



The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

Portrait of a Passenger (Lizzie Enlow-Brown photo)



As I write this, there are about two months remaining until Salina Region's first 2015 solo weekend. Connie's and my MG Midget has been home from the paint and body shop for two weeks, and is still in the rotisserie, untouched. It'll need more than bright red paint to be ready to play in F Street Prepared. Like, some suspension, brakes, wiring, seats, engine, transmission, etc. I confess to feeling a bit overwhelmed at the moment.

At our January meeting we proposed some changes in protocol to streamline our solo events, make them more time efficient. This year's event schedule will be: 7:00 a.m. the equipment trailer is on site and course layout and setup is underway. 8:30 Registration opens. 9:00 the course will be approved and ready for competitor walking. 10:00 Registration closes, so the registrars can walk the course, and if there is interest, an instructional walk through by an experienced solo competitor. 10:30 Drivers meeting. 11:00 First heat starts.

We need to remember that our sport is staffed by its competitors. If you run, you work. It is the only way events like this can happen. And, when the competition is over, there is more work to do: Please help pick up the cones and load the equipment trailer. Thank you!

Pre-registration will be with MotorsportReg.com, same as last year. However, we plan to make credit card pre-payment now an option. Also, competitors who pre-register will have an expedited line at the on-site registration table. Those participants who did not pre-register will have a separate line at registration: It simply takes longer to doall the paper work and accomplish payment.

Charles Ortiz will be our Chief of Tech this year, and he will set up a tech-inspection lane. After registration, competitors will ready their cars in the paddock, and then drive them through the tech lane for inspection. Once the competitor's car has been cleared for competition, the tech/timing sheet will remain with the car until the car is in the grid. Each competitor will be responsible for getting his car to the grid in time for its designated heat, and placing the tech/timing sheet under its windshield wiper. The rationale for this protocol is that when the grid is formed, the grid official will be able to walk through the grid, front to back, pick up the tech/timing sheets, and they will be in order for the Timing and Scoring officials. Some cars don't have windshield wipers; those drivers will be responsible to give the tech/timing sheet to the grid official at the proper time. (Most would be Prepared/Modified cars. They could probably just leave it in the driver's seat. Paperweight it with the seat belt if it's windy.)

Salina Region's 2014 Awards Banquet will be held at Martinelli's Little Italy Restaurant the evening of Feb. 28 (note we have pushed the reservation deadine up to Feb. 21). There is more information elsewhere in this issue of *The Write Line*. At 4:30, before the banquet, we'll have a Salina B.O.D. business meeting. This meeting will be in the same room as the banquet, and is open to all. Your participation and input is valuable. Please join us.

—Bill Preheim

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~ ~ Next Events ~ ~ 2015 Awards Banquet

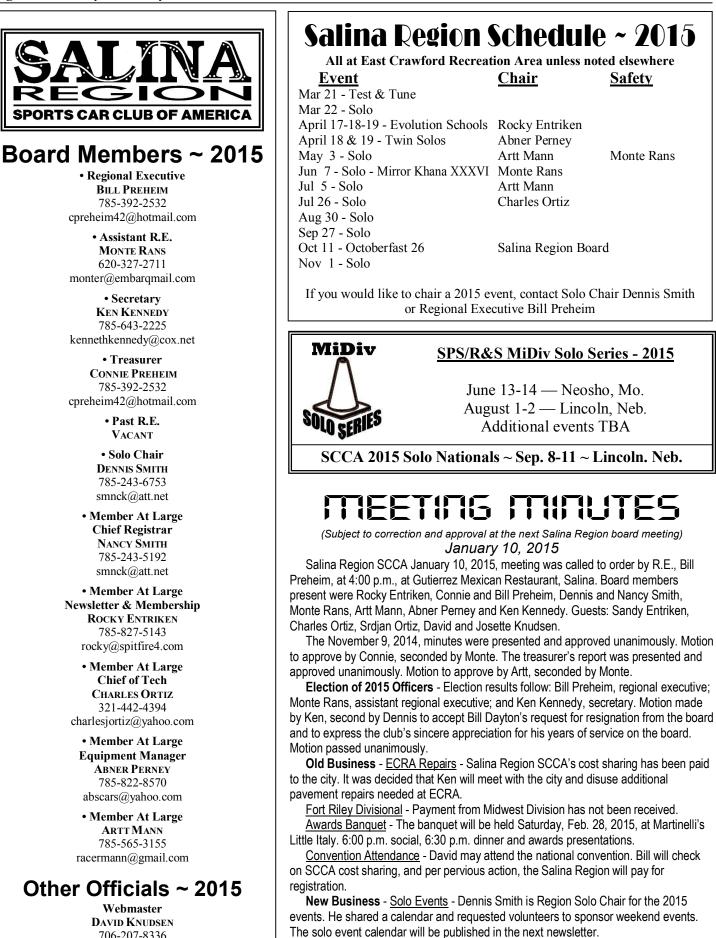
6 p.m., Feb. 28, 2015 Martinelli's Little Italy, Salina, Ks.

