

The Write Line

The official newsletter of the Salina Region, SCCA



Greetings!

We're another month closer to playing cars. Zoom! Zoom! Our awards banquet is also getting closer and the registration deadline is fast approaching. Be sure you don't miss this one!

In the last newsletter I reported that I had just emptied the trunk from our last event. I had to move the car the other day, to get to something from behind it, and the battery was dead. That is really bad! I obviously do not have my priorities in order. (I have been working on the house and not the car!)

Back to playing cars....The other day I had to make a road trip to look at a job in a small town. The most direct route is an old paved road that has four sharp, 90 degree, banked corners. Even though I was in a work vehicle, it was still fun. Do you ever think about doing slaloms around the pylons in a work area? I said, "think" about it, not actually doing it!!

The good news is we are going forward with the Evolution School. Rocky has accepted the challenge to take it from here. Rob Pickrell has stepped down from that position. We all thank him for all the work he has done over the years on behalf of the Evolution School and Salina Region.

That's all I can come up with for this month. I hope all of you are getting your cars ready for another season of fun. Until next time...play safe.

Dennis Smith
Regional Executive

[He does have his priorities in order by working on the house, I think. However, in the midst of typing his notes for this newsletter, I had to go pick him up and take a gas can to the gas station to fill, as he ran out of gas in his old '72 Bronco! In his defense, the gas gauge doesn't work on one tank.—Nancy Smith]

Time is Running Out!!

Have you sent in your reservation for the Annual Awards Banquet yet? Reservations must be mailed by Feb. 17.

It'll be a great evening of fantastic Italian food, friends, awards, and lots of door prizes and gifts for members!

Don't miss it!

***Martinelli's
158 S. Santa Fe
Salina
6:30 Cocktails 7pm Dinner***

Send your check for \$12/adult \$6/child 6-12 to Teresa Pistora, 610 W. Garfield, Lindsborg, KS 67456. Questions? Call Barry Stockinger 620-755-1711.

Looking Ahead...

February 24

***Salina Region Awards Banquet
Martinelli's
158 S. Santa Fe, Salina
6:30 Cocktails 7pm Dinner***

March 7

***Business Meeting, 7pm
Jim's Country Style Chicken, Salina***

March 17-18

***Solo/FSAE Challenge
East Crawford Recreation Area
Salina***

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Salina Region 2007 Schedule

Feb 24	Awards Banquet
Mar 7	Business Meeting, Jim's Chicken, 7pm
Mar 17-18	Solo/FSAE Challenge
April 20-21-22	Twin Solo/Evolution School
May 13	Solo
June 3	Solo
July 1	Solo
July 22	Solo
Aug 26	Solo
Sept 16	Solo
Oct 7	Solo
Oct 28	Solo
Nov 11	Solo

k All events at the East Crawford Recreation Area, Salina, KS 1

MiDiv SoloChampionship

TBA	Kansas City Region @Arrowhead
June 2-3	Wichita Region @ Salina E. Crawford Rec. Area
Aug 4-5	Kansas Region @ Heartland Park Topeka
Sept 1-2	Arkansas Region @ Walnut Ridge

Special Solo Events

Sept 22-23	Pro Solo Finale – Heartland Park Topeka
Sept 25-28	Solo Nationals – Heartland Park Topeka

Business Meeting 02-07-07

The meeting was called to order by R.E., Dennis Smith, at 7:30p.m. Present were Jared Adamson, Rocky and Sandy Entriiken, Abner Perney, Steve and Teresa Pistora, Dennis and Nancy Smith and Barry Stockinger. The January minutes were presented/approved. The Treasurer's report was presented/approved. **Old Business:** Barry reported that he has 17 registrations for the banquet. Steve and Teresa will be unable to attend; Abner will hold the checkbook temporarily. Sandy reported that the schedule magnets would not be ready by the banquet. Pre-registration is ready. Rocky has heard from the following schools for the SAE Challenge, KU, Oklahoma, Wichita State and Colorado. **New Business:** Discussion on the Evolution School was held. Rob Pickrell is opting out. The Region expressed gratitude for all the years of work from Rob. The school has been sold. The feasibility of having a school this year was discussed. Rocky is willing to take charge. Members present are willing to help out as needed. A motion was made and approved to have the Evo School with Rocky taking charge of it. Rocky reported that he received a letter requesting funds for FSAE from W.S.U. Rocky had emailed the R.E.'s at Wichita, Kansas and Ozark Mountain Regions stating that each region has a school and proposed a plan for each region to support their school. He is assuming they will have to take this up with each of their boards before responding. This item was tabled. Rocky is stepping down as the Solo Chair. A motion was made and approved to accept Jared as our new Solo Chair. Rocky reported that some 2007 MiDiv Solo dates have been set. Sandy reported that Topeka proposes that all participants should be members. There was discussion regarding other regions which already charge more for non-members. Sandy suggested we raise our entry fee to \$25 instead of charging non-members more. Dennis feels that non-members should pay more, as members are already paying for their own membership. Steve stated that there is no incentive for non-members to join because the members are carrying them, along with paying for their own membership. Rocky pointed out that we raised our entry fee from \$15 to \$20 within the last couple of years. The matter was tabled without action. There has been discussion regarding the MiDiv Convention being changed to the end of February or early in March. Meeting adjourned at 8:13p.m.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Smith, Secretary

