensing Director for an appropriate license to be issued. There would be no additional fee for this upgrade unless the applicant is renewing his/her license for the year.

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Proposal for GCR Change: Require Drivers to "Give Something Back"

MCSCC traditionally has a shortage of race staff. Many events have run with numbers that were too low to safely conduct an event. This proposal suggests we tap our pool of drivers to support MCSCC and MCSCC events by requiring some service to MCSCC. Officers, committee chairs and instructors would get credit for their efforts, others would be required to work at least one event per year, Drivers School, Race or Autocross.

Similar proposals have been discussed for many years, but to the best of my recollection, none has ever been formally proposed. There is a similar proposal for autocross, but since we do not issue licenses for autocross, it pertains to eligibility for a series championship.

Also contained in this proposal are minor changes to set the variance fee at the cost of a driver's school, and to specify that novice drivers are to pick up their licenses from the Stewards, as is already standard practice.

Submitted by Ray Jackson

***Details of Rule-A-Thon will be published in the Klaxon – and are also available for viewing in the "Files" section of the Midwestern Council Yahoo Groups web site.***

Discuss all these 2005 rule change proposals in your club. They will be voted upon at the November meeting.

Three W2W drivers were submitted for Instructor certification. John Saccameno, Lynn Serra, Jerry Machula, and Bill Snively. M&2 to adjourn. Adjourned from Comp Board and returned to Admin board to draw lots for the picking order for 2005 dates. NSSCC drew 5, Full Throttle drew 8, GLSCC will draw 1<sup>st</sup>, LSCC got 3, SCCR got 4, Madison- 2, Formula Club – 9, SCSCC – 6, Chicagoland – 7.

Nancy Harlan has thrown her hat in the ring for Treasurer in 2005.

Chris Falconer will be Chief of Autocross Tech for 2005.

M&2 to adjourn at 9:38.

Madison SCC indicated that provisions of the Bill Poole Award provide that all nominees must be approved by the Madison SCC board. It was also stated that the Poole award should be voted on only by past recipients of the award.

Vote on the motion to adjourn. Pass.

Minutes taken and transcribed by Ross Fosbender, MCSCC Secretary

*Secretary's Note: Authors of above motions- Please check your motion above very carefully for typos. I scanned proposals for which I did not have digital files. While my OCR is pretty good, it sometimes falls down on numbers, unique car names and other letter clusters it can not find in its spellchecker. rf*

## I-74 Raceway Park Plans in Peoria Are Stalled

Dear I-74 Raceway Park Supporters,

Some of you may have heard the news already, The zoning board of appeals recommended a *NO* vote to the County Board. The Peoria County Zoning Board of Appeals voted 6-0 to preserve prime farm ground. But since the ZBA is advisory, we have to see how the Land Use Committee and County Board vote goes before we are forced to move elsewhere. I know the news is disappointing but we will still need more help from all of you.... So don't give up yet. We still intend to bring National Quality racing in to Central IL. The County Board most likely will vote on this in November or December. The real facts are it will take 125 years of corn production gross income from this site to equal 1 year of racing at this same site! Hope to hear from all of you soon!

Joe Spence - Operations Manager - I-74 Raceway Park

ps... we are not done yet! Thanks!

## That Looong Race 2004 - Ending the MC Season



A proud champion in the Big Wheel event displays her winnings and a big smile as the Sun warmed the Blackhawk Farms track surface on Sunday, Oct 17th. We appreciate the work that **Pat Martin** and her crew put into this annual event, as well as the support from **Bill Dentinger** and his Beady Eye Racing Team. Bill was competing at the SVRA event at Mid-Ohio, and we acknowledge his support of this event this year.



Race Staff Worker Rides were popular on Saturday afternoon, as several drivers took the opportunity for a few laps with a willing passenger. Extra helmets, seats and belts made the event go smoothly.