~ Flyer in this issue ~ Please return reservation form by Feb. 21 (NOT what was announced in this space last month) Next Business Meeting

> Feb. 28, 2015 4:30 p.m.

Martinelli's Little Italy 158 S. Santa Fe, Salina

Business meetings are open to all members and guests



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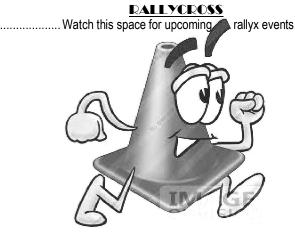
MiDiv Divisional Championship and/or Mirror Khana - It was determined that neither event will be held this year unless someone volunteers to (Continued to Pg. 3)



A calendar of Solo and RallyX events by the Wichita, Kansas, Kansas City, Nebraska, NeOkla and Oklahoma Regions of SCCA. Go see how others do it! ALWAYS CONFIRM THE EVENT BEFORE MAKING A LONG TRIP!

(* = Salina Region event on this date) <u>AUTOCROSS</u> Wichita @ Yoder/Test & Tune

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| Mar 15 Wichita @ Yoder/Test & Tune |
| Mar 29 Wichita @ Yoder |
| Apr 11 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence/T&T |
| Apr 12 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence |
| Apr 25 KC @ Heartland Park Topeka |
| Apr 26KC @ Heartland Park Topeka |
| Wichita @ Yoder |
| May 10 Wichita @ Yoder |
| May 16 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence/solo school |
| May 17 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence |
| May 22-23 ProSolo @ Lincoln, Neb. |
| May 24-25 Champ Tour @ Lincoln, Neb. |
| May 30 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence/Street Surv. |
| May 31 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence |
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| Jun 27 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence/St.Line School |
| Jun 28 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence |
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| Jul 12 KC @ Heartland Park Topeka |
| Jul 19 Wichita @ Yoder |
| Jul 25 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence/solo school |
| Jul 26* KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence |
| Aug 9 Wichita @ Yoder |
| Aug 23 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence |
| Wichita @ Yoder |
| Sep 5-6 ProSolo @ Lincoln, Neb. |
| Sep 20 Wichita @ Yoder |
| Sep 27*KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence |
| Oct 4 Wichita @ Yoder |
| Oct 25 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence.//Halloweenie |
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| Nov 8 Wichita @ Yoder |
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Four road course tracks are within a 3½-hour drive of Salina. Be part of the action as a race worker -- flagging on corners, timing, grid, tech, etc. Or driver?
Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Ks.
Mid-America Motorplex, Pacific Jct., Iowa
Motorsports Park Hastings, Hastings, Neb.

| Apr 11-12 | Double Majors @ Hallett |
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| Jun 6-7 | Double Mid-Am @ Mid-America Motorplex |
| Jun 20-21 | Double Majors @ Kansas Speedway |
| Aug 8-9 | Double Mid-Am @ Hastings |

MEETING MINUTES

(continued from Pg. 2) organize it.

<u>Evo School 2015</u> - Rocky will coordinate with Evolution Performance Driving School to organize the three day event. Dates of the three day event are Friday-Sunday, April 17, 18, 19.

Equipment Trailer - Ken will take the fire extinguishers to Weis Fire & Safety Equipment for annual service. Ken will also pick up the trailer and get estimates to paint the window covers.

<u>Tech Protocol and Other Solo Day Changes</u> - The following changes were discussed: teching at a designated area, credit card payments for pre-registration, starting each solo by the scheduled time, and the use of three heats (when possible). Also discussed was the importance of making sure all who participate are also involved in helping with various heat worker needs. Various changes will be made this season in an effort to improve the efficiency of each solo event. Members need to be aware of the following for 2015: online payments will be available for pre-registration, and following registration, cars will be teched at the north end of the paddock. The following schedule for each standard solo event will be utilized: 8:30 a.m. registration and tech opens, 10:00 tech and registration closes, 10:00 a.m. new driver orientation and track walk, 10:30 a.m. driver meeting, and 11:00 a.m. on track.

