



NORTH TEXAS S2000 OWNERS CLUB

Second Quarter Newsletter - 2003

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April Ennis Bluebonnets & Lunch – 12 th (Details available now at www.s2ki.com in the North Texas club forum.)	September BBQ at the park – 13 th Autocross at Mineral Wells – 20 th
May S2KCA/Driver's Edge at TWS – 3-4 th Autocross at Mineral Wells – 10 th Dinner Social – 17 th Arkansas Drive with Z3 Club – 23 rd	October S2KDays '03 National Meet in Austin – 3-5 th Arkansas Fall Colors Drive – 18 th
June Lake Day at the Tees' – 7 th Saturday Drive & Lunch – 28 th	November Autocross at Mineral Wells – 8 th Dinner Social – 15 th
July July 4 th at the Temmings' – 4 th (Director meeting prior) Autocross at Mineral Wells – 19 th	December Holiday Party at the Temmings' – 6 th
August Indoor Karting – 9 th Saturday Drive & Lunch – 23 rd	*Events are subject to change – check the North Texas forum at www.S2Ki.com for event details and/or changes.*

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EVENT REVIEW

North Texas S2000 Championship Autocross 1 of 5 - 3/1/2002

Through the eyes of Dennis Rothermich
Edited By David Smart

The day started out on a sour note as the weather folks blew the call. They called for cloudy and hazy skies in the morning, with sunshine in the afternoon, and temps in the low 50's. Well, what we got was fog and mist in the morning, then high humidity and overcast skies the rest of the day. Temps were in the mid 40's; cold, damp, and yuck! The water and grime on the roadways to Mineral Wells made for a bunch of dirty race cars. I spent nearly 3 hours the day before washing and waxing "Black Max" so I was a bit upset when I got to the track.

The course was fairly wide open with a few tight sections and was almost exactly 1 mile. The cold surface was slick, had some gravel, and the surface cracks in a few sections were really challenging. The day started with 2 parade laps and then the timed runs began. The format was 2 hot laps per run and 2 runs per session for a total of 8 timed laps. The day was split into 4 sessions, 2 race and 2 work. Sadly, there was no "S2000 Autocross Lunch" this time which was too bad. The one at the last event was great!

The S2000's seemed to be having the better day. There were several Miata's that were doing good as well. The all-wheel drive cars were really taking advantage of the extra traction on the slick surface. Gabby's Subaru looked real "tough" with his new coilovers - I dubbed it "SlamBu." He was still getting used to his new suspension as were many of the other competitors. Ahhhh, new season, new toys and lots to learn.

I had a great time as usual throwing the car around the course and I managed to beat a friend, Robert, in his Firebird - heh! I had some good times, not great, but very consistent for driving rather "out of control." I even managed to spin on my final run. It went around about 3/4's the way, I slammed the gas before it stopped, and finished the circle with a little extra "tail wag". The car is very-very loose with the worn tires; together with the low temps and dampness I was chasing the rear end of the car around every corner. However, I was carrying some very nice 4 wheel drifts flying through some of the high speed sweeps.

Overall, everyone had a great time and learned a thing or two. The new setups, new classification system, and increased competition are going to make for an exciting year of autocrossing with the North Texas S2000 Owners Club! Thanks to the S2KCA for co-sponsoring the insurance for this event!



CAR CARE TIPS

The hot Texas sun will soon be beating down on your S2000's paint finish. Now's the time to get out while it is still cool and apply some protection. Members of the NTS2KOC have had really good luck with Zaino Bros'. If you are not familiar with the product and would like to try it out here is a quick buyer's guide.

Buying suggestions For Beginners/Occasional Washers/Waxers:

Z1 Polish Lok or ZFX Accelerant

You need one of these - it is the base for the "system". Get ZFX if you intend to do multiple coats at a time - for the deeper shine - or if you are planning on using Zaino in a cold or very humid climate.

Z2 Clear coat Polish

Z5 Swirl Remover & Polish You will want to purchase this especially if you have a dark car; you can sub Z5 for Z2 if you want to save \$.

Z6 Gloss Enhancer & Quick Detail Spray

Z7 Car Wash

Buying Suggestions For Enthusiasts:

All of the above, plus:

Z18 Clay bar Removes impurities from the paint surface

Z16 Tire Gloss Good on tires and on flat black exterior trim

Sal from Zaino recommends:

For beginners, I recommend getting one each of either Z-1 Polish Lok or the New ZFX accelerator, Z-2 Show Car Polish (Z-3 if you don't have a clear-coated finish), Z-5 for Swirls, Z-6 "Gloss Enhancer" spray and Z-18 ClayBar. If you're a first timer and prefer to order a different combination just be sure to get Z-1 or the new ZFX. It is necessary before applying any of the Zaino polishes.

Extensive application info is available on the Zaino website at www.zainobros.com

Ordering Info:

Zaino is available via mail order at: **ZAINO • 4057 Hwy 9 N. #106 • Howell, NJ 07731 • (732) 833-8800**

If you have a car care question, please submit to dsmart@s2000.org. Your question and an answer from a car care expert may make it into the next newsletter!



