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TAC/TVR Year-End Awards

TAC Awards

Most Active Member

Mike Pessoney

Superior Member

Jerry Hardt
Connie Clarke
Eddie Jory
John Clarke
Mark Rothermel
Ottis Airhart
Jim Burruss
Keith Ramey
John Barnett

Active Member

Richard Crowell
Brian Little
Greg Marvin
Alan McCrispin
Michael Chandler

Top Ten Drivers

1. John Clarke
1. Mike Pessoney
1. Mark Rothermel
4. Herb Aderholdt
5. John Barnett
6. Keith Ramey
7. Bill Peters
8. Mike Artis
9. Phillip Gwynn
10. Ottis Airhart

Class Champions

AS: Carol Lowery
BS: Herb Aderholdt
CS: Mike Pessoney
DS: Charles Wright
ES: Eddie Jory
FS: Keith Ramey
SS: John Clarke
ST: Mike Artis
STN: Rob Collier
DSP: Philip Gwynn
EP: John Barnett
AM: Jim Burruss
EM: Tom Tyler
FM: Mark Rothermel

TVR Awards

SOLO II Competitor of the Year

Mark Rothermel

Road Race Competitor of the Year

Brian Keck

Most Distinguished Member

Ottis Airhart

Guest Membership Award

Keith Ramev



TAC President Eddie Jory (left) presents Mike Pessoney (right) with the Most Active Member Award.

Trailer Party Scheduled!

Here is your opportunity to earn 15 worker points for the 2001 season. The TAC equipment trailer is due for some TLC. The plan is for some wood replacement, painting, and general cleanup. The Clarke's have generously volunteered their driveway for this event. We will be starting at about 10am on March 10, with work to continue on March 11 if necessary. Please plan on helping out. Email ejory@hiwaay.net for directions to the Clarke's. The more who volunteer, the easier it will be on everyone.

TAC/TVR Announce 2001 Slalom Schedule

Both clubs are ready for another great slalom season. See the upcoming events on page 6 for all the details!

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Spec Miata, New Racing Class

SEDIV has joined the rush to add Spec Miata as a new regional only racing class in the Southeast. It would appear that the Mazda folks are doing an excellent public relations job as they have been able to get IT7 (or in some divisions, Spec 7) and Spec Miata into the racing programs of many SCCA Divisions. In both cases the pitch has been low cost. Frankly, I don't buy it. I think it is more about image. If you can't win where you are classified, create a class where you can!

I have read the class rules and it looks to me like Improved Touring with out the engine/exhaust/induction modifications. Of course we all know what that means; instead of spending a few thousand to build a strong legal motor, you spend three times as much blueprinting it to stock specs! So any whey, Spec Miata is here. If you want a copy of the rules go to racernetwork.com.

2001 SCCA SOLO II Helmet Rule

Richard Crowell

In the last issue of the Newsletter, I wrote about SCCA racing events requiring Snell 95 or newer helmets beginning in 2002 and expressed the belief that Solo II would go to Snell 90 or newer at the same time. I WAS WRONG! SCCA Solo II events will require Snell 90 or newer helmets beginning in 2001! THIS YEAR!

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SCCA Performance Rally Is Reborn In SEDIV

By Richard Crowell

Performance rallying is being reborn in SEDIV thanks to the Chattanooga Region and Kendall Russell, SEDIV Club Rally Steward. Actually, the birth occurred last year with the Cherokee Trails Club Performance Rally, which was an outstanding success. In 2001, Cherokee Trails will be an SCCA Pro Performance Rally and will have an international listing by FIA. In addition to the International Rally, two (2) one (1) day Club rallies will be run in conjunction with it. And at least three (3) other Club Performance Rallies are likely.

