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2008 NRSCCA Schedule:

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Reality Check

Candy Gerber
Regional Executive

A lot has happened in December. I know in my last article, I stated that the end of my time as your Regional Executive is drawing near, well; at the last Board of Governors meeting we had a difficult time finding someone who was willing to fill the position. This is because of many reasons, but when it came down to nominations, they were few and those who were nominated turned it down. To make a long story short, I will continue as your RE for 2008. I want to thank all of you who have supported me over the last 2 years. I hope that I can learn and improve for 2008.

We have a newly elected Assistant RE in Matt McCabe and a new Secretary in Ann LaRandeau. Returning with me will be Tim White for Treasurer, Tom Riss for Activities Director, Mark Beacom for Club Racing Director and Mark Ross for Membership Director. The additional officers will be published elsewhere in the February issue of the Exhaust Notes.

I would like to thank everyone for their help on the nominations for the Woody Dunn and the Worker's Cup awards. Your Board received many nominations.

Don't forget, the 2007 Annual Awards Banquet will be January 26, 2008 at Castle Barrett at 4330 Leavenworth in Omaha, NE. The entry again this year will be \$25 per person. The Speaker will be Charlie Daub, a Pilot for a SR71 Blackbird; he will debunk the many myths surrounding the SR71. It should be a fun banquet!

MGYAUPI by Frank Grover



It was shortly after being stationed at Offutt AFB in the summer of 1984 that I became aware of an intriguing foreign car repair and parts business, Atlas Motors Inc.

It was located adjacent to the Base Lake Road on Bellevue's south side. Drifting away from the point, the Base Lake came into existence during WWII when fill from that area was relocated to elevate the main runways next to the just constructed B-29 Martin factory on Offutt AFB. The runways where the 1953 and 1954 SCCA Nationals were held made possible by the persistent efforts of SAC Commander General Curtis LeMay. Atlas Motors was a one man operation owned by a retired Air Force Sergeant. There were two modest buildings separated by a storage lot where there were 15 to 20 foreign cars.



The front office was mostly dedicated to the new parts business with repairs and maintenance being accomplished in the garage situated at the rear of the lot. It was a rather laid back business where there was plenty of time to shoot the breeze on about almost any subject.

It was during my first visit to Atlas Motors that fall when I first noticed a rather unusual and somewhat neglected early 1950s four-door MG Saloon parked along the storage lot fence. It was being kept there by a prior service member friend of the owner. The car had been bought while the Sergeant was stationed in England and then subsequently shipped to the United States.



I enquired a few times if it could be purchased but I always got the same answer; "not for sale". Given my interest in MGs since the mid 1960s it immediately had a warm spot in my gray matter. My mother in 1965 had purchased for me a 1960 MGA that had hit a bridge broadside. Repairing the collision damage was a good challenge but I managed to overcome many a problem to get it back on the road and looking very reasonable (by the standards of an eighteen year old). The MGA

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http://www.nrscca.com

2008 NRSCCA Calendar . . .

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NRSCCA Newsletter



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NRSCCA Meetings

The Nebraska Region SCCA holds membership meetings as the need arises. Check with a Board member or the web page at nrscca.com when the next meeting has been scheduled. The Board of Governors and Officers of the Nebraska Region, SCCA meet at 8pm the last Thursday of each month except December. The meetings are at Action Signs, 4425 South 50th Street, Omaha NE. Members are welcome.

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Date	Event	Site	Eventmaster	Points
1/26	NRSCCA Award's Banquet and Annual Meeting at Barretts Castle - Omaha			
2/7-9	SCCA National Convention San Antonio, TX			

NRSCCA 2008 Schedule (Tentative)

FEB 17	RallyX		- Activites Points
MAR 16	RallyX		- Activities Points
MAR 30	Solo		- IWCC ?
APR 6	RallyX		
APR 13	Solo		- LAP
APR 26-27	Club Race		- MAM/MVRG
MAY 18	Solo		- MAC
MAY 31 - JUN 1	Club Race		- MAM/MVRG
JUN 8	RallyX		
JUN 15	Solo		- LAP
JUN 28-29	MPH		- Motorsports Mile
JUL 13	Solo		- IWCC ?
JUL 19-20	Club Race		- MPH - NRSCCA Double Regional
JUL 27	Solo		- LSW
AUG 10	Solo		- MAC
AUG 16-17	Club Race		- MAM/MVRG
AUG 24	Solo		- LSW
SEP 7	RallyX		
SEP 28	Solo		- IWCC
OCT 5	RallyX		
OCT 19	Solo		- LAP
NOV 2	Solo		- MAC
NOV 9	RallyX		

This is mostly TBA* at this point but at least it is a place to start from. These are the dates discussed at the Board Meeting. I will let you know when I start to get sites for these dates.