<u>Special Awards</u> - Rocky and Dennis will prepare the special awards for banquet presentation.

<u>Checking Account</u> - Motion made by Dennis, second by Abner to add Ken Kennedy, secretary, to the checking account authorization. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Debit Cards</u> - Motion made by Artt, second by Monte to authorize debit cards for Nancy, Bill, Ken and Rocky. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Other</u> - Member Bill Gray will be contacted regarding his ideas for the Salina Region. Rocky will order SCCA Solo and GCR rulebooks. Artt will check on a meet at Fort Riley. A SCCA car show at the Central Mall was discussed but with no action.

<u>2015 Board Members</u> - Motion by Ken, seconded by Connie to appoint the following to the board in addition to the three elected positions: Connie, treasurer; Dennis, solo chair, Nancy, chief registrar; Charles, chief of tech; Rocky, newsletter and membership; Artt, and Abner, members at large. David Knudsen will continue as webmaster. Motion passed unanimously.

Next meeting - 4:30 p.m., Sat., February 21, 2015 at Martinelli's, prior to awards banquet. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by: Ken Kennedy, secretary

The Write Line

Autocross: Is it just an excuse to talk about buying swaybars? No! It's an extremely cheap way to do excitingly stupid things in your car, even if your car is a hunk of crap like mine.

There are two problems with autocross: it's not sexy and it's intimidating for everyone who isn't driving a tuned BMW E36 M3 or a lowered '90s Civic hatchback.

There are good reasons why you should ignore those problems:

• It's cheap.

• It's easily available.

• It's a hoon's paradise

I know this because I just took my car to an autocross, and I have no experience doing autocross, and I drive the most unsuited car to autocross possible: a roly-poly 1973 Baja Bug. I did just about everything wrong for doing an autocross right, and I still had an amazing time. Let me explain how it all happened, and you'll see why autocross isn't a bad idea, even if you don't think it's for you.

Basically you show up to a big parking lot, drive a course set out with cones, run a few laps as fast as possible, then spend the rest of the day working the event picking up knocked-over cones. What you learn is car control. You learn the course quickly and you spend the rest of your day focusing exactly on how to put the exact right amount of steering into every turn, not more not less. How to put the exact right amount of power down after every turn, not more not less (oversteer is as big a crime as understeer in the world of competitive autocross). How to drive at the absolute limit of your tires, not more not less.

What I did was different than that, but the end result was the same. I hopped into my one car, my 1973 Baja Bug. Once rolled, once frozen, often repaired on the side of the road. Well, I didn't just hop into my car, because I had to go to the South Bronx to pick up a new starter motor because I roasted the last one, then I swapped that in, then I hopped into my car, then I drove north for just under two hours to get to Lime Rock Park in Connecticut.

Lime Rock is one of the prettiest circuits in the world, laid down in a clearing of the rolling forest hills of northeast. I was not going to be driving on the Lime Rock circuit. I was going to drive on their go kart track, with strategically-placed cones to make a tighter course.

This was fine because it still fulfilled the mission of giving me a place to drive as hard as I wanted and test how well I could drive at all. And it was fine because it felt a little bit more classy than driving on a parking lot. And it was also fine because it's gorgeous up at Lime Rock.

The setup at Lime Rock's autocross is also a little different from most others because at a typical autocross event there's a lot of strict planning and division and order. At Lime Rock usually about 20 cars show up in a summer session and the staff just lines people up and sends them out when there's room on track. Everyone gets the same amount of driving time, at Lime Rock it's just a nicer, more low-key affair.

The track was something like a kidney with a chicane set up



time.

I got a few laps with an instructor, got my times down to within a tenth of a second of each other, and learned a thing or two about handling my car near the limit. Then they opened up the course to include a half-dozen more corners, some elevation change, and one semi-high-speed turn. This is when I decided to have some fun.

I was later told that I was on three wheels. And that wasn't even the best corner. I was three-wheeling all the way through one long right-hander. It's not hard in the Baja, which is as softly sprung as any car I've ever been in. The whole thing leans over so far in the turn, it lifts the inside front wheel clear into the air. You can feel it as it lifts off the ground, then chirps back onto the pavement.

