

# The Write Line

The official newsletter of the Salina Region, SCCA



Greetings everyone!

Since my last ramblings, we have had two events. I set up the September event, which Abner clearly disliked. Considering how close our September event was to Nationals, we had a nice turnout. Dave Richards set up Octoberfast, a free event to all Salina Region members. Both courses were fun, even though I didn't do as well at Octoberfast. We had a smaller than normal turnout for Octoberfast. At least Dave and Jo both were able to participate, which they haven't done for a while.

The October meeting was held after Octoberfast. Due to changes that are coming about, we may have to increase our registration fee beginning in 2008. That discussion will probably continue next month. Speaking of next month, we need nominations for 2008 officers. If you wish to get more involved in the club, this is a good way to do it. The duties are not that difficult and you can keep updated on what's happening in SCCA.

Barry and Annel Stockinger did such a nice job with our awards banquet this year. It's too bad the weather dampened the attendance. They have graciously agreed to be in charge of next year's banquet. If you would like to assist them, I am sure they will appreciate any help.

Our next event, Mirror Khana, will be later this month, which will be a continuation of a long tradition. Rocky was in charge of Mirror Khana for 30 years. After two dormant years, Bill Dayton has taken charge of Mirror Khana number 31. Be sure to mail your registration to Bill, it's the only way you will be allowed to participate. The registration fee includes two days of seat time and a lot of fun, Saturday evening banquet, catered by world famous Brookville Hotel, and a t-shirt. Be sure to sign up early, you won't be sorry!

We haven't had any adventures since the last newsletter so.....

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

Dennis Smith, Regional Executive



It is almost time to elect Salina Region officers again!

Now is the time to get involved with a great bunch of people and help keep things running smoothly through the next year.

Positions open for election are Regional Executive, Assistant Regional Executive and Secretary. Appointed positions are Treasurer, Solo Chair, Newsletter/Membership and Registration.

The Salina Region needs people like you to help keep the club going. Call any of the officers listed on Page Two of this newsletter for more information on how you can help.

## *Looking Ahead...*

**October 27-28**

Mirror Khana XXXI

East Crawford Recreation Area, Salina

Pre-Registration is Required

Download Registration Form: [www.salinascca.org](http://www.salinascca.org)

**November 7**

Business Meeting, 7pm

Jim's Country Style Chicken, Salina

**November 11**

Solo

East Crawford Recreation Area, Salina

(Pre-Registration Opens Nov 2-10)

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## Salina Region 2007 Schedule

Oct 27-28	Mirror Khana XXXI
Nov 7	Business Meeting, 7pm, Jim's Chicken
Nov 11	Solo

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

## Business Meeting 10-07-07

Because of schedule conflicts, the monthly meeting was moved to Braum's immediately following the Octoberfast event. The meeting was called to order by R.E., Dennis Smith, at 4:03pm. Present were Jared Adamson, Bill Dayton, Rocky & Sandy Entriaken, Steve & Teresa Pistora, Dennis & Nancy Smith & Barry Stockinger. The September minutes were presented and approved. No treasurer's report was available.

**Old Business:** Rocky reported on an upcoming MiDiv conference call. If Dennis won't be available, he needs to give proxy to Rocky. Bill reported that Mirror Khana registrations have been coming in. No concession stand has been secured yet so Sandy volunteered to see if the high school booster club would be interested in providing concessions. Sandy reported that today's event had the most pre-registrations since its inception. There have been individuals who pre-registered then did not show up for an event and gave no cancellation notice. Sandy will keep a record of this information. Individuals making this a habit, risk losing the opportunity to pre-register for our events. There is no online pre-registration for Mirror Khana. Mirror Khana registrations must be mailed to Bill Dayton. Discussion was held regarding the problem we have encountered with paid fun runs. Drivers paying for fun runs are not working their assigned work heats. Pre-registration is not allowed for paid fun runs.

**New Business:** There was discussion regarding the 2008 Solo and Rally Weekend Membership Program. Every driving participant at any SCCA event beginning January 1, 2008 will be required to be a member. This includes the two categories of "Regular" or "Weekend" (new to Rally/Solo). Regions are encouraged to set a minimum delta between member and non-member entry fees to cover the Weekend Membership fee. Discussion was tabled until next month's meeting to see what develops and to let board members brainstorm. Barry and Annel Stockinger are willing to be in charge of the awards banquet again. Nominations are needed for 2008 officers. Sandy reported that ballots must be mailed out in November and returned in December so the new officers are in place in January. Sandy reported on a membership referral program. New members receive \$15.00 off their membership by filling out a current member's name and membership number on the application. The current member receives a \$5.00 credit on their membership renewal next time around.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56pm.