*As always the Solo and RallyX dates are subject to change with little or no notice!

Tom Riss, Activities Director
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Abbreviations for Events:

A Activity Points
RC Rallycross Points
S Solo Points
S/A Solo & Activity Points
Woods Jim Wood's property, Lincoln, NE

Race Abbreviation:

N National Race
S Driver's School (Race)
E Enduro Race
R Regional Race
IT IT Tour Race

Location Abbreviations:

IWCC Iowa Western Comm. College - Council Bluffs, IA
LAP Lincoln Air Park - Lincoln, NE
LEC Lancaster Events Center - Lincoln, NE
LSW Lincoln Southwest High School - Lincoln, NE
MAC MidAmerica Center - Council Bluffs, IA
MAM Mid-America Motorplex - Pacific Junction, IA
MPH Motorsports Park, Hastings, NE
TBA To Be Announced at a later date
TOP HPT, Topeka, KS

Catching Up with Recent Events

by Jean Smith



Happy Holidays to all!

This is my first article for the Exhaust Notes for 2008.

Thank you to Candy, the Board of Governors, and all the officers; you have done an outstanding job this past season and need to be recognized for it.

There are also others behind the scenes who are always there and do good work that deserve some recognition. Thank you to Gary Graybill, Gil Sherman, and Scott Embury, who do a great job with Tech. Thank you to Jerry Gregis, Tony Koester, Christy Carlson, Chuck Rudisill and anyone else involved with starting at events. Thank you to Dale and Dianne Lind for their help with registration, to those who do timing and scoring, to the Safety Stewards, those who help set up the event courses, and those who regularly work the corners. The events would not go on without them.

And thank you to all of you who participate. Have a prosperous and happy 2008.

Do you Know This Person?

by Jean Smith



Kevin Welch

His name is Kevin Welch. He has been a member since August, 2003.

Since he is very much behind the scenes, I felt he needed to be recognized for all the work he does. He has been there to help the event master's set up the track for every event.

He is also one of the first to arrive for every event and start working. Kevin has worked every Club Racing event at MAM and MPH.

Thanks Kevin for all your hard work!

NRSCCA Year End Trophies

(from www.NRSCCAhistory.com)

Woody Dunn Memorial (Members nominations - Board of Governors Vote)

Although the Woody Dunn is not the oldest trophy in Nebraska Region, it is the most prestigious and is, therefore, listed first among the annual awards.

The Woody Dunn Memorial Trophy is presented to a member who has made an outstanding contribution to the Nebraska Region over the past year.

This recognition is given by a vote of the Region's Board of Governors. The Woody Dunn Trophy is not necessarily presented each year. Dubbed "The Big Ugly" ... the Woody Dunn Trophy stands 18 inches tall and weighs in around 15 pounds.

The trophy lists all of the winners on five engraved plates, but the oldest names are becoming difficult to read.



Dale Flesher Memorial (Top Points)

In 1955, the Region's second year of operation, NRSCCA began honoring the member who earned the most Activity Points each year. The original trophy was named in honor of Joe Mayer, the Region's first Regional Executive.



In 1972 a new trophy was created as a memorial to Dale Flesher who joined the Region in the early 1960's and was an enthusiastic and active member.

Dale Flesher 1971

Dr. Robert Byers Memorial (Best Event - Voted by Entrants)

The Byers Trophy is awarded in recognition of the best event of the year. The winner is determined by the contestant's evaluations of the events.

Each contestant rates the event on a scale and the scores are averaged to determine the winner of the Byers Trophy.



