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Driver's School 2011

The hotter it got the faster we went.

by Ron Riffle

Temperatures in the 90's and a heat index of 100 did not stop this class of drivers from improving their skills and lowering times. I know, because I was a student. After 30 years of slow driving, it was time to get rid of some bad habits. This school was a good start.



Jamey McDaniel, a fellow WRX driver, shows me the way to a faster, happier autocross experience..



Group SVO prepares for school. On this hot day, hydration and sun screen was a must. Photo by David Schmitt

The faculty were outstanding with a combined auto X experience of a thousand years. Mike Spence, Jamey McDaniel, Geoff Hale, Julia Aebersold, Al Murrell, Andrew Buck, Andrew Scott and course designer Jim Moore were excellent coaches and gave constructive criticism of my driving and where to improve.

The format was designed to get the maximum runs for your buck. First, each student drove on a small course with an instructor. This gave the instructor a kind of model of your driving skill and style.

After the first run, the instructor drove your car and in my case smoked me

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Schedule of Events

SATURDAY 06/25
Points Event #4
Papa John's (1st car out 11:00 a.m.)
07/07
Board / Membership Meeting
TBD
07/10
Points Event #5
Papa John's
07/30
Points Event #6
Papa John's
08/04
Board/Membership Meeting
TBD

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The “Why’s” of the Street Touring Re-Org

by Steve Hudson—SCCA Administration
as posted on Solo Matters blog.

When the Solo Events Board asked for member comment on the Street Touring rules change proposals in February's Fastrack, it did not take very long for the forums to start humming. Pretty soon phrases like “done deal,” “class killer” and “for sale” were flying around the web. To help us get away from the rumor and speculation, SEB Chairman, Steve Hudson has agreed to shed some light on the potential problems and challenges presented by the current Street Touring rule set.

I've been asked to comment on the “whys” behind the Street Touring rules proposal published in the February FasTrack. Street Touring is a growing and popular category, but the SEB is looking to the future. Our primary focus when making decisions is always the core values listed on page 16 of the Solo rules:

- Increased participation and involvement
- Providing a variety of classes to satisfy a range of economies and commitments.
- Evolving rules in a planned manner.

One of our goals is to eliminate some of the most confusing and contentious requirements, creating a flexible, competitor-friendly set of allowances to

carry the Street Touring category forward for the future.

Currently, ST and STS are dominated by the Honda Civic/CRX and the Miata and the times for the top cars are almost identical. Meanwhile, there are relatively few modern, low-cost cars competing in what should be a very welcoming category for them. By consolidating these current top performers in ST and STS into a common class, we feel that it would have the dual benefit of increasing competition for the drivers of these cars, while also allowing a better competitive landscape for a segment of cars that is currently not well served by the category. We anticipate that this will achieve the core values of increasing participation as well as helping to satisfy a range of economies and commitments.

It is time to change from the formula based classing system to subjective classing for Street Touring and to facilitate that, the allowances between the various classes need to be as similar as possible. Subjective classing will enable us to class new cars in the most appropriate class and to move cars between classes to keep the category healthy and growing. Some of the proposed rule changes are to try and make the class allowances as similar as we can, but there may be “take backs” and compromises that may need to be made. But that is why the proposal is

out for member feedback, to get input and ideas from you.

Despite what you might hear or read on an internet forum, no rules change is a done deal until it is approved by the SCCA Board of Directors. The most recent example is the rule changes to the Street Touring body work rule which was referred back to the SEB for changes by the Board. The SCCA is a member driven organization and all rule changes are submitted for your feedback. That said the SEB does not make recommendations to the Board based solely on the number of members “voting” for or against a proposal. The best feedback you can give us is to tell us why you like or dislike a proposal and, if you have an alternative, tell us what it is and the reasoning behind the alternative. Please read the proposal published in the February edition of FasTrack and send your comments to www.sebscca.com.

One more thing, the only official source for rules changes and proposals is FasTrack, the minutes of the SEB and Board of Directors are published there and that is official. Anything posted on an internet forum by an advisory committee member, SEB member or a Director is not official and is their personal opinion.



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by several hours and was ten times smoother. The third run, I was back at the wheel trying to smooth out my steering inputs. After lunch we switched to a larger course on which we were timed. I am guessing, but I think I ran 35 runs by 4:00 p.m. That's pretty good considering we had 41 students.

The basic fundamentals of autocross driving are this: 1 Smooth steering inputs and 2 look ahead. If you're looking over the hood of the car, you will miss every corner. If you are looking at the next apex of the next corner, you will be much smoother and not disrupt the balance of the car. Easier said than done without seat time. "How can I get to the nationals?" Practice, practice, practice.