Minutes submitted by Nancy Smith, Secretary

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# 2007 SCCA Solo Nationals

Those who ran Steve Pistora's "Sideways" course at our August event may have thought those edgewise gates were kinda weird. Kinda hard to get through too. Well guess what? That feature appeared on BOTH the courses at the 2007 Solo Nationals in Topeka. On the curvy "The Blob" West Course it was in the middle of a fast run up the west edge of the solo pad. On the "Airport Strip" East Course it was the last gate before the finish. On both, it was the fastest place on the course. Thanks, Steve, that turned out to be good preparation.

Salina Region had 18 drivers competing at the SCCA Solo Nationals this year. Three are Region-of-record, the others among our Associate Members.

We'll claim one national champion in Ron Williams, who drove his Mini Cooper S to the G Stock title. Julie Avard (STSL) and Russell Blume (F125) also trophied.

For the past 21 years, ever since when the Nationals were in Salina and moved in 1986 from our East Crawford site across town to the Municipal Airport, the typical Nationals course has featured big loops running back and forth a large square-ish lot.

Not this year. My first reaction upon seeing the east course was "That's a Salina course!" Indeed designer Roger Johnson drew it as an homage to airport layouts and the opening slalom was named for Salina. I'm used to Nationals courses being mostly 2nd gear stuff and this one gave me lots of run in 3rd.

1157 drivers from all corners of the country came. There were trophy winners from both Hawaii and Alaska. Monster classes -- 67 in Super Stock which was calculated to be an almost \$4 million grid full of Z06 Corvettes, Lotus Elises and Porsche GT3s. A Stock had 60 cars -- those two classes so big they both had a heat all to themselves.

Weather was almost perfect all week. Heat 1 drivers on Tuesday

grumbled about an overnight rain that left them damp asphalt, and it was still spitting drizzle in the 2nd heat. My fourth heat began under near overcast but by the time we were done the clouds had all gone east and the sun was shining, and kept shining through Friday. Last year the Buzz Thru Espresso Bar, who gave me a "sponsorship" (free drinks all week in exchange for the sticker on the car) was doing a land office business in lattes and cappuccinos, this year it was the smoothies and freezes that were the big sellers. --Rocky Entriiken

Our results:

## National Champion

RON WILLIAMS - G STOCK - MINI COOPER S

## Trophy Winners

2nd STSL - Julie Avard, Honda Civic Si

3rd F125 - Russell Blume, Birel CR32

## Also Competing

5th GP - \*Rocky Entriiken, Spitfire Mk. 1

7th GSL - Tina Williams, Mini Cooper S

7th GP - \*Jared Adamson, Spitfire Mk. 1

9th CSL - Ann LaRondeau, Toyota MR2 Spyder

10th F125 - Blake Teeter, CRG Road Rebel

11th FS - Don Knop, Camaro Z28

11th BSP - Jim Harrison, Corvette

16th GS - \*Joe Silva, Mini Cooper S

17th STS - David Avard, Honda Civic Si

21st AS - Mark Hill - Honda S2000

21st CS - John LaRondeau - Toyota MR2 Spyder

32nd AS - Jim French, Corvette

45th STS - Kevin Anderson, Dodge Neon

46th STS - Jared Anderson, Acura Integra GSR

48th SS - Darrin Teeter, Lotus Elise

\* Region of Record

## The ADVENTURES of RAYMOND the CAT

By Joe DeLuca



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# Wiggle Wobble

# Octoberfast 18

Dennis Smith had these things out on his course that he said was a Chicago Box without the box. Basically they were outset 3-cone slaloms that need just a -- well -- a Wiggle Wobble to get through them. But it also meant braking at just the right time and gassing it at just the right time. And at the same time setting up for whatever came next -- sometimes another wiggle wobble, sometimes a cone WAY OVER THERE! It actually turned out to be a much faster course than it looked on the walkthrough.

Several new faces seen this time, among them David May, Cameron Keating, David Boss, Alfio Previtera, Lewis Hudgings, Lloyd Hall and Ryan Heller who set the day's FTD at 48.529 seconds in his Margay kart as one of just two drivers under the 50-second mark.

The other -- moi -- Rocky Entriiken, back in the Spitfire after a season of borrowing all kinds of other cars and running them all in Street Mod. I do believe adapting to a different car every event has helped me appreciate the different things they can do. A 49.5 was wrecked when I took out a pylon wall, but I found a 49.909 on the final run to take Fast Fender. It's gotta be the new paint!