Dr. Robert C. Byers, known to friends as "Jack," joined

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New Members

James Slothower Omaha, NE Regular
Louise Woodhouse Blair, NE Spouse

Year End Trophies continued

Nebraska Region in 1958. He lost his life in a one-car crash on Friday, June 22, 1962.

A long time enthusiast and former winner of the Golden Rod Rally, Dr. Byers had withdrawn from sports car activity upon the death of his wife, Annibal, almost exactly one year before his own death.

Although the Byers Trophy is one of the smallest of the traveling trophies, the detail on it is magnificent and no photograph can do it justice.

Gymkhana Driver (Top Solo Points)

This trophy is presented to Nebraska Region's top Gymkhana (Solo) driver.

The winner is decided by accumulation of points from designated events throughout the year, in addition to points awarded for finishing position at Divisional and National Championship events.

There are a designated number of events each year, determined by the Board of Governors, which count toward the earning of the Outstanding Gymkhana Driver Trophy.

The lowest score of the qualifying events is dropped, thus allowing a member to miss an event (or finish poorly due to mechanical problems) and not be out of the competition.

RallyCross Driver (Top RallyCross Points)

This trophy is presented to Nebraska Region's top RallyCross driver.

This trophy is new this year (for 2007)

National Competition Driver (Voted by Drivers)

This trophy is awarded to the outstanding nationally licensed competition driver.

Originally referred to as the "Tony Andersen Trophy" this award was first given to Gene Smiley, who drove an Osca.

The trophy has seen several multiple year winners, and one outstanding NRSCCA driver, Jack Beck, who was inducted into the Nebraska Auto Racing Hall of Fame in 2006, was voted this trophy by his peers in four consecutive decades.

This trophy, and the George Gunther Memorial, are
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awarded annually based on the votes of a selection committee. The selection committee consists of the last three winners* of the national trophy, last three winners* of the George Gunther Memorial Trophy, and a race worker appointed by the Regional Executive.

* The last three individuals who won the award.

George Gunther Memorial (Regional Competition - Voted by Drivers)

The Outstanding Regional Competition Driver Trophy was originally created in 1975.

In 1994 it became the George Gunther Memorial Trophy. George had been a member of SCCA since April 1956.

This trophy is awarded annually to the outstanding regionally licensed competition driver.



George Gunther

This trophy, and the National Competition Driver trophy, are awarded annually based on the votes of a selection committee. The selection committee consists of the last three winners* of the George Gunther Memorial Trophy, and a race worker appointed by the Regional Executive.

* The last three individuals who won the award.



Outstanding Regional Worker Worker's Cup - Former Governor's Cup (Members nominations - Board of Governors Vote)

The Worker's Cup began in 1981 to recognize the outstanding worker at regional events during the past year.

The recipient is decided based on nominations from the membership and a vote of the Board of Governors. The Worker's Cup is not necessarily presented each year.

History of the Trophy:

Gifted to Nebraska Region in the early 1970's by then Area Governor, Mel Bogus, this award started out as the Governor's Cup. (see next page)

It was presented by the Area Governor upon the recommendation of the Region's Board of Governors. The next Area Governor had no interest in continuing the tradition, so the trophy, (after 4 years) was put to



a new use as the Worker's Cup. This trophy hangs on a wall.

Robert J. Wilson Memorial - Sponsor's Cup
(Members nominations - Board of Governors Vote)

Established in 1995, this trophy is to thank a person (not necessarily a member of the SCCA) or a company that has been a regular supporter of the Nebraska Region.

R.J. Wilson was not a member of SCCA, but instead was an avid supporter and sponsor of Nebraska Region.



Robert J. Wilson
1921-1995

The Sponsor's Cup is not necessarily presented each year.

The Sponsor's Cup was donated by R.J.'s daughter, Ellen Zitzlsperger, and is often presented by R.J.'s granddaughter, April Doctor.



Maxine Wilson
April Doctor
Ellen Zitzlsperger

*In 2002, the road rally program was suspended due to a lack of sufficient participants at the local level. It is not known when, or if, the road rally program will be resurrected.



***John Bly & Dick Gross Memorial**

(Best Rally - Voted by Entrants)
The Bly-Gross Memorial was established to recognize the best road rally of the year. It was established in 1996 following John Bly's death and

was donated to the Region by Dick Gross. John and Dick were avid road rally participants.