Mar 15-17	Cherokee Trails International. Performance Rally	Cherokee Nat Forest	Chattanooga Region
Mar 16	Ocoee Stages Club Performance Rally	Cherokee Nat Forest	Chattanooga Region
Mar 17	Hiwassee Stages Club Performance Rally	Cherokee Nat Forest	Chattanooga Region
Apr 21	Chat Choo-Choo Tarmac Club Performance Rally		Chattanooga Region
May 19	Sand Hills Club Performance Div Rally		South Carolina
TBD	Southern Nights Club Performance Rally	Talladega Nat Forest	Alabama

So what is a performance rally? It is a series of high speed, drive as fast as you dare, stages on closed roads, which are usually dirt, sand, snow covered, etc. If you have seen the World Rally events on Speedvision, that is performance rallying! Because of the high speeds and many unmovable objects near the road (trees, boulders, cliffs, etc), all cars which run in performance rallies must be specially modified. So don't take your daily driver to one and expect to enter. But if you would like to see what it is all about, volunteer to be a rally worker!

Call for Rally Worker Volunteers!

What: International Cherokee Trails Rally
When: Race Days Mar. 15, 16 and 17. 2001
Reconnaissance Mar. 12 and 13 Press Stage Mar. 14
Where: Headquarters, Chattanooga Tennessee
Race held in Ocoee/Hiwassee District of Cherokee National Forest, the US Olympic Whitewater Center, USFS is our Service Area and operating center.

The International Cherokee Trails Rally marks the return of a pace noted FIA event to the United States! This is our opportunity to implement FIA guidelines and procedures and we need everyone's help to make this an enjoyable race for competitors and spectators. As a worker for this race, you get to be on the inside of the action.

If you are new to the sport of rallying, you may locate information about the sport at www.scca.org by selecting the Performance Rally section. If you are an experienced rally worker, you will find that this event offers new challenges as we step into implementation of FIA international rules and regulations regarding the operation of the race. There are jobs for everyone who would like to be a part of this event.

2001 SEDIV SOLO II Series

By Richard Crowell

The Southeast Division (SEDIV) of SCCA is planning another active year for the divisional Solo II series. The 2001 series will consist of 3 to 5 events, with two (2) of them located within 120 miles of Huntsville!

The three (3) firm dates are:

June 16-17	Nashville
Superspeedway	Tennessee Region
July 7-8	Turner Field
	Atlanta Region
Aug 11-12	Talladega Grand Prix
Track	Alabama Region

One (1) or more additional events may be schedule in Florida or South Georgia.

Something new which is being considered for this year is a team championship. The rules have not been finalized but the following are some of the ideas being considered:

- 3 or 4 drivers per team,
- One driver must have not more than 2 years experience,
- One driver must be a female,
- One driver must be under 20 years old,
- One team car must be something other than stock class.

It looks like a great Solo II year is shaping-up, and with two (2) events close to Huntsville I am looking for many participants from our Region. In 2000, two (2) TVR members (Steve Hoelscher and Charles Wright) won their class in the SEDIV Series. Lets beat that in 2001!

Level of Involvement: Because this race is a pace noted event where competitors get to run the roads in their street cars to make notes about them prior to competition, there are activities needing workers all week long.

All workers will need to attend the Worker Meeting and Training session on Wednesday, March 14th at the Radisson Read House in downtown Chattanooga, Tennessee. Worker registration will begin at 3pm until 6pm and our meeting will start at 6: 15pm and last until about 9:00pm. At this meeting you will receive your assignments and training.

We need help with Pre-race activities including Competitor Registration, Reconnaissance and the Press Stage on Sunday through Wednesday. The responsibilities during these activities include hospitality or monitoring of activities and require little training. Those of you who can help on these days should be sure to get in touch with the Worker Coordinators, Steve and Cheryl Tompkins (706-891-3314), or Rally Manager, Kendall Russell (865-671-1133), prior to the event.

During the race competition, workers are needed to monitor competition stages, spectator areas, hospitality and information areas and service areas. Additionally we need Ham radio operators, EMT's and Physicians.

