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SCCA Colorado Solo News

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1999 Winter Solo Series Schedule (set in stone)

Sunday	Feb 14	Winter Series #2	Bandimere Speedway
Sunday	Mar 28	Winter Series #3	Bandimere Speedway
Sunday	Apr 11	Winter Series #4	Bandimere Speedway

Directions to Bandimere, Morrison, CO: Take C-470 to Morrison Road, go West toward Morrison, and turn North on Rooney Road. Follow the signs to the parking lot. Gates open at 7 a.m., registration and tech are from 8 - 9 a.m. Questions? Call Iain at 303-430-4632.

1999 Pax Index

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The 1999 Pax Index is here! When you read results, are you confused, querulous, and confounded by what the Pax time and points are?? Your questions to the heavens are hereby answered. Feast your eyes on the *Pax Demystified* article by Lloyd later in this issue...

SS	0.830						
AS	0.815	ASP	0.852	AP	0.871	AM	1.000
BS	0.811	BSP	0.846	BP	0.874	BM	0.955
CS	0.802	CSP	0.844	CP	0.857	CM	0.925
DS	0.800	DSP	0.820	DP	0.853	DM	0.900
ES	0.786	ESP	0.822	EP	0.872	EM	0.909
FS	0.807					FM	0.904
GS	0.788					F125	0.950
HS	0.785						



Message from Mr. Mannix

SCCA Colorado Region, Solo Chair

A couple of busy weeks have passed since the first Winter event of 1999, and our next one is only days away! A few pressing issues right now; first, everyone is wondering about the site. The site at DIA is currently being negotiated; as soon as the final verdict is given, we'll have a schedule soon thereafter.

The Truck (a name is needed, I've got votes for "Cabin" or something, but I'm not sure it fits) needs a home. I am looking into commercial places to store it; but if someone in the Metro Denver area has some room to keep it, we'd be appreciative! I'd rather keep the truck "in the family," so to speak.

Renovations to the truck are in order. If any of you have wood-working skills, we want YOU! I'd like to organize a work party to bring the "Cabin" up to snuff - it needs a window, some shelving, storage stuff, possibly some luxurious accoutrements. Shag carpeting would be nice, particularly some carpeting slightly less aromatic. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out with this; the region will gladly supply beverages & an old truck to work on! I'm looking forward to the end result of this truck (Wagon?), as it is likely to be a considerably more efficient than the trailer!



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Barry & Bob Battle at Bandimere

Winter Series #1

January 17, 1999

Nearly 60 (OK, 59) hardcore autocross-starved, frozen competitors gathered at Bandimere Speedway for the first winter Solo II extravaganza. Kevin Youngers et al put together a fun and interesting (if slippery) course with many elevation change son two levels of Bandimere's parking area. Due to a too-long layover from last season, a chill wind and little grip, cones were flying and course workers were keeping warm chasing them.

Regrettably we had a rollover incident with a Volkswagen GTI in a classic quick right/left/right transition. Richard Von Sneidern was in good spirits afterward and said he'd bought the car 6 years ago for \$200, so it wasn't a tremendous loss for him. It can serve as a reminder to all of us to develop suspension before adding sticky tires and always save the car rather than the run.



In the Battle fo the B Stock Miatas, Barry Ott came out in the 1000-pointer position for the event, with Bob Klingler in 2nd overall! *Awesome job, men!*



The new Official Solo II Truck!!
 Straight from the clutches of Rocky
 Mountain Road Racers into ours. Should
 be nice with a little help (hint, hint).



Here's someone we haven't seen in
 awhile--Wildman Kyle Watkins! True
 to form, he was MOST fun to watch,
 and he made those cones (9) run for
 their lives (it's those initials! Kevin
 Wenzel (O), what's your excuse?!)