John Bly
Dick Gross

***Rally Driver**
(Local and National Points)



***Rally Navigator**
(Local and National Points)



For more NRSCCA History: www.nrsccahistory.com

NRSCCA Retired trophies
Governor's Cup

The Governor's Cup was initiated in 1973 by SCCA Area 6 Governor Mel Bogus to honor the Nebraska Region member that had done the most to promote racing in the Midwest Division.

- 1973 Jerry Miller
- 1974 Pat di Natale
- 1975 Billie Erxleben
- 1976 Patt Buell/Pat di Natale
- 1977 Tex Arnold
- 1978 Molly Riley
- 1979 not presented
- 1980 Molly Riley
- 1981 Molly Riley



NRSCCA Powder Puff Trophy

The Powder Puff Trophy was presented to the wife, girl friend or female member of Nebraska Region that earned the most activity points.

- 1957 Alice Kline
- 1958 Alice Kline
- 1959 Rosie Mayer
- 1960 NA
- 1961 Alice Kline
- 1962 Carolyn Heaton
- 1963 Sue Miller
- 1964 Helena Miller
- 1965 Marilyn Olson
- 1966 Joyce Seivers
- 1967 Barb Knee
- 1968 Marilyn Olson
- 1969 Lynn Spence
- 1970 Helena Miller
- 1971 Helena Miller/Kathy Salem
- 1972 Helena Miller

Sunray DX Driver's Award

Presented to the Nebraska Region member that earned the most activities points as a driver in Regional Events.

- 1966 Dale Flesher
- 1967 Sam Mumma
- 1968 Dale Flesher

For a complete list of points
go to the web page:
www.NRSCCA.com

NRSCCA Activity Points (top 55)

* denotes 100% Club

Top 30 confirmed to meet eligibility
requirements for year end awards

Participant TOTAL

*Gary Graybill	154
*Westley Pierce	152
*Chuck Garcia	145
*Jerry Doctor	145
*Jean Smith	144
Jan Gerber	135
Candy Gerber	133
Christy Carlson	115
John Becker	100
Tony Koester	100
Jim Wood	100
Jon Simmons	95
Aarion Nielsen	89
Chris Clark	88
Kevin Welch	87
Don Knop	80
James Phillips	80
John LaRondeau	80
Scott Embury	80
John Hunter	79
Sue Eckles	79
Ann LaRondeau	78
David Fink	78
Gil Sherman	78
Lisa Lee	78
Mark Walker	78
John Williams	76
Ryan Bowers	75
John Pecoraro	74
Suraj Pradhan	74
Zach LaGrone	71
Ayoub Talha	70
Kyle Erixon	61
Ed Fisher	60
Chuck Rudisill	59
Dean Clark	59
John Rudder	59
Julie Heaton	59
Mike Ashbaugh	58
Natha Waldbaum	58
Steve Glaab	58
Fred Schaffert	57
Justin Eckles	57
Matt McCabe	57
Jared Evans	56
Scott Kahler	56
Tim Heaton	56
Travis Barker	56
Ed Fisher	40

**Participant
continued**

David Bremer	55
Jon McKenny	55
Tyler Stoupa	55
Eric Murphy	54
Phillip Tesar	53
Nathan Olson	52
Jerry Gregis	48
Tom Riss	47
Drew Davis	42

TOTAL

NRSCCA Solo Points

as of: December 20, 2007

*Only NRSCCA members are
displayed NRSCCA membership
verified for top 30 placings*

NAME TOTAL

Matt McCabe	60
John Becker	54
John Hunter	52
David Fink	51
Christy Carlson	50
Gary Graybill	50
Don Knop	50
Tony Koester	50
Ann LaRondeau	50
John LaRondeau	50
West Pierce	50
Gilbert Sherman	50
Sue Eckles	49
Julie Heaton	49
John Rudder	49
Chuck Rudisill	49
Ryan Bowers	48
Jan Gerber	48
Lisa Lee	48
Candy Gerber	47
John Williams	46
Travis Barker	45
Chuck Garcia	45
Tim Heaton	45
John Pecoraro	45
Suraj Pradhan	45
Fred Schaffert	45
Jean Smith	41
Chris Clark	40
Scott Embury	40
Ayoub Talha	40
James Phillips	39
Jim Wood	39