For more information and registration forms contact Rich Crowell or visit www.cherokee trails rally.com.

Out of Towners Year-End Report

by Mark Rothermel

The year 2000 was a great year for me in terms of getting back on track (literally). After several lay low, build house, get an engine that runs.....so on so forth years, I finally got back to doing my favorite hobby. No, I wouldn't be going Solo I as I did from 1989 to 1997; I was going Solo II. Some of my best times were traveling to SE Division Solo II Divisionals, or nearby regions regular Solo II events, with a crowd. I can remember as many as 10 different drivers going in a convoy to Mid-Georgia, Lower Alabama, Birmingham, Nashville, Greenville, SC.....and anywhere that had an event. Our group started to shrink away in the early 90's with other commitments, hobbies, marriage, kids....you get the picture, and that left just a couple of die-hard competitors to represent TAC/TVR in out of town events. This year was different and here is just a quick note on what went on. The year started out early for a few of our autocrossers went to the Solo II National Tour in Meridian, MS, the list of racers included Mike Pessoney, Charles Wright, Steve Hoelscher, and Eddie Jory and the reports of a fine event came pouring back to Huntspatch. I believe the Tour will be back in Meridian on the weekend of Feb. 24 and 25 of 2001. Charles, Chris Raglin, Jim Burruss, and myself headed to the Talledega Grand Prix Raceway for a March event which had timing problems and darkness awaiting the Mod/Prep group as 96 entrants made for a full Sunday for Alabama Region. Talledega is a fine facility for Solo II and I and if you get the chance in 2001 you gotta check any event held at at TGPR. A few of our members went to Alabama Region home autocross site and came back with reports of smooth pavement and good times. Mid-Summer had TAC/TVR

members head to a Tri-Lakes event at the MTSU campus in Murfreesboro, TN. with Mike Pessoney, Charles Wright, Jim Burruss, John Barnett, Chris Ragland, and myself taking on a handling course. Chris held off a couple of Corvettes and a Rail buggy to take FTD in this event, with several other 1st in class plaques taken up, Tri-Lakes has always been a great club to run with and their events are a little over 1 ½ hours from Huntsville. The August Heat Series saw Mike Pessoney, Eddie Jory, Keith Ramey, Charles Wright, Chris Katechis, Jim Burruss, and myself take on the horsepower course at the Tennessee Region event in Shelbyville, Tennessee's Twin Fountain Raceway. This event site is very user friendly with a nice shaded picnic table area and even a grandstand seating area to watch the event if you are not working or driving. I liked the event so much I came back with Jimmy Webster in October to try it again. The course, at Twin Fountains, is fast with just enough tight corners to remind you that brakes are important for handling too. Steve Hoelscher made the ultimate out of town trip to the Solo II National Championships and won the DSP Championship again with his Fiat X1/9. A trip to the Nationals should be must for anyone devoted to Solo II at least once in a lifetime. The last event to try out was the Ho-Ho Solo put on by the Chattanooga Region on December 10th. The event brought in 40+ entrants from Knoxville and Nashville as well as Chris Raglin, Otis Airhardt, and myself from the Huntsville area. The Chattanooga Region runs their events in Trenton, GA on a school parking lot, which is smooth and a little small, but they had a nice flow to the course in which we got 5 runs of 2 laps each.

TAC/TVR had a great year in-town as well as out-of-town, and I hope 2001 brings a bigger outing to check-out the many different sites we are blessed with in just a 2 hour drive from Huntspatch. If you like horsepower or finesse there is a little of both to try out. See you at the track.