- Kathy Wolfskill (5)

Class	#	Driver	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Best	Pax	Points
BSX	93	Bary Ott	59.760+2	57.933	64.854	57.933	47.331	1000
BSX	99	Bob Klingler	60.639	65.654	58.722	58.722	47.976	987
FSX	78	Jam es Darden	59.731+3	59.077	59.513+1	59.077	48.62	973
FSX	76	Kevin Youngers	59.640+1	59.16	59.606+1	59.16	48.689	972
GSX	24	Kathy Wolfskill	61.632+4	60.792	60.700+1	60.792	48.694	972
DPX	7	Dave Dutton	59.132+1	56.833+1	55.717	55.717	48.697	972
DSX	11	David Fauth	59.294+2	58.429+1	58.784+4	60.429	48.766	971
ESPX	71	Kyle Watkins	56.781+3	56.706+1	57.407+5	58.706	49.489	956
DSX	65	Linda Duncan	69.220+1	63.301	61.57	61.57	49.687	953
DSPLX	78	Carolyn Counnas	74.496dnf	62.752	63.92	62.752	52.354	904
ESPX	94	Chris Maddox	62.809+1	63.179	60.567+1	62.567	52.744	897
CSX	9	Steve Compton	69.748dnf	62.911+1	78.129+2	64.911	52.773	897
ESPX	49	Wayne Sartori	61.404+2	60.881+1	60.811dnf	62.881	53.009	893
SS	11	Mike Miller	68.457	66.388	67.695+1	66.388	56.363	840
SS	19	Rob McIntosh	76.512dnf	76.201	72.289	72.289	61.373	771
AS	78	Roger Zimmerman	66.861	64.182	63.549+1	64.182	53.592	883
AS	81	David B. Harrison	73.733	70.07	69.714	69.714	58.211	813
DS	1	Jim Dutton	68.639	66.444	67.029+2	66.444	53.62	883
DS	33	Mark Wilson	68.274	66.526	69.168	66.526	53.686	882
ES	76	Gary Boone	68.426	65.311	67.153	65.311	52.118	908
ES	6	Greg Nelson	75.560dnf	70.898	71.684	70.898	56.577	837
FS	78	Pam Ranslem	72.171	69.941	66.996	66.996	55.138	858
FSL	76	Debbie Downs	77.094+2	68.418+1	69.454+3	70.418	57.432	824

GS	98	Roger Nathamby	63.76	62.733	61.835	61.835	49.53	956
GS	72	Andrew Hunt	135.140dnf	64.311	63.448+1	64.311	51.513	919
GS	68	Dave Rehecke	63.608+1	67.454	64.898	64.898	51.983	911
GS	86	Jeff Rink	142.310dnf	68.562dnf	65.458	65.458	52.432	903
GS	47	George Taybr	81.456dnf	66.48	69.763	66.48	53.25	889
HS	71	Jam eN azaran	71.838	69.102	75.249+1	69.102	55.005	860
CSP	126	Nate Zeijler	65.258dnf	63.977+1	61.677	61.677	52.857	895
CSP	26	Hsun Chen	65.856	62.872+1	61.934	61.934	53.077	892
CSP	53	Cliff Lawson	63.585dnf	64.271+1	63.842	63.842	54.713	865
CSP	2	Okan Sarbal	70.061dnf	64.087	72.757	64.087	54.923	862
CSP	13	Richard Easmer	67.456dnf	88.630+1	66.936	66.936	57.364	825
CSP	3	Seth Frader	68.401+2	64.002+2	91.726+2	68.002	58.278	812
CSP	1	Matt Bames	75.275dnf	68.592	69.055dnf	68.592	58.783	805
DSP	29	Kevin Wenzel	60.119	58.024	61.607dnf	58.024	49.146	963
DSP	99	Tim Mannik	63.183+1	60.117	61.693	60.117	50.919	930
DSP	2	Brian Stiff	62.748	60.847	60.877dnf	60.847	51.537	918
DSP	75	George Counnas	63.734	60.926	63.147	60.926	51.604	917
DSP	72	Richard Von Sneide	78.8	62.586	67.029+2	62.586	53.01	893
DSP	22	Davitt Jaks	71.949+1	64.049	64.614	64.049	54.25	872
DSP	24	Sam Viskery	76.738+1	73.873	65.713	65.713	55.659	850
DSP	76	Eric Solwedel	74.8	70.234	68.102dnf	70.234	59.488	796
ESP	95	Patrick Chambeis	62.277+2	62.009+2	61.449	61.449	51.802	914
ESP	5	Troy Hobbs	66.551+1	67.181+3	62.809+1	64.809	54.634	866
ESP	111	Eddie Doc Foyd	82.038	80.627	74.896dnf	80.627	67.969	696
BP	58	Geoff Lebestester	73.262+5	58.044dnf	59.344+2	63.344	56.566	837
DP	7	Joel Dutton	71.398+6	59.572+1	69.282dnf	61.572	53.814	880
FM	2	Brian Ball	60.758dnf	57.047dnf	57.837dnf	OC	OC	0
F125	1	Mike Pieczarka	64.670dnf	62.754dnf	59.975dnf	OC	OC	0
CSPR	20	Thom Miller	71.041+2	64.746+1	65.619dnf	66.746	57.201	827
CSPR	40	Pat Clements	71.037	70.297	68.462	68.462	58.672	807
BPR	34	Adam Saja	67.41	66.571	64.273dnf	66.571	59.448	796
SMR	39	James Kang	75.618	67.548	65.977+2	67.548	60.793	779
SMR	13	Jason Kinler	73.614	70.895+1	70.751	70.751	63.676	743
SMR	3	Matt Grimm	77.384dnf	73.725	71.242	71.242	64.118	738
SMR	47	Ed Pittington	73.642+1	70.743dnf	69.982dnf	75.642	68.078	695
SMR	141	Richard Reynolds	69.157dnf	80.677	66.868dnf	80.677	72.609	652