**NRSCCA RallyCross
Year End Points**

(required 2 events to qualify
for year-end awards)

DRIVER TOTAL

Jan Gerber	44
James Wood	39
Christy Carlson	37
Brandon Engel	33
Gary Graybill	31
James Phillips	29
Scott Embury	29
Aarion Nielsen	23
Tony Koester	23
Anthony Wells	22
Zach LaGrone	21
Jon Simmons	17
West Pierce	17
Nathan Olson	16
John Becker	10
Mark Walker	10
Sarah Gutekunst	10
Charles Schadwinkel	9
Jerry Doctor	9
Eric Salem	8
Daniel Strohl	4

To all Eric Salem's friends:

Eric is at Quality Living in Omaha now. About one block south of 71st and Reddick. He can have visitors or just drop him a card.

His dad, Dick Salem, says "it is a very impressive place. Everything you could hope for in a injury rehab facility. He has his own apartment style room with a common area near by".

"The best part is how well he is doing. The improvement in the last couple of weeks has been rapid. He can walk nearly like before as long as one eye is covered (either one covered to prevent the double vision of the eyes not working together). His balance is good and the speech is better. His mind works much faster than his speech and that is normal for him".

Thanks to all his friends in NRSCCA for the thoughts and prayers. Hang in there Eric!

A Bit Of History . . .

NRSCCA Regional Executives 1954-08

(Several R.E.s have served more than one term.)

1954 - Joe Mayer
1955 - Loyal Katskee
1956 - Sandy Downs
1957 - Don Stacy
1958 - Dave Hollenbaugh / Sandy Downs
1959 - George Gunther / Dale Thoresen
1960 - Dale Thoresen / Gene Smiley
1961 - William Jurgensen
1962 - Al Bebout
1963 - Mike Lemmers
1964 - Hamp Miller / Ralph Barbe
1965 - Jim Bishop
1966 - Ralph Tolman / Mike Lemmers
1967 - Jerry Baker
1968 - John Olson
1969 - John Porter
1970 - Pat Woolery (Patc Henry)
1971 - Jerry Miller
1972 - Lee Boettcher
1973 - Dick Salem
1974 - Jerry Doctor
1975 - Jerry Doctor
1976 - Jerry Doctor
1977 - Les Hansen
1978 - Jerry Doctor
1979 - Pat diNatale
1980 - Pat diNatale / Jerry Doctor
1981 - Jerry Kilgore
1982 - Jerry Doctor
1983 - John Speidell
1984 - Gar Anderson
1985 - John Bly
1986 - John Bly
1987 - Don Knop
1988 - Don Knop
1989 - Don Knop
1990 - Anita Poss
1991 - Anita Poss
1992 - Anita Poss
1993 - Jerry Doctor
1994 - Jan Gerber
1995 - Jan Gerber
1996 - Chris Safranek
1997 - Chris Safranek
1998 - Chris Safranek
1999 - Mark Ross
2000 - Mark Ross
2001 - Mark Ross
2002 - Chris Safranek
2003 - Jerry Doctor
2004 - Jerry Doctor
2005 - Jerry Doctor
2006 - Candy Gerber
2007 - Candy Gerber
2008 - Candy Gerber

Points - And Why You Should Care

by Jerry Doctor - 2008 Points Keeper



Before the end of this month we will be holding the annual awards banquet. Some of those awards were determined by a vote of the Board of Governors. The winners of the club racing trophies were selected by a committee of past winners. The evaluation forms you are asked to fill out at our events are used to decide the best event of the

year. And then there are the awards that are determined by points. Solo class champions, Solo driver of the year, RallyCross class champions, RallyCross driver of the year, and novice driver awards for Solo and RallyCross are all determined by points. A completely different set of points, activity points, is used for awarding the Flesher Trophy. All of these different kinds of points can make it difficult to understand why one person received a year-end award and someone you thought more deserving (you?) did not.