2001 SEDIV Meeting

By Richard Crowell

The Southeast Division (SEDIV) of the SCCA held its Annual Meeting on Jekyll Island, GA January 20 and 21. SEDIV is a legally constituted body responsible for the policies, programs, and procedures for all division wide SCCA activities: Divisional and National Rallies, Divisional Solo II events, Solo I events, South Atlantic Road Racing Championship (SARRC) events, Enduro Championship Racing (ECR) events, and National Racing events. The Regional Executives from the 18 SCCA Regions with-in SEDIV are the Board of Directors and make all decisions. There are two (2) SCCA Areas (3 and 12) with-in SEDIV and the SCCA BOD members from those two (2) areas serve as the President and Vice-President but have no voting power.

We arrived at the Jekyll Island Holiday Inn about 6:00 PM, chatted for a while with some fellow members. One of them was Phil Mellor, Area 12 BOD, representative. Ed Forest, Atlanta region also joined the conversation. After a few minutes Phil suggested that he find Steve and we all go have dinner (our wives were all in favor of that). Well there are a lot of people named Steve in SCCA and I had no idea

who he was referring too. But a few minutes later Phil returned and introduced Steve Johnson; no, not the WHNT news personality. Steve Johnson, President and CEO of SCCA!

After spending a few hours with Mr. Johnson I understand why the BOD hired him. My impression was that he is a personable, motivated, success driven individual and has many ideas about marketing SCCA. I am not so foolish as to think that every idea will pan out but after listening to him you can not help but believe that Steve Johnson will be a big help to SCCA!

Seminars

On Saturday I attended the rally, Solo 2 and Tech seminars. The big item of discussion during the Rally Seminar was the Cherokee Trails International Pro Rally in March. There is a large need for workers to help staff the event. Many of the assignments require SCCA membership, but some do not. As a result of interest in that rally there will be two (2) or three (3) Club Performance Rallies in SEDIV this year. (See separate story.) We also talked about the requirements for conducting a Road Rally (as opposed to a

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SCCA 2001 Rulebooks

Larry Janzen, TVR Secretary, will be placing orders for SCCA rulebooks on February 28, 2001. Delivery should be 2-3 weeks after that date. The rulebooks will be distributed at the first TAC and TVR meetings after delivery. If you need them sooner or cannot attend the meetings, include your phone number on the order form and Larry will contact you as soon as the rulebooks arrive to make arrangements for delivery.

All rule books should be paid for at the time you place your order. Please use the order form below and **make your check payable to TVR-SCCA**.

<u>Rulebooks</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Qty</u>	<u>Cost</u>
GCR & Specifications	\$25	_____	_____
Solo I & II / Pro Solo Rules	\$15	_____	_____
Road Rally Rules	\$15	_____	_____
Performance Rally Rules	\$15	_____	_____
Other SCCA Merchandise	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
(make check payable to TVR-SCCA)	Total	_____	_____

Ordered by: Name _____

Contact for delivery? (Y/N) _____
Phone _____

Mail orders to: Larry Janzen
104 Southwood Dr.
Madison, AL 35758

Or phone: 830-6810 (no calls after 9 PM please)

recommend that to the REs at their meeting. Adding Spec Miata as a new regional only class was also discussed, and it was agreed to recommend it to the REs. There was also some discussion about safety requirements on Super production but no changes were considered. Also, since Legends car are now a homologated class in SCCA, they can no longer be classified as Super Production.

SEDIV Annual Meeting

The SEDIV Annual Meeting was held on Saturday afternoon. Stewards for each of the following activities made a presentation: Chief Steward, ECR, SARRC, Solo1, Solo2, Performance Rally, and Road Rally. There was nothing controversial in any of the reports. There was no old business and there was no new business. This was the quietest meeting anyone could remember.

REs Meeting

The REs Meeting was held on Sunday morning. The REs voted to increase the allocation to each steward and divisional administrators for Convention/Runoffs attendance from \$500 to \$1000.

There was a discussion about the need for Timing and Scoring software that would work with the AMB timing system to provide printed results in the format required by SCCA. Edge Software, which is currently being used with DB Com timing system will not interface with AMD. A committee was established to modify the Edge software to accept data from the AMD timing system. Additionally, the committee will look at adding a registration function to the Edge Software.