Mike Pieczarka takes a stab at kart driving. Where was Larry for a little competition?!

CP

By Chris Heiny *

Nominated as the Official Song of CP and
reprinted from the CP newsletter

To the tune of George Thorogood's "Haircut"
(if you don't know that song,
it's quite possible you don't really belong in CP)

I was a rebel in the shop class at school,
Grew my hair long, and stole all the tools,
Used wrench in the driveway all day,
With big dreams for my Firebird T/A.

My parents taught me what life was about
So I grew up the type they warned me about
They said C-Prepared is just an unruly mob
And I should get a haircut and get a real car

[Chorus] Get a haircut, and get a real car,
Clean your act up, and don't be a slob,
Get a Neon like your big brother Bob,
Get a haircut, and get a real car.

I even tried that econobox scene
I told myself that it was all a bad dream
I found a 'Cuda with a Hemi V-8,
And now tune it all night and do burnnouts all day

I met a chick with a Mustang GT,
She took me home to meet her Mom and Daddy,
They took one look at me and said "Oh My God!
Get a haircut! And get a real car!"

[Chorus] Get a haircut, and get a real car,
Clean your act up, and don't be a slob,
Get a Miata like your big brother Bob,
Get a haircut, and get a real car.

Went to Topeka in my Turbo Corvair,
Took every trophy that they had there,
I'm twice as fast as my big brother Bob,
But he's got a haircut and he's got a real car!

[Chorus] Get a haircut, and get a real car,
Clean your act up, and don't be a slob,
Get a Bimmer like your big brother Bob,
Get a haircut, and get a real car.

*Chris is a CP competitor from New York. When I contacted him to see if we could reprint his lyrics, he asked if we were the Solo Week gang, because he was thinking of making the trek out. Turns out he and his brother will be out our way for a ski trip over our March event, so they're renting a car, and we'll be able to meet him there!

Focus on

New Faces in New Places

At the Winter Series #1 event at Bandimere, there were quite a few new and nearly-new folks taking their vehicles out for a spin (so to speak). Let's meet a few and hear what they have to say!

David Harrison, AS Gray '81 Corvette, Castle Rock, heard about Solo from Forrest Thompson at one of their Corvette club meetings (way to go, Forrest!). David first attended one of the Schools last year (he really liked it), then attended a couple of events with his son, John, joining him. David's also a hot air balloon pilot, so he had too many conflicts last year to attend more events, but he's loving it! He's met autocrossers of all ages, and everyone's having fun. He says if you're willing to ask questions, there's no limit to the people willing to offer advice. Larry Paille's been especially helpful with tips and advice. What he also like about autocross is not only that it's a social activity, but it sharpens your mind and reactions for driving in general. He says he's having so much fun, he's bringing 4 or 5 more friends out in the future!