## That Looong Race - How Did It Go?

We'll get to the details in a full Race Report next month. In round numbers, we put about 212 cars on the track, with about 25 co-drivers. Members of CSCC responded to the challenge, along with a few members from other Clubs and helped to staff the Club specialties quite adequately. A Sunday boost from the NIU FSAE Team helped to get most of the corner stations staffed on a brighter and warmer day. Pizza and Beer were not as interesting as a warm place to thaw out on Saturday evening, but once again the men from NIU helped us with those extra pizzas that needed a home. Despite a fairly serious looking incident at the start of Sunday's GT1 race, everyone went home to contemplate an end to 2004, and a robust 2005 Championship series schedule.

## Random Right Views of That Looong Race 2004



CSCC's Bill Milner came 5th in Formula Vee in his '84 Citation



CSCC Member John Sobol seen at T4 in his BMW 325e during the Group 6 ITA race



Dale Kofoed in the ITA Mazda Miata (188) leads a group of cars through T4. Dale also performed the Pace Car duty for CSCC on Saturday in his family's Audi.

## Random Left Views of That Loooong Race 2004



Chris Simon from DeKalb demonstrated the 3 wheel approach to Blackhawk Farms' T6 in a BMW M3.



Madd MATT LAGESSIE'S 1969 Chev Malibu had all 4 wheels on the ground exiting T6.



Pete Anderson's Porsche 993 is easy to look at - and fast, qualifying at a 1:16.108 in GT1, finishing 2nd.

## Tentative 2005 Road America Pro Schedule & Tickets

Road America has set its primary 2005 Schedule, according to George Bruggenthies, president and general manager. The race schedule will include two motorcycle weekends, with CMS and AMA racing, three vintage race weekends, including the Brian Redman International Challenge in July; and the American Le Mans Series in August. Champ Car and Road America representatives are in discussion about a possible 2005 event.

Fans may order the Season Ticket which is \$200.00 until October 29th, by calling 1-800-365-7223 or online at <http://www.roadamerica.com>. Road America merchandise, tickets, and camping are also available as gift certificates. The Road America Season Ticket ins a non-transferable photo I.D. hard card, which provides access to all public weekends. *(That's a real nice deal - ed.)* The tentative schedule includes:

April 22-24	Champion Cup Series (CCS) - Top amateur motorcycle racing
May 13-15	Sports Car Vintage Racing Association (SVRA) - Vintage sports cars
June 2-5	American Motorcycle Association (AMA) - Pro motorcycle racing
June 23-26	Kohler/Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints - Top Amateur sports cars
July 14-17	Brian Redman International Challenge (BRIC) - Top Vintage sports cars
August 18-21	American LeMans Series (ALMS) Prototypes and production sports cars
September 16-18	Vintage Sports Car Drivers Association (VSCDA) Bugatti featured marque along with an Elva reunion.

## Chicagoland Sports Car Club - BOD Elections Soon

Elections for the 2005 CSCC BOD will be held soon. Watch your mailbox for the 2-step nomination and final ballots. If you have an interest in running for a BOD position, contact Michael Schindlbeck, the Club Secretary. If you don't have time to commit to a BOD position, consider volunteering to fill an appointed position in 2005. The Club is always in need of Club members that can serve specific positions (I.e. Race Chairman, Publicity, Special Events, Picnic, Autoshow, etc.).



About 11 Members of the Northern Illinois University Formula SAE Team came out to work the CSCC Looong Race on Sunday, October 17th. Several members, pictured above, were able to help the Club distribute several unclaimed Pizza's before heading back to classes in DeKalb, IL. Look for an update on the 2005 FSAE car here, as CSCC has plans for an upcoming Club meeting at the University. Plans for the new car have been completed, and fabrication of the chassis is about to get started.