The ECR series will continue to use the DB Com timing system this year but needs more rental transponders. Additionally, the computers used by the ECR series have been requiring service. The REs voted to buy 20 used transponders and two (2) new computer systems for the ECR series. Total cost approximately \$3250.

Solo 2 steward reported that the Divisional Solo 2 Series was in very good health and would not need seed money from the SEDIV treasury in 2001. That was the first such occurrence in many years.

The Performance rally Steward reported on the program for 2001 and requested \$1500 support from SEDIV to help feed workers at the Cherokee Trails Rally. The REs voted to provide that support.

The Class Review Board presented it's recommendation to extend FC2000 for two (2) more years and to add Spec Miata as a new regional only class. The REs approved both measures.

The final item of business was a review of the 2001 SEDIV schedule. There were several additions and changes from the tentative schedule. The complete schedule is on the sediv racing.org web site. My big disappointment in the 2001 schedule is that there are no events currently scheduled at Nashville Superspeedway or Barber Motorsports Park.

2001 SEDIV Meeting

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Performance Rally). Road Rallies require no special safety equipment for the car or driver, but the rally course must be approved by a SCCA Road Rally Steward. There are several levels of Road Rallies. The lowest is a Social Rally, which must be under 90 miles in length and use minimal controls. The course must be approved by a Steward but a Steward can probably be trained over the phone.

The Solo 2 seminar centered around the SEDIV Solo 2 Series with a review of last years events and the proposed schedule for 2001. (See separate story.) One item of bad news was the lose of BFG sponsorship in 2001.

During the Tech seminar we reviewed the SEDIV classes which were scheduled to be dropped in 2001 (CS2000, CF2000, ITD, and ITGT. There are other classes available for these cars to run in.) However, about a dozen CS2000 drivers submitted a request to have the class continued for two (2) more years. After some discussion it was agreed to

Upcoming Events

Club Racing

Autocross

Nationals

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Venue/Region</u>	<u>Registrar's Phone/Email</u>
Feb 24-25	Carolina Mtsp Pk/CCar	704-827-7522 sportcar@bellsouth.net
Mar. 10-11	Roebling Road/Bucc	803-714-9797 cec.97@gateway.net
Mar 31-Apr.1	Road Atlanta/Atl	770-458-4939 cluboffice@atl-scca.org
May 5-6v#	Daytona/CFla	407-674-0777 klgl953@aol.com
Jun 9-10	Road Atlanta/Atl	770-458-4939 cluboffice@atl-scca.org
Jun 30-7/2*	Roebling Road/SEDIV	770-831-0277 daverollow@aol.com
Aug 11-12	VIR/NCar	800-342-7390 ginnycondrey@hotmail.com

[*] Double Event [v] Vintage Group(s)
[#] Enduro

Regionals

<u>Date(s)</u>	<u>Venue/Host Region</u>	<u>RegistrarPhone/Email</u>
Feb. 24-25* v	Sebring/CFla	407-674-0777 klgl953@aol.com
Mar 3-4#	Road Atlanta/Atl	770-458-4939 cluboffice@atl-scca.org
Mar. 14-18	Sebring/CFla	407-674-0777 klgl953@aol.com
Mar. 17-18#	VIR/NCar	800-342-7390 ginnycondrey@hotmail.com
Mar 24-25*	Moroso/Fla	561-624-3539 no email address provided
May 26-27* #	Carolina Mtsp Pk/CCar	704-827-7522 sportcar@bellsouth.net
Apr. 14-15#	Roebling Road/Scar	803-714-9797 cec.97@gateway.net
Apr. 28-29*	Roebling Road/Bucc	803-714-9797 cec.97@gateway.net
May 12-13	Moroso/Fla	561-624-3539 no email address provided
May 12-13*	VIR/NCar	800-342-7390 ginnycondrey@hotmail.com
Jun 2-3v	Sebring/CFla	407-674-0777 klgl953@aol.com
Jun 23-24#	Lowes/CCar	704-827-7522 sportcar@bellsouth.net
Jun 23-24	Moroso/Fla	561-624-3539 no email address provided