The best corner was a sharp left going downhill. All the weight of the car was to the back and I knew that it would be easy to get the car sideways. So that's what I did. Left foot to brush the brake, wait for the heavy engine in the back to start turning the car around, then countersteer. Hop the curb on the left, slide out to the curb on the left. Once I'd get back on the gas, the car would start to straighten out.

The thing about driving a Baja Bug (or any really soft, ordinary car or truck) is that everything is exaggerated, but it's the same kinds of motions that happen in even the most advanced race cars. Every car goes through the same weight transfer in a left/right chicane, only in the Baja you tip over so much the car is "driving more on the side of the tire than the bottom," as one instructor told me. Every car will start to push wide if you get on the power too early, only in the Baja you see the nose point to he sky. Every car pushes its weight (and traction) forward under heavy braking, only in the Baja you can feel the front tires rubbing against the fenders it dives so much.

I was reminded a lot about the physics of driving *because* my car was awful on track, not in spite of it. And I got to drive like I'd never drive on the street. I spun twice. I had just wanted to see how much I could trail brake into a corner before it would loop around me.

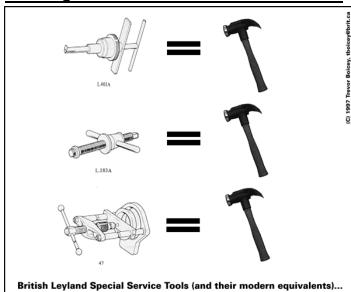
I didn't slide into the oncoming lane and hit a soccer mom taking her kids to school. I didn't go backwards into a tree. I did a full 360 and went around again. The next time I hit that corner, I toned it back a bit and went through with some fantastic turn-in oversteer. I'm neither brave enough nor dumb enough try that on even the most remote country road I can think of.

It's all legal, and affordable, even for a jackass like me. So don't be afraid to take even your s*****-ass car to autocross. You might learn more than you think.

-Raphael Orlove, posted on jalopnik.com

on one side. Two righthanders encouraged patiently waiting to get on the throttle. This was particularly true in my car, which lifted its nose the moment I touched the gas pedal. You might think an old Volkswagen would be always oversteery, but with all the weight (and traction) over the rear wheels, I was fighting understeer most of the

Obscure British Car Humour



So this Canadian chap, Trevor Boicey, created a series of sight gags about British Cars and has kindly permitted us to reproduce them on such occasion as we feel the need. Your faithful editor, in the spirit of full disclosure, admits to being subject to this affliction, having owned the same 1964 Triumph Spitfire for 49 years. Many of you may laugh, if you even get the joke. Some may commisserate.

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- Why do supermarkets make the sick walk all the way to the back of the store to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy cigarettes at the front?
- Why do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries, and a diet coke?
- Why do banks leave vault doors open and then chain the pens to the counters?
- Why do we leave cars worth thousands of dollars in our driveways and put our useless junk in the garage?
- Why is it the sun lightens our hair, but darkens our skin?
- Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed?
- Why don't you ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"?
- Why is "abbreviated" such a long word?
- Why is it that doctors and attorneys call what they do "practice"?
- Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavoring, and dishwashing liquid made with real lemons?
- Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker?
- Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?
- Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?
- Why didn't Noah swat those two mosquitoes?
- Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections?
- You know that indestructible black box airplanes carry? Why don't they make the whole plane out of that stuff??
- Why don't sheep shrink when it rains?
- Why are they called apartments when they are all stuck together?
- If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the terminal?



Robby Unser drove the Speedway Motors '64 Chevy Nova at the 2014 CAM Challenge

SCCA, Speedway Motors pair for CAM Challenge

TOPEKA, Kan. (Jan. 27, 2015) – The Sports Car Club of America and Speedway Motors have come together to create the 2015 Speedway Motors CAM Challenge, consisting of three stand-alone autocross events held across the country, specifically for American muscle cars.

The Classic American Muscle competitions, operated by SCCA, are open to drivers of muscle cars from the '60s to present day. The top driver in the CAM-T or CAM-S at each event will earn an invitation to the Goodguys AutoCross Finals, Nov. 20-21 in Scottsdale, Ariz.

This year's CAM Challenge will open the season out west, near San Francisco, at Crows Landing, Calif., March 6-8. The eastern regional event will take place Aug. 7-9 at Grissom Air Force Base, near Indianapolis. The Invitational Championship is slated for Sept. 4-6, to run in concert with the Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Championships, in Lincoln, Neb, which also is headquarters for Speedway Motors.