The first thing to understand about Solo points is that not all Solo's count. When the Board of Governors prepares the event calendar for the coming year, certain Solo's are designated as "Solo Points Events." There are usually five or six Solo points events. These are the only events used to determine the class champions. A win in your class will get you ten points, second will earn nine, and so on down to one point for tenth place. Points are kept by class so if you keep changing classes during the year you may end up with lots of points but you probably won't be a champion. Before totaling the class points the low event is dropped. This allows you to miss a Solo points event or to have a bad day at one and still win your class. Don't miss too many of the points events, though. You have to run at least half of them to be eligible for a year-end award. Finally, since the eventmaster can't compete at his own Solo, the eventmaster is given ten points. There are no other "worker" Solo points.

RallyCross class champions are pretty much selected the same way as the Solo champions. The one difference is that all RallyCross events are points events. The only exceptions would be a last minute addition to the schedule or a "test and tune." The other difference is that none of the events are dropped.

The Solo driver of the year is selected by a slightly different method. First of all, class no longer matters. All the points earned count towards the total. Second, the MiDiv and National Solo Championships are included. At those events members again earn from ten points to

Points continued . . .

one for finishing first through tenth in class. In addition they get one point for every entry in their class that they beat, up to ten points. Example: At the Nationals a Nebraska Region member in a five car class finishes fourth. He gets 7 points for a fourth place finish and 1 point for beating one person, a total of 8 points. Another member was 12th in a 50 car class. Although there aren't any points for the finishing position, he gets 10 points for the people he beat. In totaling the Solo driver of the year points, the three lowest events are dropped. This means you can drop both the divisional and national championships so it is theoretically possible to win without attending out of region events. Not likely though due to the "bonus" points that can be earned at the championships.

Again, RallyCross works similarly. Since there isn't a MiDiv RallyCross championship event (yet), a National Challenge event will take its place. And, once again, all the events count.

If you joined the Nebraska Region for the first time after the last points Solo or RallyCross of the previous year, you are eligible to be named the Novice Driver of the Year. The new members that finish the highest in the Solo driver of the year and the RallyCross driver of the year points win the Novice awards.

Well, my space is filled for now. Next time we'll talk about activity points, some changes being made for 2008, and why you guests should be watching the points!

MGYAUPI continued

adventure also resulted in me establishing several life long friendships and most likely why I have today a limited prep MGB HP car (next year) in my Glenwood building.

A couple of years ago a fellow SCCA member's auction service conducted the business closing and liquidation sale for Atlas Motors Inc. It reflected a somber passing for me but to most it was just another opportunity to get a few foreign car parts, especially Volkswagen, cheaply. Although I had not been there for a decade or more it was one auction I certainly wanted to attend given the quantity of NOS English car parts. There were still a dozen or so vehicles and remnants remaining from the numerous years the Sergeant had been in business, but the black MG Saloon was not to be found. I purchased a few items at the auction, mainly NOS Lucas electrical and gasket sets. For a 1200 cc FV racer this would have been a chance in a life time as most of the shelves in the parts room were just that.

Earlier this year (November) I got a call from an acquaintance regarding what he had just stumbled across at the U-Pull-It South salvage yard. He mentioned seeing

an early 1950s MG Y Saloon and a Jaguar he described as a "sled". Guess I was kind of slow as I initially made no connection between what I had seen years ago at Atlas Motors and what was presently being picked apart at U-Pull-It. On my first rounds through the salvage yard rows I went right passed the MG and the Jaguar without detecting them. Can't believe I did not notice them as the Jaguar roof stands out for some distance. Back at the office I was assured that they were still out there.

On my second pass, ah, there they were. The MG was not as proud as it had been when I first saw it twenty years earlier. The front window glass, bonnet, lights, grill, dash, carbs, interior door handles, valve cover, and boot hinges had already been picked as if it was fresh road kill. The tires were flat having rotted out quite a few years ago. While the body was covered in rust and the interior panels a shambles the body and panels were in pretty good shape having very little rust through. The doors opened and closed solidly. The engine and transmission were still there along with some other very worthwhile parts. Although I did subsequently discover that two of the engine cylinders were full of water and the engine would not turn over. Beyond that, someone doing a restoration on a MG Saloon or a TD would be thrilled to come across this trove of virtual treasure (not by my wife's estimation or standards).