Fast Lady fell to Ann LaRandeau in her Toyota Spyder down from Nebraska to run 53.550.

Closest battle of the day, and probably the award for most aggravating, was in STX. Newbie Lewis Hudgings won it by just 0.257 after Rodney Walters went cone crazy, then spun, then DNF'd, Auggghhh! So then just to prove a point he went back out for fun runs, laid down five clean ones and knocked off almost 7 seconds.

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Wiggle Wobble was the final event before the eligibility cutoff for Salina Region points, which are scored only to those who are Salina Region members by October 1.

In the points list below, all non-members' points have been stripped. Members have to compete in at least four local events to qualify for awards and there are just two events left -- Mirror Khana XXXI the end of this month and the November 11 finale.

We haven't seen much of Dave and Jo Richards this year. Dave tends to sneak in Friday nights, mysteriously deposit our equipment trailer, and then disappear. (This is by way of saying how much we really do appreciate him taking care of that important task for us!) Well, it's been kind of a busy year in other respects for them, so it was good to see them out with their Mustang again as they returned to put on what has become their annual event -- Octoberfast.

The course is the same every year, almost. Dave has it drawn out on a map, or in his head, but it is not marked on the pavement so it sorta-kinda goes down in something resembling the same way, but not quite. This year people thought it was a bit compressed, not reaching quite as far south as in previous years, to which a lot of sub-40-second times would attest. But it still lived up to its "fast" name.

Octoberfast is also our annual member appreciation event -- free entry to all Salina Region members including those who join that day.

Not unexpected, FTD was decided in the F125 duel between Russell Blume and Ryan Heller, which Russell took at 31.185 seconds. Among the doorslammers, Fast Fender went to Bryan Meyer's quick little CSP CRX at 35.442. Ann LaRandeau again was Fast Lady among three competing, 37.107 in her MR2 Spyder.

The closest battle, as it often seems to be, was STO, but the surprise was second place. Robert Clapp the winner but in second only 0.363 behind was Nancy Smith, beating husband Dennis for the "first real time." Dennis was just another .4 back.

Alex Ha was tickled to discover he'd won a 3-car Street Mod class with his Impreza. First-timer Ryan Ostmeyer, a member of the K-State FSAE team, cadged as many early rides as he could, then showed good foot to win STS2 in his Miata.

It was a smallish entry for an Octoberfast and we've heard maybe the threat of rain kept some away especially since some who were expected didn't come. Wrong decision because it was sunny and beautiful all day, great weather to play cars.

## Salina Region Solo Championship • 2007

• SALINA REGION MEMBER

Points following Octoberfast 18

\* HAS RUN THE MINIMUM 4 LOCAL EVENTS

SS	Alan Reed •	* 37
	Mark Hill	30
	Darrin Teeter •	29
SSL	Cindy Reed •	* 60
AS	Bill Dayton •	* 93
	Jim French •	61
	Mark Hill •	22
BS	Jim Reed •	* 72
	Tom Reed •	9
BSL	Cindy Reed •	12
CS	John LaRandeau •	* 78
CSL	Ann LaRandeau •	* 76
FS	Jim Pernice •	* 69
	Don Knop •	22
	Bill Pemberton •	12
GS	Abner Perney •	* 81
	Pete Hanas •	* 66
	Ron Williams •	40
	Rodney Walters •	23
	Mark Pemberton •	21
	Tina Williams •	11
	Joe Silva •	10
GSL	Tina Williams •	8

*For most of the season all competitors are listed. However, only Salina Region members are eligible for championship awards and must be members before Oct. 1. On Oct. 1 all non-member points are stripped. Associate Memberships are for the calendar year. Associate Memberships received Oct. 1 or later are good for the entire following year. Only member points now shown. See the full points breakout on [www.salinascca.org](http://www.salinascca.org).*

HS	Annie Rogers •	7
HSL	Annie Rogers •	12
STS	Barry Stockinger •	* 65
	David Avard •	38
	Julie Avard •	12
	Rocky Entriiken •	9
	Jason Rogers •	7
	Kevin Anderson •	4
	Jared Anderson •	3
STSL	Julie Avard •	16
STS2	Jared Adamson •	* 76
	Ryan Sudlow •	12
STX	Rodney Walters •	* 76
	Jared Adamson •	12
	Abner Perney •	12
STXL	Lori Walters •	36

