



Haylee Terrill, Rookie of the Year (Lizzie Enlow-Brown photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA



Those of you who missed our 2015 Awards Banquet, missed a really good event. At least I surely enjoyed myself. The winter weather forecast was intimidating, but as usual Mother Nature and Jack Frost were unable to live up to their billing. The business meeting lasted less than an hour, the social hour was delightful, the food was awesome, and the awards were plentiful. I was presented with *Driver of the Year*, someone owes me an explanation of how that happened. [You were top dog in a hotly contested class. Ed.]

Despite the intimidating forecast (The weather even had a name! Winter Storm Sparta), attendance was excellent.

Dennis Smith, our Solo Chairman, had a sign up sheet for Event Chairmen, and Solo Safety Stewards, but he left with many un-filled blanks. Give some thought to volunteering to chair a Solo this season, and get in touch with Dennis. See schedule on Pg. 2. The task is not that difficult, and you'll have all the help you need. If you wish, send me an e-mail (cpreheim42@hotmail.com), or give me a call (cell 316-772-3638, voice only), and I'll send you a Solo Chairman's responsibility and checkoff sheet. Reiterating my last REVs, we are an all volunteer organization. The result is, you need to work so you can play.

We have not yet dotted all the i's and crossed all the t's, but we are in the process of setting up credit card prepayment during per-registration with *MotorsportReg.Com*.

Pre-registration really speeds things up, and saves you five bucks. A change in tech-inspection protocol; after registration and emptying out your car, take your tech/scoring sheet and drive to the tech-inspection lane. Once your car has been cleared by Tech, you will be in possession of your tech/scoring sheet. When you are on the grid for your heat, place the sheet under your windshield wiper, the grid steward will collect the sheets in running order, and they should automatically be correctly arranged for timing & scoring.

This year's event schedule will be: 7:00 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.

It looks like I'd better start shopping for 200 treadwear tires for our E Street Miata. I'd hoped to retire the Miata from autocross this year (it is approaching 220,000 miles), and compete in F Street Prepared with our 1964 MG Midget. Although our FSP Midget assembly is way behind schedule, we still plan on enjoying it this season.

We'll see you at the East Crawford Recreation Area the weekend of 21-22 March for Salina Region's Solo Season opener. Rocky Entriken is event chairman for a Test & Tune solo on Saturday, and there'll be a full-fledged points Solo on Sunday.

-Bill Preheim, R.E. Salina Region, S.C.C.A.

~ ~ Next Events ~ ~

Test & Tune - March 21 First Solo of 2015 - March 22

East Crawford Recreation Area

Pre-register - use link at www.salinascca.com (save \$5)

On-site Registration opens 8:30 ~ Closes 10:00
Coursewalk open by 9:00 ~ Novice coursewalk 10:00
Driver's meeting 10:30 ~ Cars on course 11:00

Next Business Meeting

March. 21, 2015 After the Test & Tune

Location TBA

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Salina Region Schedule ~ 2015

All at East Crawford Recreation Area unless noted elsewhere

Safety

Event Chair
Mar 21 - Test & Tune Rocky Entriken

Mar 22 - Solo April 17-18-19 - Evolution Schools Rocky Entriken

April 18 & 19 - Twin Solos Abner Perney
May 3 - Solo Artt Mann Monte Rans

Jun 7 - Solo: Mirror Khana XXXVIIMonte RansJul 5 - SoloArtt MannJul 26 - SoloCharles Ortiz

Aug 30 - Solo

Sep 20 - Solo: R.E. Challenge 15.1 Wichita Region

Sep 27 - Solo: R.E. Challenge 15.2

Oct 11 - Solo: Octoberfast 26 Salina Region Board

Nov 1 - Solo

If you would like to chair a 2015 event, contact Solo Chair Dennis Smith



SPS/R&S MiDiv Solo Series - 2015

June 13-14 — Neosho, Mo. August 1-2 — Lincoln, Neb. Additional events TBA

SCCA 2015 Solo Nationals ~ Sep. 8-11 ~ Lincoln. Neb.

MEETING MINUTES

(Subject to correction and approval at the next Salina Region board meeting) February 28, 2015

The Salina Region SCCA, Feb. 28, 2015, meeting was called to order by R.E. Bill Preheim at 5 p.m. at Martinelli's Restaurant. Board members present included Artt Mann, Monte Rans, Rocky Entriken, Dennis and Nancy Smith, Abner Perney and Bill and Connie Preheim.

The minutes from Jan. 10, 2015, were approved unanimously. The treasurer's report was given and approved.

Old Business – MiDiv payment for Salina Region's Divisional Solo, July, 2014, still has not been received. The awards due to Salina Region drivers, from the MiDiv Solo Series have not been received.

Rocky will email copies of the updated Solo calendar to members. The dates of Sept. 20 at Yoder and Sept. 27 at Salina were approved for the R.E. Challenge.