Deadline for submissions for the March issue of *The Write Line* is March 9, 2007. Send your contributions to 2731 Scott Avenue, Salina, KS 67401, or to sandy@spitfire4.com.

Salina Region EVOLUTION SCHOOL - Sign Up Now!

The Evolution Performance Driving School is the best bang for the buck if you want to improve as an autocross driver. But the deadline to sign up for Salina Region's 2007 school is fast approaching.

Our school will be April 21-22. Right now it looks like we will do a Phase 1 school on Saturday and a Phase 2 school on Sunday, but that could change or expand depending on demand. For more information on the Evolution schools, go to <http://autocross.com/evolution>.

Evolution was founded back in the '80s by Jim McKamey and Jean Kinser, and has just been purchased by the trio of Pat Salerno, Tim Aro and Mike Johnson. That group represents 18 National Championships. Evolution has a sizeable group of instructors, many of them also past

national champs.

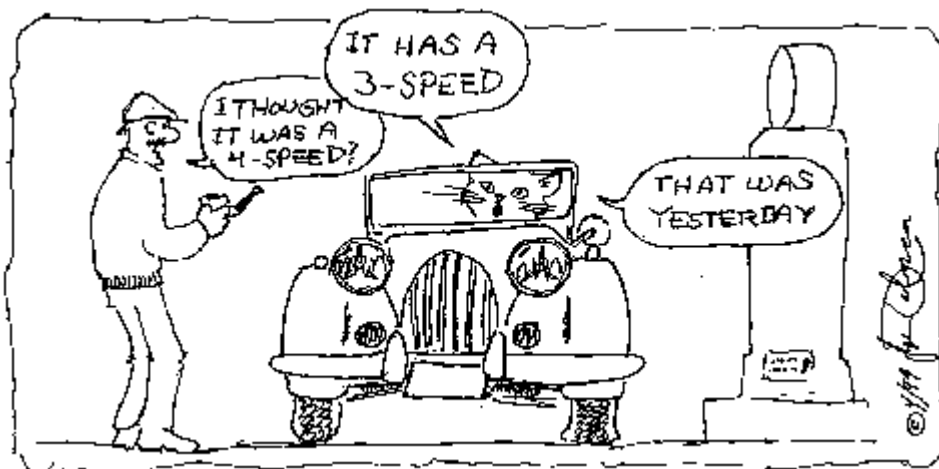
Rob Pickrell, who has shepherded our school for several years, is stepping aside because of the demands of his business.

Rocky Entriken will pick up where Rob left off this year. Please direct any questions to Rocky at 785-827-5143 or rocky@spitfire4.com

The school fee is \$230. To sign up, send registration info to Rocky -- your name, address, phone, e-mail, year/make/model/class of car -- with deposit of \$150 (the remaining \$80 due by March 15).

The school is held on our East Crawford site, and we also will have a regular Salina Region solo event each day (\$20 each day, \$35 for both days).

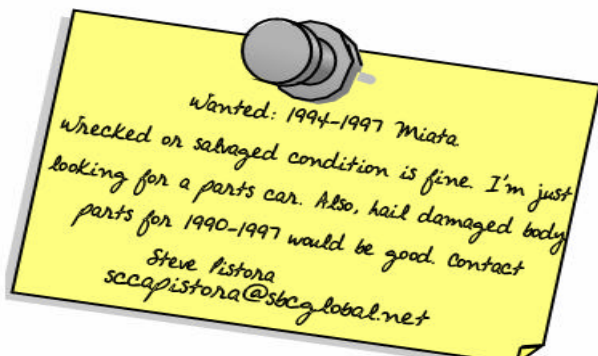
The Adventures Of Raymond The Cat By Joe DeLuca



Used Hoosier Autocross tires for sale

2 - P245/45ZR16 A06 (16 runs)
\$275.00 for both or OBO;
2 - P205/50ZR15 A06 (30 runs)
\$200.00 for both or OBO;
and 2 - P205/45ZR16 A3S04
(half tread) Free.