Sam Vickery, DSP White '76 X1/9, Littleton, is a road racer who did a Solo II event and a Trials event last year, and he came out again for Bandimere. He thinks it's a great way for road racers to have fun with their car in the winter and is surprised more road racers aren't out there. As one of only a handful of trailered cars, this is his only chance to have at it in the off-season! As an X1/9 owner, he has a lot of work done at Dave Dutton's Apple Motors. (Great promo job, Dave!) Sam says he has trouble just getting the hang of Solo, but it's a great way to hone your skills. In Solo you're so exposed-there



aren't any excuses. It's a much more personal experience-you don't have to worry about the external pressure of road racing-you just concentrate on driving. Sam's really surprised at the division between Solo and road racers. There doesn't seem to be much crossover at meetings or at the races. He says he loves road racing, but Solo's a blast!

Adam Sajna, BPR Blue '84 300 ZX, Louisville, ran at Bandimere as his second Solo II event ever. The first was in Kansas City last year. As a huge racing fan from way back, he's looking to run every Solo event he can this year in Denver (including national-level events). He's been an SCCA member for 5 months and plans to road race next year. Adam thinks autocross does a lot for you: builds driving skills, provides competition which he likes, and trains you somewhat for road racing. What he found most helpful was walking the course and advises other newcomers they should walk as much as possible until they can drive the course in their heads. At the event, he thought



it would have been great if we had 15 or 20 big brooms and everyone could have pitched in to clean the course to make it smoother. Although he doesn't have a lot of time to donate, he could probably help out by donating computer/printer equipment (yes!). He thinks it

would be a great idea to hand out information to new competitors and spectators on what it takes to compete and advance.

Thom Miller, CSPR Red '95 Del Sol, Colorado Springs, had an interest in Solo racing for years, but never made time or fixed up his car for it. Then on his birthday last July, he made the trip to Lot 4 to watch, then entered at the next event! He ran twice last year and plans to make more events this year. What he's found most frustrating is learning how modifications to his car affect classing, as he's spent thousands already and plans to make more changes. He'd like the web site to offer some information on this, and it sounded like he'd be willing to buy a Solo II Rule Book if they were available at events. Thom has

raced bicycles for years, and he says the competitors here are completely different. Bicyclists are pretty cutthroat, but autocrossers have extremely nice and helpful. Everyone's doing what they love and having a great time. When he had a tire not holding air at an event, people bent over backwards to help. Congratulations, Thom, on being the top-placing Rookie at this event!



James Nazarian of Boulder, also a newcomer to us, brought out his H Stock Bronze '71 MGB. Welcome James!

Mike Miller, SS Red '98 Corvette, Littleton, was lying low last year, but some of the veterans probably remember him in an RX-7 the previous 4 or 5 years! Mike wants to attend some of the schools because he really likes the increased seat time and particularly wants his wife to take a class to get her out there (we all want to see her too!). While he thinks he'll be out to a few more events this year, the main drawback of autocross events to him is the fact you have to be at the event all day even though you might work first and run 4th in a big summer event. He suggested it might be worthwhile to have a reservation system so groups can be planned in advance where you don't have to be there the entire time. While it came as a shock, Mike thought the rollover incident was handled very well.



The Pax Demystified

Editor's Note: Many competitors have questions about what the PAX index is. In response to a question on team.net, Lloyd Loring explains...

The PAX Index was created to provide a way to tell spectators at the Portage (IN) Grand Prix, a street solo that first ran in 1978, who was the best driver regardless of class. It attempted to equalize the classes with a handicap, so that a Grand Champion could be crowned. A series of Street solos followed, that also used the PAX handicap to determine overall winners. PAX by the way, means Pro Autocross.

The PAX Index was created by Jim McKamey and George Saxon, and is now maintained by Dave Beck of Springfield, IL, in consultation with Jim McKamey. The underlying assumption of the PAX rating is that we are comparing the very best cars legal for each class, driven by the very best National drivers on courses of National caliber. This means using National-level events for the statistical base, then adjusting for weather and other factors based on history.

If you create a local handicap system that uses a different assumption, please don't call it a PAX Index. If you create an index that is based only on local results, you will find that you are now indexing not just cars, but cars and courses and (mostly) drivers, which is a far different concept. It isn't necessarily wrong, it is just different.