It wasn't until later that evening that I decided that I had to return the following morning to pluck the engine and transmission. What swayed me were that many of the parts are identical to those in an MG-TD, a car I had wanted to own for many a year. The parts were also becoming very hard to obtain should I some day need them. Scarce is a better word. Ok, so maybe it is just another dream of mine that will never become reality but I pressed on. But I do feel enriched by the education I get from having the parts and researching the path they have taken. Guess the clincher was that I know a guy up near Carroll, Iowa that I met at the Early Wheels of Iowa Greenfield swap meet that has a MG-TD in storage that is for sale as a roller minus the engine and transmission. Having asked my son Mark to help; we agreed to meet there early the next morning as he returned home from his night shift at First Data. I

gathered up my U-Pull-It tool bag spending most of the night thinking about what other aids I might need. I got to the salvage yard just after their 8:00 a.m. opening and began the surgery. Mark came along shortly and with both of us busy as bees we had the engine and transmission extracted in little over an hour. The engine head had cast in the date 5 May 39 and the number 22952. The brass plate on the engine reads Morris Motors Replacement . Bore Size + .040 . Crank Size (obliterated) . Shop NO 22. was about to leave with the loaded parts when a lot worker came by and noticing the engine told me the car along with the Jaguar had come from near Offutt AFB about four or five years ago. They had delayed putting the two cars out into the yard as they had attempted to obtain original titles. Evidently the MG was never titled in Nebraska, so the task of getting a clear title from England would have been challenging and for them and at a cost they did not wish to incur. Hence after five years of it sitting there they finally decided to just let it go. With that, their plans to make a street rod out of it would remain forever just a dream. The fellow thought that the vehicle identification plate numbers (now missing) exhibited the car to be a 1952. The only information I could find on the car was a brass plate on the engine stating it was a Morris Motors Replacement with "5 May 39" cast into the head. Following some internet searching I found the MG to exhibit the features that would show up on a YA, not a YB. The disc wheels I were sixteen inch as apposed to references that stated a YB should be fifteen inch. A change to smaller wheels done by the factory to add stability. My thoughts agitate (like a cloths washer) to perhaps a second visit to get a few more parts. Perhaps the entire rear end assembly or some of the front suspension or steering components. The yard fellow told me that the bonnet was around somewhere to be had along with the radiator. They would be equally good finds. Think I noticed where the valve cover was already on eBay.

Maybe I mention this episode in my life because given the right circumstance I could easily see a Joe Huffaker stuffing a full prep 1275 in the Saloon and taking a couple of HP or GTL National Championships. Isn't that what life is all about. Having a dream and trying to figure out a way to make it happen. Finding things that stimulate the "racing lobes" in the gray matter and convincing ourselves why the commitments and sacrifices made to be out on the track is all worth it. It is from this very lot that a number of good parts have been "sprung and set free" to assist SCCA racers. Some of them initially gotten just because of the thought that they just might be needed some day . A12A motors to Dowie, Zekert, and Preston . 1200 transmission cores



to Preston . a 1400 block to Zekert . a rear leaf spring to Leighton . HS4 carbs to Prather . Sprite ribbed transmission housings to Taylor . 280Z rears suspension parts to upgrade a GT-6 for Beck . Alfa front suspension components to Diers . a Sprite differential to Davis . misc stuff for Hubbard . Sprite disc brake pads to a HP guy . and MGB, Sprite, and Alfa blocks for me . a chase and hunt most of us eventually end up going down.

2008 MiDiv Calendar

SCCA National Convention
February 7-9, 2008 - San Antonio, TX
 For more information go to SCCA.org

AT NATIONAL CONVENTION:

In addition to the 2007 SSAC (below) report, we will host an open forum on solo site acquisition. The convention isn't just for racing topics anymore. Please consider attending and bringing any ideas, problems and successes associated with your solo programs.