Ann Commerford 402-884-5333 (acommerford@cox.net).



For Sale: 1986 Mazda RX7

Will make a better FSP solo car (that is where it will end up if it doesn't sell) or EP club racer

Roller, no running gear except for wheels and diff
Hub for quick releases welded to steering column
New delrin bushings and rear steer eliminators
Big brakes, five lug car Brake bias adjuster
No sunroof Bottom stripped, repainted
Aluminum hood Engine bay repainted
Windshield is gone Extra rear cradle and diff
Several rear hatches Hole in trunk for fuel cell
Front bushings installed Hood pins
Plus other stuff I can't think of

The car is rough, I won't kid you. But no rust and a good project starter. Asking \$550. Will deliver in Kansas or western Missouri/southern Nebraska if desired for a little bit of gas \$\$\$

Contact: Michael E. Dickerson, 800-770-2055 ext 358,
785-862-7158 or mdickerson@scca.com

Just Idling Around

Just saw Prince in the rain playing a medley of songs which included Bob Dylan's All along the Watchtower, and of course Purple Rain, with Prince's pretty respectable Jimmy Hendrix imitation guitar work. If anyone knows what that was all about please enlighten me. Ditto for football.

But, it's been an eventful Souper Bowl Sunday. Not only did I help collect soup for our local food bank, I went to see "Dream Girls" with my wife - Eddie Murphy is darned good in it, and just for gambling fun, I bought a race car on eBay! It is an SSC prepared Protégé, with SCCA logbook and spares. Assuming it's OK, and I have any money left by the time I get it home, I'll have to get a physical and renew my rookie racing permit, get the real license, and go fill some fields at Heartland, Hastings, Hallet and MAM! It'll do for GS Solo, or Street Tire Open, too, so I'll try to be a serious participant in the Region this year.

Do they have a 12 step, or preferably less, program for breaking the eBay habit? I'm now looking at recumbent bikes, trikes, and velomobiles. What's a Velomobile, you ask? Well, it's a bodied bicycle or tricycle, for exercise, fun or even daily local transportation. The premium one, from my last 4 hours of research is an AeroRider made in the Netherlands. Costs over 6,000 Euros, so by the time you shipped one here, with the electric boost, you could have a race prepped Protégé, or a Spec Miata for about the same money. Check it out anyway at aerorider.com.

This is supposed to be a car culture column, so I'll try to head that way.

In January, we took jet propelled heavier than air flying transport devices to John Wayne Airport, in the County of Orange, California, New Spain, New Korea, New Laos, New Vietnam, New too many to list here, U.S.A. As if the place isn't cosmopolitan and weird enough, you will also recall that it is the home of Disneyland. The world's most financially successful world's and other world's fair.

In many ways this is the world center of car culture, but mostly it's just crowded. My Thrifty Dodge Stratus at only \$111.16 for eight days was the biggest bargain

of the trip. It took us everywhere we had time to go to, held 5 in tolerable discomfort, and was on at least one occasion, Sunday morning 1-21-07, every bit as fast as a new Ferrari driven by Matthew Perry, or a reasonable facsimile thereof. Five lanes of traffic on the 405 will do that for you. I had the advantage of wife, 2 sisters and a niece all navigating, and adding constructive criticism on my driving style and lane choice!

Just for additional transportation recreation on a chilly 24 degree Paso Robles morning we took a hot air balloon ride. That's just plain silly. You go up, you go down, you are mostly at the mercy of the wind. It's slow, graceful, and not as terrifying as I thought it might be, although for a few seconds with 2,000 feet on the altimeter - about 1,000 feet over the ground I did have a moment of panic when I looked straight down, then straight up and realized I was in a little Easter Basket held up by a tent!

Anyway, I had not heretofore known that the famed California vineyards are populated by freakin' HUGE Jackrabbits! What wine goes with roast Jackrabbit? Didn't find a local restaurant offering that entrée anyway, but there has to be a market for gourmet free range vineyard Jackrabbit, don't you think? Paso Robles does have an eatery that advertises "No Cat Tacos".

The Versa has gone to a new owner, the Suzuki SX-4 has been out for several test drives. So, by next time I may be able to report on a new daily driver and some actual SCCA driving.

In NASCAR, I'm making like a serious fan for elderly racer James Hylton. He was not last in the Sunday qualifying, and this goes to press before the Duel 150's, I hope he makes the field. I'm also pulling for road racing star Boris Said.

The Happy New Year is seriously off and running.

Hope you're having one.

I'm Idling Around, and running for another term as City Commissioner.

--Abner Perney

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