MAINTAINING YOUR S2000

Featured Modification: Bleeding the Brakes

Submitted by: S2Ki.com Library

Rating: Easy Average Difficult Leave it to the Professionals
Time: Less than 1 hour 1-2 hours 2+ beer breaks Get a Six Pack

1. Get a speedbleeder for your brakes. It makes it so much easier and cleaner to bleed your brake lines. Go to speedbleeder.com and ask for a set of 10x1.25 (SB10125) and make sure you get the hose.
2. Raise the car on four jack stands and take off all four wheels. This makes the job easier, but if you do not have the jack stands, you will have to do the process from one side of the car to the other or one wheel at a time. Open the brake fluid reservoir and make sure it's topped off with fresh new fluid (Never use old fluid from open cans). Make sure the emergency hand brake is lowered and you have plenty of fluid. You will start with the front, driver side wheel and work your way clockwise.
3. If you installed the speedbleeder: Install a clear line from the speedbleeder to an old can of brake fluid or container for dispensing fluid later. Tell the person helping you to start pumping the brake pedal as you open the bleed screw. With speedbleeder you can leave it open until clean with no bubble fluid comes out.
4. Close speedbleeder and check for leaks. Do not over tighten the bleed screw (hand tight).
5. Check the reservoir and top again with new fluid. Keep an eye on the fluid level if you pump the pedal a lot (more than 15 times).
6. Go to next wheel and repeat procedure.

2003 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The North Texas S2000 Owners Club is collecting applications for 2003 membership.

A copy of the application can be found on the last page of this newsletter or online at:

<http://www.s2000.org/nts2koc/app2.shtml>

In addition to showing your pride in the S2000, membership in the North Texas S2000 Owners Club provides great membership benefits and services including: (continued on next page)

-Club Newsletter (Quarterly): Regular updates on club happenings, S2000-related tips, and event reports with pictures.

-Club Activities: Designed to help you maintain, drive, and maximize your enjoyment of the S2000!

-Vendor Discounts:

-John Eagle Honda: 15% Parts

-Intercrew: 10% Parts & Labor

-Autoscope: 10% Labor

-Discount Tire: Match Tire Rack Prices, Free Shipping, Free Mounting

-Club Event Discounts: \$5 off NTS2KOC autocross registration

-Internet Web Page: Our website is (www.s2000.org) devoted to the North Texas S2000 Owners Club and its members. It contains interesting articles, projects, and photo gallery.

-Distinctive club decal and membership card.

MORE MEMBERSHIP STUFF

- Membership is effective January 1 – December 31st. Membership dues are \$35.00
- New members who join between April 1st and September 30th can join for \$20.00 for the balance of the year.
- New members who join between October 1st and December 31st pay the full \$35.00 but roll-over to the next year's membership.
- Renewals are due by the end of 1st quarter each year.
- For questions regarding membership, contact the Membership Director – Mark Lang

Note: We're always looking to add to the membership family. If you would like club information cards to leave on S2K's you see out and about, please contact Mark Lang and we will get cards to you. Be a membership booster - Spread the word!

ODDS & ENDS

- If you have questions or a contribution for the newsletter, please e-mail to David Smart at dsmart@s2000.org
- Make sure to check out North Texas S2000 Club website at www.s2000.org
- Also, check out the North Texas Forum on the National S2000 Website at www.s2ki.com

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www.eaglehonda.com

The logo for John Eagle Honda, featuring the text "John Eagle" in a bold, serif font above the word "Honda" in a similar font, with a small eagle icon above the letter "E" in "Eagle".

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The logo for AUTOSCOPE, with the word "AUTOSCOPE" in a large, bold, italicized, sans-serif font. Below it, the tagline "Import Automotive Service Specialists" is written in a smaller, italicized, sans-serif font.



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2003 Membership Application

(Mail completed application and dues check to above address. Your membership card will be mailed back.)

About You

Name	S2Ki Name
Phone Number	E-mail
Address	Suite or Apt
City /State	Zip
Drivers License	Spouse / Partner
Profession	Age
Racing License or Performance Driving Training	

About Your S2000

Serial Number / Year	Colors (Ext/Int)
Date Purchased	Dealer
Current Odometer Reading	Performance Mods
Audio Mods	Aesthetic Mods
Other Mods	

About Your Preferences

Meet and Drives	Track Days
Technical Seminars	Dinners/Socials

Payment of 2002 Dues

Check for \$35.00 made out to David Smart	Renewal?
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WARNING: Motorsport events are inherently dangerous. Driving can result in injury or even death in the event of an accident or collision. Your signature on this form indemnifies the North Texas S2000 Owners Club and its officers, members and all other participants from any and all liability.

I agree that I am responsible and liable for my own actions and decisions, and to abide by all North Texas S2000 Owners Club rules and regulations.

Signature	Date
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