

## SCCA Solo Nationals 2006

Dr. Bob Woods

A group of 11 Formula SAE cars from 7 schools with 21 drivers met at the 2006 SCCA National Championships at Topeka Kansas. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that FSAE has its own class after being transferred out of A-mod. This was a new location for Nationals after being relocated from Forbes Field (and the really sticky concrete) to Heartland Park (and the really slippery asphalt).

As per our tradition, on Wednesday night, most of the FSAE crew met at Bennigan's for dinner for some shop talk and renewal of friendships and the making of new ones.

Thursday morning met us with some bitter cold temperature for which we were not really prepared. However, when the action started in heat 3, the temperature was forgotten. We ran the east course that started out with some slippery esses before the tires warmed up. The lead bounced around until Dr. Bob set the fast time with his third run.

On Friday, the weather wasn't quite as cold (or we were more prepared for it) and the drama really began. Erick Kohler was expected to win, but with his 0.4 second deficit on the first day, he would have to work hard. Then Kyle Walther really stepped up and had Erick beat until his last run. Then as luck would have it, Erick got a rerun on his 3<sup>rd</sup> run and he came back with a scorcher of a run to command first place.

Kyle did get a reward for his skill by winning the "Dr. Bob Woods Cup" which was awarded to the highest placing student in FSAE since Erick was not eligible this year.

As you can see from the photos below, wings dominated the first seven places. Nick Roberts was the fastest car without wings.





**Formula SAE Drivers: 20 Trophies: 6**

1	105	Erick Kohler U of Texas at Arlington	2005 UTA Formula SAE	47.138 46.466	48.851(1) 46.684	46.892 45.150	92.042
2	159	Kyle Walther U of Oklahoma	2006 FSAE SRT06	48.516 46.916	49.535(1) 46.057	47.547 45.676	93.223 -1.181
3	04	Bob Woods U. Texas at Arlington	2004 UTA FSAE	48.495 56.468	51.137 47.426	46.511 46.784	93.295 -0.072
4	05	Alejandro Moreno U of Texas at Arlington	2005 UTA FSAE	50.427 47.328	49.990 47.844(1)	48.183 45.852	94.035 -0.740
5	169	Richard Shigemichi U of Missouri at Rolla	2006 UMR FSAE	53.586+1 49.283+1	48.921 45.829	50.388(1) 46.165	94.750 -0.715
6	59	Matthew Brown U of Oklahoma	2006 FSAE SRT06	51.673 47.983	49.459 47.134	48.654 46.646	95.300 -0.550
7	116	Clayton Pojorlie S Dakota School of Mines and Technology	2006 SDSMT FSAE	51.217 48.058	49.318 47.277	49.585 46.742	96.060 -0.760
8	155	Nick Roberts U of Kansas	2006 KU FSAE KUF06	50.753 48.162	49.516 47.077	51.209(1) 47.773	96.593 -0.533
9	55	Erich Ohlde U of Kansas	2006 KU FSAE KUF06	52.041 50.232	51.564 48.976	50.623 48.533	99.156 -2.563
10	50	Travis Rouse U of Texas	2002 U of Texas FSAE	52.180 DNF	50.763 50.742	54.364(1) 49.733	100.496 -1.340
11	16	Chad Kirby S Dakota School of Mines and Technology	2006 SDSMT FSAE	DNS 51.111	54.733 50.510	53.147 49.523	102.670 -2.174
12	3	Richard Turner U of Oklahoma	2005 FSAE SRT05	54.266 50.315	56.758(1) 51.430	52.488 DNF	102.803 -0.133
13	69	Neil Schreiber U of Missouri at Rolla	2006 UMR FSAE	56.457 54.472	55.033 49.254	DNS 48.384	103.417 -0.614
14	115	Tad Asay NE Iowa State U	2006 FSAE	53.432 50.759	53.348 51.070	53.236 50.397	103.633 -0.216
15	103	Bobby Alley U of Oklahoma	2005 FSAE SRT06	55.429 52.140	53.515 52.043	51.948 DNF	103.991 -0.358
16	139	Wesley Snaza S Dakota School of Mines and Technology	2005 SM 05	58.521 53.310	54.645 52.456	58.147(1) 64.846(1)	107.101 -3.110
17	15	Thomas D Asay NE Iowa State U	2006 FSAE	57.080 54.365+1	65.871 52.157	55.934 52.937	108.091 -0.990
18	154	Ryan Strode U of Missouri at Rolla	2006	58.080 55.351	55.856 52.929	55.400 53.115	108.329 -0.238
19	54	Charlie Baxter U of Missouri at Rolla	2006	60.372 56.148	58.941 63.035(1)	55.528 54.311	109.839 -1.510
20	39	Aaron Guliuzza S Dakota School of Mines and Technology	2005 FSAE 2005	63.085 56.277	61.969 54.514	60.717 54.173	114.890 -5.051

**Formula SAE Ladies Drivers: 1 Trophies: 1**

1	55	Gretchen Christenson U of Kansas		DNF DNF	DNF 68.462	63.695 61.732	125.427
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