[*] Double Event [v] Vintage Group(s)
[#] Enduro [T] Tentative
[+] Addition/Change since last update

TAC/TVR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Event master</u>
Mar 23 ¹	TAC	Class Session	John Barnett
Mar 24-25 ²	TAC	Slalom School	John Barnett
Apr 8	TAC	Slalom #1	John Clarke
Apr 29	TVR	Solo II #1	TBD
May 19-20 ³	TAC	Slalom #2	Sat. TBD Sun. Jerry Hardt
Jun 10	TVR	Solo II #2	TBD
Jun 23 (Sat)	TAC	Slalom #3	TBD
Jul 1	TAC	Slalom #4	Keith Ramey
Jul 22	TVR	Solo II #3	Rich Crowell
Sep 30	TAC	Slalom #5	Jerry Hardt
Oct 14 ⁴	TBD	Non-series	TBD
Oct 20-21 ⁵	TAC	Slalom #6	Sat. M. Pessoney Sun - TBD
Nov 10-11 ⁶	TAC	Slalom #7	TBD

¹Mr. Gatti's on University: Classroom session for the school.
Registration starting at 6pm with class to begin at 7pm

²Saturday Instruction, and Sunday all day event.

³Saturday and Sunday all day event.

⁴Tentatively scheduled non-points event at Huntsville
Speedway, pre-registration strongly encouraged! e-mail
ejory@hiwaay.net for details.

⁵Sat evening and Sunday all day event. Setup starts ~4:30
Sat

⁶Saturday and Sunday all day event.

Solo II National Tour

Mar 17-18	San Diego, Calif. (Qualcomm Stadium)
Apr 7-8	Ft. Worth, Texas (Texas Motor Speedway)
Jun 16-17	Ayer, Mass. (Devens Commerce Center)
Jun 30-Jul 1	Peru, Ind. (Grissom Aeroplex)
Jul 28-29	Bremerton, Wash. (Bremerton Spdwy)
Aug 11-12	Rocky Mtn. (TBA)

Sep 10-14 The Tire Rack Solo II National
Championships

ProSolo

Mar 24-25	Irvine, Calif. (MCAS El Toro)
Apr 21-22	Lubbock, Texas (Reese Center)
May 5-6	Petersburg, Virg. (Virginia Mtrsp. Pk)
May 26-27	Atwater, Calif. (Castle Airport)
Jun 9-10	Oscoda, Mich. (Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport)
Jul 14-15	Wendover, Utah (Wendover Airport)
Aug 18-19	Peru, Ind. (Grissom Aeroplex)
Sep 8-9	Topeka, Kans. -Finale (Forbes Field)

SEDIV Solo I

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
Mar 24-25	Pensacola, FL	334-945-6150
Apr 6-7-9	Talladega Solo I School	205-620-4380
May 18-20	Beech Mountain Hilclimb	828-253-5634
Aug 4-5	Roebling Road Solo I	904-249-8592
Sept 8-9	Talladega Solo I	205-620-4380