The three CAM Challenge events will include each of the three SCCA CAM classes - CAM-Traditional, CAM-Contemporary and CAM-Sport. The first two events will utilize the Tire Rack SCCA Match Tour rules, while the final will run based on SCCA's ProSolo format.

SCCA's CAM classes were developed to give American muscle car sedans and coupes with front-engine, rear-wheel-drive configurations and American sports cars from the 1960s and 1970s a place to compete in a controlled environment. Each car must be street legal, licensed, insured, have intact interiors and use a 200 treadwear street-legal tire.

For additional information on the Tire Rack SCCA Solo or the CAM rules, visit www.scca.com/solo.

Associate Members!

Dues are due for 2015. This is your last Write Line if 2015 dues are not paid. Salina Region dues are \$15 for all classes of membership (regular, family, First Gear, military).

If your mailing label has a code of A14 or FA14, you are an Associate Member who expired Dec. 31. If your code is A15 or FA15 (or later), you're already paid up.

An Associate member is someone who also is a member of another SCCA Region, and the other region is his Region of Record. Beyond that, Associate members are full members of Salina Region and participate in all championships and benefits (except board members must be Region of Record with Salina).

Associate memberships are on the calendar year (unless paid through SCCA with regular membership renewal), valid as long as your national SCCA membership is current.

Send dues, check payable to Salina Region SCCA, to Rocky Entriken, 2731 Scott, Salina, Ks. 67401.



Membership Application

Dear Prospective SCCA Member:

To apply for a membership in the Sports Car Club of America, the world's largest motorsports enthusiast organization, please complete the form below and return, with payment, to SCCA Membership Department, P.O. Box 299, Topeka, KS 66601-0299.

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2014 SALINA REGION SCCA AWARDS BANQUET

| | MARTINELLI'S LITTLE ITALY 158 S. SANTA FE SALINA, KS Saturday, February 28, 2015 Social time begins at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Dinner consists of salad, 2 pasta dishes & dessert. Drinks included are so If you have special dietary needs, please contact Dennis at <u>smnck@att.</u> Make checks payable to Salina Region SCCA. Adults \$ 15.00 Children (3-10 yr. old) \$7.50 | da, tea, coffee & water. |
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RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 21ST

Mail this section with payment by February 21, 2015 to: Dennis Smith, 443 W. 8th St., Concordia, KS 66901



The Write Line

Salina, KS 67401 2731 Scott Avenue Sports Car Club of America Newsletter of the Salina Region



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You must be a member to enter SCCA events. There are several different types of membership available, including Regular, Family, First Gear (under 25) and Military, plus short-term Weekend Memberships (we charge \$5). For more information go to www.scca.com, www.salinascca.org or call Rocky at 785-827-5143 or e-mail rocky@spitfire4.com.

Normally your R.o.R. is the area in which you live, but it doesn't have to be. We have members who live in other Regions' territories, and some of those regions have members who live in our territory.

You may also join as many other regions as you like, paying their

local dues for the purpose of winning local championship points,

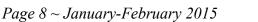
"associate," "dual" or "secondary" memberships. The final option is to simply pay local region dues, in which case you

are merely a newsletter subscriber, and not eligible for Regional awards,

receiving newsletters and participating in their programs. These are

Divisional points or to compete in major SCCA events.

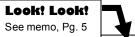
The categories of SCCA membership are somewhat confusing. In order to be eligible for all the programs of SCCA you need to be a National member, which includes a "local" region of your choice. This becomes your Region of Record.



SCCA Membership notes:

Associate memberships are due now for the year 2015. Associate memberships are for the calendar year provided your National membership is active. Join now, and your membership begins immediately and runs through 2015. Dues are \$15.00 for single memberships or family memberships (which includes spouse). Subscriptions are available for non-SCCA members also at \$15.00 per calendar year. Please send a check payable to the Salina Region SCCA, c/o The Write Line, 2731 Scott Avenue, Salina, KS 67401.

A code in the corner of your mailing label indicates status. A date (such as 03-16) indicates a Region-of-Record member expiring at the end of that month. A code such as A15 or FA15 indicates an Associate Member expiring at the end of that year. A month indicates a non-member who ran with us at that event or asked for a newsletter. Other codes refer to complimentary copies sent this year



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