STO	Dennis Smith •	* 105
	Robert Clapp •	* 62
	Bob Lambert •	* 36
	William Gentry III •	25
	Nancy Smith •	23
	Dan Bergman •	8
	Dylan Becker •	6
	Derek Sandmann •	6
	Ryan Sudlow •	5
	Richard Morrison •	4
STOL	Nancy Smith •	* 84
BSP	Jim Harrison •	* 69
CSP	Kevin Anderson •	40
	Jared Anderson •	28
	Jason Rogers •	7
DSP	Steve Pistora •	* 48

	Rocky Entriiken •	9
	Jared Adamson •	7
DSPL	Teresa Pistora •	* 48
ESP	Ryan Pemberton •	36
	Anthony Dail •	21
	Rob Pickrell •	12
	Joe Silva •	12
	Opie Viets •	9
ESPL	Laci Dropinski •	36
FSP	Bill Preheim •	36
SM	Rocky Entriiken •	* 54
	Ryan Sudlow •	12
	David Boss •	9
	Lloyd Hull •	7
CP	David Richards •	12
	Jo Richards •	9

EP	Mark Braun •	* 57
FP	John Stricker •	12
	Chris Stricker •	9
GP	Rocky Entriiken •	45
	Jared Adamson •	5
DM	Bruce Stanley •	36
FM	Bill Gray •	12
FSAE	Jared Anderson •	24
F125	Russell Blume •	62
	Blake Teeter •	36
	Ryan Heller •	21
	Darrin Teeter •	12
Wild	Jared Anderson •	† 55
	Mark Hill •	* 52
	Kevin Anderson •	44
	Darrin Teeter •	41
	Ryan Sudlow •	† 29
	Julie Avard •	28
	Joe Silva •	22
	Annie Rogers •	19
	Tina Williams •	19
	Jason Rogers •	14

† in Wild = has driven 3 classes



## 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)

Oct 21.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Air Park, Lincoln  
 .....Oklahoma @ Remington Park  
 .....Wichita @ Raytheon  
 .....Crown @ Arrowhead Stadium  
 Oct 28.....\* ..Kansas City @ Arrowhead Stadium (Halloweenie)  
 Nov 4.....NeOkla @ Tulsa Fairgrounds  
 .....Crown @ Arrowhead Stadium



## Garage Sale—

**Salina Region has found SCCA tee shirts, sweat shirts, hats, and other merchandise in the back room of Western Associates (formerly Bear Promotions) and is offering them at rock bottom prices. Check it out at Mirror Khana Oct. 27-28 or contact [sandy@spitfire4.com](mailto:sandy@spitfire4.com).**

## 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](mailto:sandy@spitfire4.com).

The Salina Region welcomes new Region of Record members **Ryan Heller**, Allen, TX; **David Boss**, Manhattan, KS; and **Lloyd Hull**, Waterville, KS.

The Salina Region also welcomes new Associate members **Laci Dropinski**, Bellevue, NE; and **Opie Viets**, Girard, KS.

**This year's 10 winners of the Bulwer-Lytton contest, aka "Dark and Stormy Night Contest" (run by the English Dept. of San Jose State University), wherein the entrant writes only the first line of a bad novel:**

- 10) "As a scientist, Throckmorton knew that if he were ever to break wind in the echo chamber, he would never hear the end of it."
  - 9) "Just beyond the Narrows, the river widens."
  - 8) "With a curvaceous figure that Venus would have envied, a tanned, unblemished oval face framed with lustrous thick brown hair, deep azure-blue eyes fringed with long black lashes, perfect teeth that vied for competition, and a small straight nose, Marilee had a beauty that defied description."
  - 7) "Andre, a simple peasant, had only one thing on his mind as he crept along the East wall: 'Andre creep... Andre creep... Andre creep.'"
  - 6) "Stanislaus Smedley, a man always on the cutting edge of narcissism, was about to give his body and soul to a back alley sex-change surgeon to become the woman he loved."
  - 5) "Although Sarah had an abnormal fear of mice, it did not keep her from eeking out a living at a local pet store."
  - 4) "Stanley looked quite bored and somewhat detached, but then penguins often do."
  - 3) "Like an over-ripe beefsteak tomato rimmed with cottage cheese, the corpulent remains of Santa Claus lay dead on the hotel floor."
  - 2) "Mike Hardware was the kind of private eye who didn't know the meaning of the word 'fear'; a man who could laugh in the face of danger and spit in the eye of death -- in short, a moron with suicidal tendencies."
- AND THE WINNER IS...
- "The sun oozed over the horizon, shoved aside darkness, crept along the greensward, and, with sickly fingers, pushed through the castle window, revealing the pillaged princess, hand at throat, crown asunder, gaping in frenzied horror at the sated, sodden amphibian lying beside her, disbelieving the magnitude of the frog's deception, screaming madly, 'You lied!'"