Classified Ads

Competition Cars ITS RX-7 GSL-SE. Revolutions, 12 hours on 13B motor, new G Force suspension, fire system, fuel cell foam, 6 point TRW belts, window net, BFG T/A-R1's, Hawke Blue pads, competitive, legal, race ready. Dave Boling. (256) 883-9406 or dbs@hiwaay.net. Club Ford, '82 Royale RP 31. RCCA champ, strong Formula Haus engine. Bladder, fire suppression, front and side rads, 17 gearsets, many extras. With trailer. Ready for Birmingham and Nashville. \$ 7,000. Suit and helmet also available. Great car, I'm just changing some priorities (getting older). Gregg Smith O: 256-539-4805, H: 536-4294.	Wanted Wanted: Formula Ford Coilovers. Jerry Hardt. 256-859-1999 or jerrhardt@yahoo.com. Wanted: Porsche 914 in poor shape. Jerry Hardt. 256-859-1999 or jerrhardt@yahoo.com.
Street Cars 92 Nissan Sentra SE-R. Solid car, engine, trans, body, and interior are good - needs a little TLC. Great for street, Solo. or I.T. Trade-in at Redstone Auto Sales. Special consideration given to TVR and TAC members. Dennis Norris. 883-7633 Drake and Memorial Parkway. 1975 MGB Roadster. Needs paint. no major rust, rebuilt engine, all syncro overdrive transmission, 36/32 DGV Weber carb needs some tuning, almost new top. Henry Ahler 534-7772 heahler@ro.com. 87 Mazda RX-7. 188K miles, 5-speed, cassette, moonroof, sliver/gray color. \$1500 neg. Call 256-544-0354(work).	Parts Datsun/Nissan R190 differential. For 510 or 240/260/280Z, 4.44 LSD (Thorsen Unit). \$300.00. David Stephens 256-883-9739. Formula Ford rear suspension pieces. Upright, hubs, axles. & a-arms. Jerry Hardt. 256-859-1999 or jerryhardt@yahoo.com 1973 240 Z Seats. Good Condition. Call Mike at (256) 881-0557
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The IR Files	One Year Ago Twickenham Auto Club along with the North Alabama British Motoring Society and Bentley Olds-Pontiac hold a car show at Parkway City Mall. The success of the car show sparks off a couple of great seasons with the rally and slalom programs.	Five Years Ago The Independent/Racket goes on the search for a new newsletter editor. Hmmm ... This one sounds vaguely familiar. This just goes to show that the clubs often face the same problems year after year!
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TAC Meeting Highlights

Jan. 4, 2001 (1046th):

- Mark Rothermel brought 3 possible designs for the new T-shirts. Discussion of the designs followed. Some members wanted something more general. Something that didn't emphasize autocross/slalom but encompassed all club activities.
- Mike Pessoney brought up that the Rocket City Miata Club would be going to Little Talladega in Feb or March. Is there interest in any club members going?
- Mark Rothermel has been in discussion with the Tennessee, Nashville and Chattanooga Regions about starting a Solo II series within the regions. This would help encourage members to travel to other regions for events. Idea would be for each region to designate 2 events as series events. Members would earn points toward a year end championship. Each entrant would be required to participate in a certain number of events to qualify for the year-end championship.

Dec. 21, 2000 (1047th):

- Members are reminded that 2001 dues are due. Please pay Jerry Hardt.
- Mike Pessoney held a Slalom Committee meeting prior to the TCA meeting. Discussion of the proposed TCA/TVR slalom schedule. Mike will be presenting the schedule to the City for approval.

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TVR Meeting Highlights

Jan. 10, 2001:

- The TAC/TVR Year-End Awards party will be held Saturday, Jan. 13, at the Woodland Crossing apartments clubhouse.
- Keith Ramey is the new newsletter editor. Keith will submit expenses to TAC treasurer Jerry Hardt and TVR will reimburse TAC for its portion of the expenses. TVR members are encouraged to submit articles on their SCCA activities to Keith for inclusion in the newsletter.
- \$800 is available from SEDIV and SCCA to help defray expenses of a TVR member attending this year's National convention in Denver Feb. 1-3. If you are interested in attending, contact TVR RE Richard Crowell.
- Ottis Airhart is working on the planning of this year's rally activities. He is trying to schedule another rallycross for late March and a performance rally school in mid-May. TVR may also host a road rally late in the year, which would count as a points event in the TAC rally series.
- Larry Janzen will be ordering rule books in late February. (See the order form elsewhere in this issue.)

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