

The Write Line

The official newsletter of the Salina Region, SCCA



Greetings everyone!

What a great month this is! Why? Because we have two autocross events! Plus, Nancy, Bill Dayton and I will be setting up an autocross course in Great Bend for the Shelby Owners Convention on July 21st. This is a one-day event with the autocross in the morning, drag races in the afternoon and a car show/swap meet.

Our trailer workday went well. We repaired the two side doors *and* the inside was cleaned out, cleaned up and reorganized. A short July meeting followed. The July 1st event was fast and fun. We had a very good turnout with a lot of newbies. Abner gave all heats 5 runs, allowing everyone a lot of seat time.

Until next month....have fun playing cars!

Dennis Smith
Regional Executive

Help Spread the Word! We have a Solo July 22!

Somehow, this was left off the schedule on the website.
Call your friends and let them know!



Pre-Registration Snafu

Just when we thought we had the pre-registration thing working – the computer gremlins attacked! Not sure just what the problem is, (popular theory being it's all my fault for changing my email months ago), but for some reason I am not getting the pre-registrations from the website. The webmaster is working on it, and hopefully it will be working again soon, but in the meantime, if you wish to pre-register, please email the information directly to me at sandy@spitfire4.com. You know what I need, name, address, phone, member number if you have one, car info, and which heat you wish to run. I will email you a confirmation. *If I haven't replied to you, I don't have your information!*

Looking Ahead...

July 22

Solo
East Crawford Recreation Area, Salina

August 1

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

August 26

Solo
East Crawford Recreation Area, Salina

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Salina Region 2007 Schedule

July 22	Solo
Aug 1	Business Meeting, 7pm, Jim's Chicken
Aug 26	Solo
Sept 16	Solo
Oct 7	Octoberfest 18
Oct 27-28	Mirror Khana XXXI
Nov 11	Solo

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

Midiv SoloChampionship

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 06-30-07

The Salina Region SCCA July meeting was called to order by R.E., Dennis Smith, at 5:53p.m. Present were Rocky and Sandy Entriiken, Bob Lambert, Steve and Teresa Pistora, Dave and Jo Richards, and Dennis and Nancy Smith. The meeting followed the trailer workday. Those present cleaned and organized the interior of the trailer and both windows were repaired. Other volunteers were Abner Perney and Evan and Kelsey Pistora. Teresa presented the treasurer's report. Steve made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Dennis seconded. The treasurer's report was approved. The June minutes were presented. Dennis made a motion to approve the minutes, Steve seconded. The June minutes were approved.

Old Business: Rocky reported that payment has been made for the Evolution School. Dave has replaced the handle on the chalker. Bill Dayton was unable to attend to update us regarding Mirror Khana.

New Business: Sandy reported that there is a problem with the website. She has not been receiving pre-registrations for the July 1 event. The problem is being worked on and will hopefully be functioning for pre-registration for the July 22nd event. Sandy also reported on the SCCA bargains she purchased from Bear's. Some of the items she will keep for door prizes for the annual banquet. There are many items available to purchase, including jackets, shirts, hats, caps, insulated cups, SCCA tags and brackets. She will bring them to the July 1st event. Dennis asked if the trailer has a spare tire. There is no spare for the trailer. Rocky suggested getting hardware to attach to the exterior of the trailer for displaying our SCCA banner. Steve made a motion and Teresa seconded to adjourn.

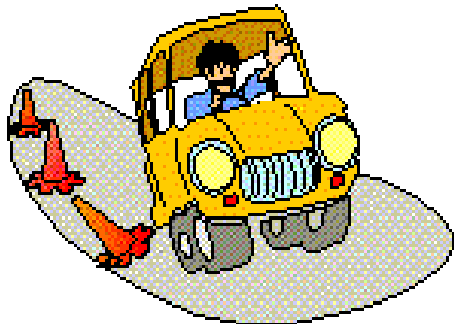
Meeting adjourned at 6:18p.m.
Minutes submitted by Nancy Smith, Secretary

Deadline for submissions for the August issue of *The Write Line* is August 3, 2007. Send your contributions to 2731 Scott Avenue, Salina, KS 67401, or to sandy@spitfire4.com.

Is your name on this list?

If so, we have a 2006 Year-at-a-Glance trophy for you! Stop by Registration at our July 22 event to pick it up, or contact Sandy Entriiken at sandy@spitfire4.com or 785-827-5143 to make other arrangements.

Allbee	Chris	Dail	Anthony	Hill	Mark	Richards	Dave
Alley	Storme	Dawson	Cameron	Hodge	Daniel	Roberts	Nick
Alter	James	Dayton	Bill	Johnson	Brian	Schrag	Steve
Anderson	Jared	Deneault	Nicholas	Jones	Bryan T.	Silva	Joe
Anderson	Kevin	Diehl	Jacob	Kennedy	Ken	Slinkard	John
Attebery	Eric	Diehl	Paula	Knopf	Nathan	Stanley	Bruce
Avard	Julie	Dodds	Jeff	Lamoureux	Doug	Stricker	John
Becker	Dylan	Dupler	Tom	LaRondeau	John	Sulatycki	Steve
Behuniak	Matthew	Ediger	Amanda	Lemon	Russell	Taylor	Doyle
Blume	Russell	Edmondson	Andrew	Meyer	Brian	Tower	Nick
Buxbaum	Bob	Fink	David	Morrison	Richard	Turner	Richard
Carrasco	Amo	Geis	Dave	Peck	Eli	Viets	Opie
Clair	Bobby	Gerber	Jan	Pemberton	Bill	Walther	Kyle
Clark	Travis	Green	David	Pemberton	Ryan	Williams	Ron & Tina
Commerford	Ann	Harrison	Jim	Pistora	Steve & Teresa	Young	Sean
Cook	Thad	Herbers	Eric	Prestage	Richard		
Cummings	Bob	Herrick	Randy	Reitingner	Lawrence		



Events elsewhere

Here is a calendar of Solo II events by the Wichita, Kansas, Kansas City, Nebraska, NeOkla and Oklahoma Regions of SCCA, and the Crown Autocross Club in Kansas City. Go see how other clubs do it!