You may, for instance, have a B Mod owner who drives well but is a lousy mechanic and uses really old tires, just coming out for fun. Since he is your only B Mod car, his times will really skew your results, resulting in a very "soft" BM index that every other class can exploit.

I hope this helps.

Lloyd Loring <lloyd@skynet.net>

ConeConference

by Rick Walford



Continental Divide Region Meets to Discuss Regional Solo Scene

In recent years, Colorado Region has sponsored all the Solo events in the state. Since Mark Dempsey moved to Houston, there has been no Solo Chair for CDR. Ron DeTorre, with Rick Walford's help, rallied some of the prominent local autocrossers around CO Springs to see if there was an interest in CDR having a Solo series.

On December 14, twelve people attended a get-together at Rick's office. Much was discussed with good ideas and war stories shared. No one jumped at the chance to step in as Solo Chair, and with only about 50% of the CDR membership living around the CO Springs area, it doesn't seem there are enough locals to pull off a series. Many of the CDR members live closer to the Denver area and are working with CO Region.

So it doesn't look like there will be separate Solo activity down south anytime soon...

Ask the Auto-X-Pert

Today's self-proclaimed premier forum
of Autocross info

by Geoff Danger etc. etc. etc....

Well, once again another new season is upon us, rolling in like some legendary Rocky Mountain Windstorm, scattering Winter doldrums aside like so much rubber dust at the finish lights. This is the time of new year's autocross resolutions; a time to reflect on what was and what might have been (had you only been born with the last name of Andretti). A time to look forward to the spirit and thrill of competition. A time to speak in incomplete sentences.

But be that as it may, and I assure you that it is, there is no time like the present to plan your upcoming Solo season. And towards that goal, we present the first question of the 1999 autocross season.

"Dear Mr. Pert, I sure did have fun last season, but I'm kinda disappointed with my results. Usually I didn't do too well, although once I finished 5th in a class of nearly six. How can I improve my results for this season?"

Misty Apex

Well Misty, and other fellow Soloists, the best way to achieve any goal is to focus on the desired result. Keep in mind that Solo II is a 90% mental exercise (this percentage goes WAY

up with Mod drivers). The thing to do is set personal goals for yourself (I've tried setting personal goals for other people and it doesn't work) and keep sight of those as the season passes.

In setting your goal, you must make an honest assessment of your abilities and plan accordingly. If you're a relative novice at the sport, you might say "I will finish in the top half of my class by the middle of the year." This is an example of setting a realistic target. You have given yourself an attainable endeavor and a reasonable time frame in which to achieve it.

Or, you might say; "This year, I will win my class at every event, secure world peace, end hunger, discover a cure for the common cold, and beat Bob Klingler's B Stock Miata on elapsed time at least once." This is an example of a totally unrealistic goal- there is no way you can beat Bob. Unrealistic expectations lead to frustration, disappointment, a shattered personal life, endless misery, and just generally not a nice feeling.

Always remember that the object of the game is to have fun! If by some chance you don't quite meet your goals, don't give up. Reassess your objectives and use each setback as an opportunity. I have no idea how you do that, but that's what everybody says. And remember, if it seems absolutely hopeless, you can just let the air out of Bob's tires.



For a Good Time, call...

CDR's Solo web site is at: <http://www.hpi.net/~cdrscca/index.html> for the latest pictures & results! Webmastered by Bill Stockton

Join the Solo email list, run by Kevin Wenzel: send email to RMSolo-Request@privatei.com with subscribe in the body.



Muchas Gracias Youzes Guyses

Whoa, it's been so long since we did one of these dang things that I've almost forgotten who helped! Well for sure in this issue, thanks to Mr. Mannix, Chris Heiny, David Harrison, Sam Vickery, Adam Sajna, Thom Miller, Mike Miller, Lloyd Loring, Rick Walford, and Chevenskita.

And for sure these guys better help assemble, or there will be SEVERE repercussions (like they have to buy my tires for a year!): The Mutilators Extraordaire: Kevipoo, Matthieuieuieu, Geoffink, Leland Blob, and even dear old dad (no one's safe in this family)...