Next year I will be back. Even if you're a seasoned veteran there is no substitute for seat time. And if you really want to walk the walk volunteer to be an instructor.

I want to join my fellow students and thank the organizers, instructors and a special thanks to Geoff Hale who's hip-joint did not cooperate and caused him unbearable pain. Get well Geoff and we'll see you at the next event.



Slow In Fast Out



Riffle (56) gets a lesson from Jamey McDaniel on the way to enter and exit a corner. First one in will always be the last one out. *Photos by Scott Wright*

RE's Corner June 2011

We're well into the season after having just completed our 3rd points event and the Driver's School. While it was pretty hot on Saturday for the school, Sunday cooled down and brought just a few rain drops that were quickly nullified. In all we hope all the participants in the school enjoyed themselves and I believe most feel that they got their monies worth. Now we just have to keep Geoff Hale out of those Port-A-Potties.

The number of competitors is up a bit more this year, of which I am hoping is attributed to small amount of recovery of the economy. We're also now on Facebook, so we're trying to reach our all age groups. Links to our Facebook page are on our kyscca.com website and on the autocross forum at 502streetscene.com. We have also signed up multiple new folks by taking advantages of discounts and referrals. We love getting new members, but also want to keep our existing membership base happy, too. So, if you have a gripe drop me

an e-mail (jaebers@hotmail.com) for I'd love to hear from you and to see if we can fix it together.

Congrats goes to one our regular competitors Laura Harbour from Stomping Ground, Ky., who won the Ladies Challenge in her 1991 Toyo Tires Mazda Miata, also out of the Street Touring Sport Ladies class at the Blytheville National Tour.

Cheers!

Julia Aebersold
RE, KYSCCA

KY SCCA Final Results for Points Event #3

Papa John's Sunday June 5, 2011 Registered Entries :85 / Times Recorded: 83

Super Stock Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				
1 T	3	Sam Moore	03 Corvette Z06 Red	44.365
2	99	Jim Moore	02 Corvette Z06 Red	44.861
A Stock Total Entries: 1 Trophies:1				
1 T	97	Gary Niles	97 Chevy Corvette White	46.021
B Stock Total Entries: 2 Trophies:1				
1 T	198	Dean Smith	05 Honda S2000	45.385
1 T	49	Gary Whitaker	04 Porsche Boxster S Silver	48.835
C Stock Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				
1 T	46	Warren Grobbelaar	99 Mazda Miata Silver	47.648
2	35	Lou Savino	99 Mazda Miata Green	49.020
D Stock Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				
1T	16	Raymond Dzousa	09 Mazdaspeed 3	51.778
2	22	Victoria Riley	87 Dodge Shelby Charger Blk	57.164
E Stock Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1				
1T	21	Brad Boyett	94 Miata White	50.096
2	121	J.H. Boyett	94 Miata White	52.080
3	13	Eric Morgan	91 Miata Red	58.360
F Stock Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				
1T	35	Joseph Clemens	91 Camaro Green	52.817
2	7	Rupert Strawbridge	05 Dodge Magnum SXT White	56.273
G Stock Total Entries:6 Trophies: 2				
1T	15	David Schmitt	86 Mustang SVO Red	49.154
2T	524	Brent Mundell	98 Ford Mustang Silver	51.048
3	4	Stacey Schmitt	86 Mustang SVO	52.331
4	35	Tony Morrow	08 Subaru Impreza	53.503
5	42	William Schmitt	84 Mustang SVO Silver	54.679
6	3	Willie Billingslea	2010 Volkswagan CC Black	59.944
H Stock Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1				
1T	7	Richard Sinnock Jr.	07 Mazda 3 Gray	52.009
2	11	Josiah Douglas	03 Matriux Black	54.987
3	1	Demree Colwell	95 Honda Civic Red	56.110
A Street Prepared Total Entries: 2 Trophies:1				
1T	7	Russ Coleman	06 Corvette	45.282
2	111	George Frazier Jr.	05 Lotus Elise Yellow	45.606
B Street Prepared Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				
1T	30	Kenny Runlyon	05 Mazda MX-5 Black	50.549
C Street Prepared Total Entries:1 Trophies: 1				
1T	1	David Melton	92 Mazda Miata Red	48.004
D Street Prepared Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				
1T	13	Andrew Buck	96 Nissan 200sx Green	45.911
2	23	Jeff Wernert	86 Toyota Corolla GTS Blue	48.206
E Street Prepared Total Entries: 4 Trophies: 1				
1T	53	Tim M. Thompson	86 Mustang SVO Red	49.392
2T	17	Charles Hughes	93 Nissan NX2000 Blue	53.368
3	21	Josh Connell	98 Mustang Black	53.507
4	71	Jacob Johnson	85 Mustang SVO	55.049