# Just Idling Around

*That You Tube is full of fun stuff. Smart car zipping thru German traffic, with M3 camera car barely able to keep up.*

*Check it out at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rv0AI3hjc7k>  
Quality scofflaw driving.*

*Salina Region's last Solo before Nationals turned out to be one of those strange Kansas days. Cool, a little rain, then clearing and hot. Dennis Smith, RE, designed the course, and it was strange, too. He had a lot of pointer cones, where they never looked logical, to me, and strange quick offsets that just invited conicide. I was so addled that I DNF'd the first 3 runs. My worst autocross, ever. It was reported from the workers that my brakes were throwing sparks! Something to do with the high humidity and the devil, no doubt.*

*Fortunately, we had low turnout so we were allowing 5 runs, so that I at least made 2 that counted, for second place, far behind Tom Dupler of Wichita, in his Mini Cooper S. Just more evidence that I am the world's most experienced autocross novice. On the other hand, Rocky Entriken, one of the oldest autocrossers, period, loved the course, and with his freshly renovated old '64 Spitfire set fastest time of the day! - For a car, the F125 was faster. I attribute much of his success to his new exhaust system, which seems to employ an amplifier, instead of a muffler!*

*By the time this hits the press, the Nationals will be over. I hope all who made the Journey had a fun time, at the city of my birthplace. As for me - I felt compelled to attend the Kansas Renewable Energy Conference on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Since it started at 1:00 pm, I tootled off to Topeka early and did a little spectating at Nationals on Tuesday morning.*

*I saw Kiersten Scharnberg-Koch take the first day lead in BML then I had to go downtown.*

*This is the 10th month. I looked back at the '06 Holiday wish list and found that I have only acquired one of the 10. That was the Suzuki SX-4. Never mind. I'm leaping ahead! To atone for some of my wanton consumption of gas, I must put a battery electric vehicle on the list. My fair City, Salina, invited a Zap Car dealer and a GEM NEV dealer to demonstrate their offerings. I must say from a purely automotive viewpoint, both vehicles are*

*marginal - tackily assembled, archaic in the handling department, low performance, and a little pricey, in comparison to recent gas powered real cars.*

*But if you're going try to make a change, and the mainstream manufacturers don't want to bother, now that California let them off the Zero Emissions hook, you have to expect to suffer a little for the privilege of being a pioneer.*

*The GEM is wider, 4-wheeled and more expensive, when similarly equipped. The bench seat is wider, but fixed position, and not very comfortable. It's quicker to 20 mph. It has no weather protection until you get into expensive options, like a back window and doors. The Brakes? What Brakes? Noisemakers that eventually slow you down.*

*The Zap Xebra Pickup has steel doors and roll up windows, standard. It's a 3-wheeler, licensable as a motorcycle. It has bucket seats with recliner that only short people like me can use. They claim a top speed of 45. I actually saw 40 on the GPS and speedometer. The basic, really small trucklette is made in China (no surprise there) where it is normally sold with a little 2-cycle motor cycle engine. For Zap, the chassis comes to California and is fitted there with batteries, motor, charger, and controller. It's still crude, but reasonably effective.*

*The salesman showed no sign of actual panic as I drove around the East Crawford Recreation area, asking if it would turn over easily, while I took some quickish turns and applied full accelerator. It was raining lightly and I think I got some actual wheel spin. It even had brakes with good pedal feel that seemed to retard forward motion much like a real car. Later he said I drove the thing more aggressively than anyone else he'd ever taken on a test drive. So I bought one.*

*This is not logical, Mr. Spock. But most things automotive are not. It cost as much as a base Smart car, if they stick with their pre-introduction price for a "Pure", without air. Yet a Smart is a real car. A Zap Pickup is a novelty, a statement, an experiment, slightly better transportation than a bicycle. I just hope it's fun. On balance, I think it is no more foolish a purchase than a real motorcycle. Plus, it's much quieter than your average Harley. Projected arrival is October 8th, so check back next month for more details.*

*Abner, giving up on driving like Stirling Moss, instead maybe, striving to drive just like Rocky, Perney.*

**Pre-Registration is now available for Salina Region events!  
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