ALWAYS CONFIRM THE EVENT BEFORE MAKING A LONG TRIP!

(* = Salina Region event on this date)

- Jul 29 Wichita @ Strother Field, Winfield
- Aug 12 Nebraska @ Lancaster Co. Event Center, Lincoln
..... Wichita @ Wichita Greyhound Park
- Aug 19 Kansas City @ Arrowhead Stadium
..... Oklahoma @ OSU-Oklahoma City
- Aug 26.... * ... NeOkla @ Tulsa Fairgrounds
..... Crown @ Arrowhead Stadium
- Sep 2..... Crown @ Arrowhead Stadium
- Sep 9..... Nebraska @ Lancaster Co. Event Center, Lincoln
..... Oklahoma @ OSU-Oklahoma City
..... Wichita @ Raytheon
- Sep 16.... * ... NeOkla @ Tulsa Fairgrounds
- Sep 30..... Nebraska @ Mid-America Center, Council Bluffs
..... Wichita @ Strother Field, Winfield (Endurocross)

The Parade Lap

This is a space that will be a bulletin board for our members. If you have any tidbits or announcements that you would like to see in this space, please send them to *The Write Line*, 2731 Scott Avenue, Salina, KS 67401, or e-mail to sandy@spitfire4.com.

The Salina Region sends its hearty congratulations to Associate members Ann Commerford & John LaRondeau, Omaha, for tying the knot. We all wish them many happy years together!



Just Idling Around

The Three and Five Door Hatchbacks, aka station wagons, SUV's, CUV's, Estates, and most peculiarly named, Shooting Brakes, are my favorite body style car. I haven't done a list lately so here it is: The most fun hatchbacks I've actually owned:

10. 1980 Rover 3500 SDI. Nice size, rear drive, comfortable, great small block V-8 sound. British Reliability and quirkyness.
9. 1978 Ford Fiesta. All around fine little big car except for those silly little 12 inch wheels.
8. 1977 AMC Pacer wagon. 3 on the floor, 6 cylinder basic. Orange, hence, affectionately known as "The Humble Pumpkin"
7. 1988 Merkur Scorpio. Ford of Europe's finest family car in it's day. Hard to tell it was a hatchback just by looking. Surprisingly fast and fuel efficient with only a 2.9 liter German made V-6. Lots of trick features, like rear wiper started automatically if you had the wipers on and then selected reverse. Gas door wouldn't pop open unless the tranny was in "Park". Reclining rear seats.
6. 2004 - 6 Scion xB. Gobs of room, functional ugliness, good mileage.
5. 1983 AMC Eagle All Wheel Drive Wagon. Way ahead of it's time, and the sloppy details to prove it.
4. 2005 Ford Escape Hybrid - you've seen all about it this year.
3. 1983 Mustang GT. The return to high performance with 150 horsepower and T-tops and Michelin TRX tires - a wrong turn in the evolution of high performance, if there ever was one. But, my first autocrosser, the reason I'm still writing these things today. Spun 3 times in my first event! Woo! Hoo!
2. 200? Ford Focus SVT. Practical Package, stealthily fast.
1. 2002 MINI Cooper. Race Car, Commuter Car, Conversation starter, Fun! Fun! Fun!

Still on the wish list are jewels like the VW GTI, the Volvo C30, the smart car, the Scion tC and xD, the second generation Prius. Hatchbacks rule!

Furthermore on the subject of wish lists, my current bumper sticker reads "I Want an Electric Car".

At this point there are only a handful of electric vehicles on the U.S. Market and they are all pretty pricey for what they can do.

There are the GEM Neighborhood Electric Vehicles. Pretty much glorified golf carts, limited to 25 mph top speed. But the little flat bed utility model could handle a large part of my daily errands, for about \$11,000.

Next up is the Xebra Pickup by Zap Cars. They've bumped their price to about \$13,000 and up. They are technically motorcycles, so they are a little faster than NEV's but with similar battery packs and range.

Then there's the Myers NMG - formerly the Corbin Sparrow. A single seat tricycle, again licensed as a motorcycle with car-like driving controls and amenities including heater and power windows, with a 70 mph top speed and a range of about 50 miles. I've seen one in California being used as a restaurant's delivery vehicle. Base price is \$25,000. But NMG = No More Gas; which has its charms.

And finally the Tesla Roadster - a real exotic sports car with a base price of \$92,000.

What's a poor old boy to do but to dream on?

July 1, the year is half shot, and I was nominally in charge of the Solo. After I threw out some cones, some on the Mirror Khana, some at random, Jim Harrison, Dennis Smith, Steve Pistora, and probably some others, finished up a smooth, fairly fast course. Thanks guys, you know who you are.

I entered STX driving Captain Adam's very slightly modified Subi WRX and once again, chose my class well enough to win.

Coming up - Heartland Park Wednesday the 18th, Solo Salina the 22nd, Topeka Divisional, Sand Hills Open Road Challenge starting the 8th of August. So many events, so little time.

Abner Perney -- Still Zooming on irreplaceable subterranean liquid hydrocarbons