## Industry and General News Updates - For Your Tires

### Nitrogen For Your Tires - Available In January, 2005

Nitronics Systems, Inc., located in Lafayette, Colorado, has just announced its new TireLast(TM) Nitrogen Station(TM), a coin or credit card operated, self-service nitrogen gas dispenser for autos and light trucks. "Car and light truck owners have been asking us for a self-service vending unit that will enable them to refill their tires with nitrogen easily and inexpensively," states Nitronics President Nick Verini. "Consumers will now be able to get nitrogen on the road with 24-hour access after getting their tires initially filled at tire stores across the country." The new patented vending system features an oil-less air compressor and integral nitrogen generator using semi-permeable membranes to produce high purity nitrogen, and an advanced micro-processor for controlling the filling of the tires. The unit can supply either compressed air or nitrogen with a touch of a button. The user will be able to pay for nitrogen with either coins or a swipe of their debit/credit card.

Verini states, "Air diffuses through tires 30-40% faster than nitrogen resulting in under-inflated tires. The US Department of Energy estimates that the USA could save two million gallons of gasoline every day if our tires were properly inflated." Furthermore, Verini notes, "Tires sometimes fail on the road due to blow-outs which may be caused by weakening of the tire's internal steel belts. Research indicates that elimination of air containing oxygen as a pressurizing medium would substantially reduce this weakening and reduce the number of tire failures." An estimated 30-50% of all vehicles on the road are operating with under-inflated tires resulting in decreased fuel economy. As gasoline prices increase this issue will become all the more important for consumers. The units will be manufactured in Colorado and are primarily intended for convenience stores and service stations. They will be available January 2005. For more information contact Sales at Nitronics Systems, Inc.: telephone (303)-604-1187, fax (303)-604-1470, sales@nitronics.com. Or visit our web sites at <http://www.nitronics.com> or <http://www.tirelast.com>.

### Tire Pressure Sensors - Coming to America in 2005

Sydney, Australia October 6, 2004 -- 'ETV's objective is to demonstrate VisiTyre TPMS to the US Department of Transport's NHTSA division, interested Safety Groups and Auto Manufacturers, to 'raise the bar' in terms of establishing minimum safety standards in the TREAD ACT final ruling, to be handed down by NHTSA on July 31st 2005' said ETV Corporations Global Business Manager Gregg Eichhorn.

'As it stands, the existing RF based systems rely upon a battery in each of their wheel sensors to function, the system only operating once the vehicle is in motion. Batteries fail and run dead quickly if a warning alert is not acted upon in a timely manner, not to mention the ecological aspect of hundreds of millions of lithium batteries eventually finding their way into the environment. This is hardly a safety solution.'

ETV Corporation closely analysed all existing systems prior to committing to its final patent pending technology, to ensure that the inherent shortcomings of systems designed up to 10 years ago as 'out of the box' after market accessories, were not incorporated into ETV's VisiTyre TPMS design.

'VisiTyre is 'electro magnetically coupled', providing a continuous power and data connection to each wheel's sensor at all times' explains Phil Cohen ETV's Technical Director. 'This technology is extremely simple, very cost effective and maintenance free, is not interfered with by other radio frequency emissions that can and do effect RF based products and reports immediately the exact pressure and temperature of all wheels when the ignition is turned on.'

'Should the existing systems abandon the battery as they surely must do, the cost of utilising alternative spread spectrum technology to achieve this, will be complex and prohibitively expensive compared to VisiTyre TPMS. VisiTyre has also been purpose designed to be integrated into the vehicle along the Auto Supply Chain, not bolted on as a modified after market accessory.'

The TREAD ACT was legislated in the USA in May 2000 in response to vehicle rollover incidents resulting in deaths, caused by undetected deflation in vehicle tyres. The DOT National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's original ruling of July 2001 was set aside by a Federal Court in August 2003, over safety concerns of the standard of functionality of In-Direct Measurement TPMS. Concerns that the new ruling due in July 2005 will allow battery powered systems, are being met by the introduction of VisiTyre into a market with a potential of 20 million vehicles by 2007. *(Editor's Note: Chevrolet Corvettes have used these systems since the mid-1990's as an option, with the advent of run-flat tires).*

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## **That Looong Race 2004 - Fast!**



The 2004 "That Looong Race" Group 4 included Adam Malmquist taking 1st in ASR and 1st overall in his 2000 C5 Chevrolet Corvette (Qual. Time 1:12.910)