X Prepared Total Entries: 3 Trophies: 1				
1T	5	Matt Coleman	98 Corvette Black	44.216
2	10	Kyle Hoehn	03 Subaru WRX Blue	47.579
3	40	Richard Lyon	68 Chevrolet Corvette Yellow	49.747
B Modified Total Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				
1T	7	Cliff Von Hoene	72 Royale RP 18	48.220
E Modified Total Entries: 5 Trophies: 2				
1T	1	Bryan Downs	93 RX-7 Black	47.156
2T	11	David Moore	03 BMW M3 Silver	49.336
3	00	Andrew Carter	91 MR2 Green	50.102
4	2	Jeff Smith	08 Lancer EVO Black	50.383
5	6	Brett Cmbest	94 Miata Red	51.345
Street Touring Total Entries: 6 Trophies: 2				
1T	1	Jason Northcut	05 Acura RSX Type-S	48.838
2T	14	Scott Wright	05 Acura RSX MM	49.249
3	7	Lytle Atherton	10 Mazda 3 Grey	51.507
4	61	Aaron Masterson	05 Chevy Colbalt Yellow	53.037
5	11	Aaron Peterson	97 Eclipse Roadster Charcoal	53.113
6	19	Logan Waller	99 Honda Civic Silver	53.811
Street Touring S Total Entries: 4 Trophies: 2				
1T	55	Eric McHatton	90 Honda CRX si Black	46.323
2T	91	Justin Harbour	91Mazda Miata Red	46.707
3	191	Laura Harbour	91 Mazda Miata Red	47.032
4	155	Craig Norton	90 Honda CRX si Black	52.043
Street Touring R Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				
1T	4	Chris Schork	03 Honda S2000 Silver	45.823
2	69	Mark Mays	06 Mazda MX-5 Black	46.352
Street Touring X Total Entries: 6 Trophies: 2				
1T	17	Don Morgan	08 Mazda RX-8 Grey	46.710
2T	36	Jamey McDaniel	02 Subaru WRX Sedan Red	48.035
3	66	Barry Chase	07 Honda Civic Si Fiji Blue	50.078
4	56	Ron Riffle	02 Subaru WRX Baluuuu	52.592
5	64	Armando Manzo	08 Mazda RX-8 Grey	DNS
6	34	Justin Bennett	94 BMW 530i Oriental Blue	DNS
Street Touring U Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				
1T	23	Dan Miler	04 BMW M3	46.663
2	35	Craig Hammond	05 Subaru WRX Sti Blue	56.549
Street Modified Total Entries: 4 Trophies: 2				
1T	9	Brian Schork	05 Subaru WRX Blue	47.878
2T	35	Craig Hammond	05 Subaru WRX Sti Blue	48.839
3	150	Jeff King	95 Nissan 240SX White	49.261
4	50	Chris Croak	95 Nissan 240SX White	49.413
F125 Shifter Kart Total Entries: 2 Trophies: 1				
1T	17	Jamey Aebersold	Mach 1 Shifter Stock Moto Blk	40.783*
2	18	Julia Aebersold	Mach 1 Shifter Stock Moto Blk	43.256
3	5	Michael Spence	85 Van Dieman FF	45.985
Junior Kart B Entries: 1 Trophies: 1				
1T	17	Alexander Aebersold	08 Margay Rookie Brava Blk	51.600

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Street Touring 0 Total Entries: 12 Trophies: 4				
1T	24	Stephen Lee	89 Nissan 240sx Grey	45.159
2T	57	Craig Mouton	04 Mazda Miata	47.608
3T	53	Brian Ogg	06 VW GTi	47.715
4T	21	Andrew Scott	70 Datsun 240z	48.057
5	1	Al Murrell	02 Corvette Red	48.301
6	3	Brad Arlinghaus	92 Miata Red	49.100
7	13	John Willett	02 Z06 Blue	49.815
8	74	Jason Story	99 Miata Black	49.968
9	5	James Edmunds	05 Miata Orange	51.234
10	2	Steve Gammons	91 Miata Red	52.127
11	350	Andrew Casabella	87 Mazda Rx 7 Gold	52.481
12	6	John Krauser	01 BMW 330 Black	53.998
* Fastest Time of the Day— 40.783 F125 Shifter Kart Jamey Aebersold				

Fast Times at Papa John's High



Above: An eager student signs in for a summer school he won't forget

Left: Geoff Hale and Barry Chase discuss the finer points of... of... it must be something I missed at the Driver's meeting.

Below: Al Murrell Safety Stewart in charge! photos by rif56