Solo Site Acquisition Committee (SSAC)

Raleigh Boreen, Saginaw Valley & Indianapolis Regions
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February

22-23 100 Acre Woods
 (non SCCA Event)

March

3/1 or 3/8 CFR/KVRG
 14-16 MMP/MS SS/R
 22-23 GIR/STL RI/N

April

12-13 HMRC/AVRG RI/N
 *19-20 (or 5/3-4) MiDiv Solo Series KC-KC
 Region
 26-27 MAM/MVRG RI/N

May

*3-4 (or 4/19-20) MiDiv Solo Series KC-KC
 Region
 24-25 MMP/MS II/NN
 MiDiv Solo Series Gateway-STL
 Region
 31-1 MAM/MVRG RR

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June			
14-15	HPT/KVRG		RR/X
21-22	MiDiv Solo Series	Wichita Region	
	June Sprints		
28-29	NSS/MS		RR
July			
5-6	HMRC/AVTG	RI/N	
19-20	MPH/Nebr.	RR	
August			
2-3	GIR/STL		RI/N
	MiDiv Solo Series	HPT/Kansas Region	
16-17	MAM/MVRG		RI/N
30-31-1	HPT/KRVG		NN
September			
13-14	HMRC/AVRG		SR
12-13	ProSolo Finale		
14-19	Solo Nationals		
	Heartland Park Topeka		
9/29-10/5	Test Days		
	National Runoffs		HPT
October			
10/6-12	National Runoffs		HPT
25-26	GIR/STL		R*r
November			
15-16	MiDiv Convention		
	Hosted by MS		

Happy New Year to All MiDiv from the Area 6 Director-Elect

As promised in my campaign, I have posted the first Director's Chair Newsletter and Board of Directors meeting summary on www.midiv.org.

The link for these two documents is on the left toolbar, just click on the director's chair. Or they can be accessed at the following links: http://midiv.org/PDF/Directors_Chair/DECEMBER%202007%20NEWSLETTER%20FROM%20LISA%20NOBLE.pdf

http://midiv.org/PDF/Directors_Chair/DECEMBER%202007%20BOD%20MEETING%20SUMMARY%20FROM%20NOBLE.pdf

Note: members who wish to receive the newsletter via US mail can request one from me at 1723 Fair Lane, Manhattan, KS 66502.

Thanks to Jeff Kopp, MiDiv Webmaster, for putting these Director's pages together and keeping the Division's site current. He hopes to have all contact information updated for the New Year as well.

Please let me know how I can be of assistance as all of you support our programs and members via your Newsletters or Web sites.

Yours For The Sport, Lisa Noble
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SCCA Membership Application

To apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, please complete the form below in full and send with payment to Mark Ross, 13012 Cady Avenue, Omaha, NE 68164. **Make checks payable to SCCA.**

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Address: _____ Telephone: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Single: _____ Married: _____ (Spouse's name if joining): _____

If applying for a family membership (husband, wife & children), list names and ages of children under age 21:

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Name: _____ Birth Date: _____

Have you been an SCCA member before? No ___ Yes ___ Year? ___ Member Number: _____

Please indicate the area(s) of SCCA in which you plan to participation which interest you the most:

Club Racing ___ ProRacing ___ ProRally ___ RallyCross ___ Solo ___

Dues: Regular Member	\$60.00 national + 10.00 regional	Total: _____
Spouse Member	\$20.00 national + 5.00 regional	Total: _____
First Gear (under 21)	\$40.00 national + 5.00 regional	Total: _____
Family Membership	\$95.00 national + 20.00 regional	Total: _____
Military Member	\$25.00 national + 10.00 regional	Total: _____

(The military membership requires a written statement from your unit commander that you are on full-time, active duty.)

I hereby apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, Inc. and its NEBRASKA (048) Region and agree to abide by its bylaws.

Applicants Signature: _____ Date: _____



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Attention NRSCCA Solo Entrants
Check out these sites:
www.soloperformance.com
and www.solotime.com

NRSCCA 2007 Awards Banquet

Banquet Chairs: Chris Safranek & Candy Gerber

The Annual Awards Banquet will be January 26, 2008, at Castle Barrett - 4330 Leavenworth Street Omaha, NE
Cocktails will begin at 6pm
with a buffet dinner at 7pm.

Please, plan on attending.

SCCA National Convention February 7-9, 2008!
See you in San Antonio!

For more information check [SCCA.org](http://www.scca.org)

Check Out *Inside Line* at the SCCA Website www.scca.com

Call the Nebraska Region hotline at (402) 827-4418 or check the Nebraska Region web site at <http://www.nrscca.com> for the latest event updates and schedules.



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