Solo event chair assignments are needed for the coming year. Rocky will chair the Test & Tune March 21 and Abner will be chair for the April 18-19 twin solos. Rocky will be the Evo school chair and the dates of April 17, 18, and 19 were approved. It was decided that Rocky will continue to do the audits and Dennis will send in sanction requests.

Ft. Riley Expo: Artt has ordered flyers for the event. He has a banner to use. There will be two karts and two cars for display, and perhaps a computer video display. The date of March 7, from 9 to 3 p.m. is set for this Expo. Nancy Smith volunteered to help with the Expo.

Equipment trailer and supplies: Dennis reported the batteries will need to be charged for the first event. Abner will be out of town and will need a back-up for getting the batteries charged and transporting the trailer to ECRA.

New Business – Monte Rans has volunteered to chair the Mirror Khana this year and he has three others helping him. The date set for it is June 7, 2015.

Rocky reported on the MiDiv convention he attended. There is a new rule affecting road racing being reviewed and discussed. Rocky paid Salina (Continued to Page 3)

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Events Elsewhere - 2015

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)

	AUTOCROSS
Mar 15	. Wichita @ Yoder/Test & Tune
Mar 22*	. NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa State Fairgrounds
	. Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City (school)
	. Wichita @ Yoder
	. Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
	. KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence/T&T
	. Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark/T&T
	. KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence
	. Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
	. NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa State Fairgrounds
	. NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa State Fairgrounds
	. KC @ Heartland Park Topeka
	. KC @ Heartland Park Topeka
	. Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
	. Wichita @ Yoder
	. Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
	. NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa State Fairgrounds
	. Wichita @ Yoder
	. KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence/solo school
	. KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence
	. Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
	. ProSolo @ Lincoln, Neb. Spring Nationals
	. Champ Tour @ Lincoln, Neb. Spring Nationals
	. KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence/Street Surv.
	. KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence
	. NeOkla/Oklahoma @ Old Tanger Outlet, Stroud
	. Wichita @ Yoder
	. Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
	. Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
	. KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence/St.Line School
	. KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence
	. Nebraska @ Motorsports Park Hastings
	. NeOkla @ Old Tanger Outlet, Stroud
	. Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
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Aug 30*	. Nebraska @ Motorsports Park Hastings

...... Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City

Sep 5-6 ProSolo @ Lincoln, Neb.
Sep 13 Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
Sep 20* Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
Sep 27* KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence
Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
Oct 4 Wichita @ Yoder
Oct 11* Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
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Wichita @ Yoder
Nov 8 NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa State Fairgrounds
Wichita @ Yoder
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Mar 15 Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway
Mar 21* KC @ Holsworth Farm, Garnett, Ks
Jun 6* KC @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley, Mo
Jun 14 Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway
Aug 29* KC @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley, Mo
Sep 12 KC @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley, Mo
Oct 17 KC @ Holsworth Farm, Garnett, Ks
Oct 18 Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway
Nov 1*Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway



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?

- Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett, Okla.
- Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Ks
- Heartland Park Topeka, Ks.
- Motorsports Park Hastings, Hastings, Neb.
- Raceway Park of the Midlands, Pacific Jct. Iowa

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

MEETING MINUTES

(continued from Pg. 2) Region's MiDiv dues at the convention.

A by-laws update was discussed and Rocky will amend the by-laws to conform with the present corporation standing. A motion to do so was seconded and passed.

Solo Championship rules were reviewed and discussed and will be voted on at the next meeting. The new SCCA rules on 200 treadwear tires were reviewed and discussed.

A conflict on July 5 at ECRA with an American League baseball tournament was presented and discussed. Rocky proposed to the Salina Parks and Recreation representative that the Solo could be held at the south end of the runway to allow the baseball attendees ample parking. Rocky will contact Parks and Recreation to see if a portable restroom could be available at the south end.

Nancy reported that she had ordered first and second place magnets for the new season and will get a new container to keep them in.

The next meeting will be on March 21 after the Saturday Test & Tune event. The location will be decided later.

The meeting was adjourned to the banquet and awards.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Preheim, acting secretary

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Utterly Obscure British Car Humour



I'm realizing I may have to explain the gag for the benefit of some younger readers. But this one should be easy for anyone who's heard of Lucas Electrics, OEM for most Britcars. Lucas: Inventor of the Intermittent Wiper, etc.

R.E. Challenge 15

Dates have been set for the 2015 edition of the R.E. Challenge events – once more into the breach as Salina Region attempts to beat back the horde from Wichita Region.

This year they will be back-to-back events, and this time Wichita goes first. We go to their site in Yoder Sept. 20, then they come to our East Crawford playground Sept. 27. Both events count in Salina Region's championship series. Both sites are terrific air base concrete.

We hope our members will mark this on their calendars to give us a good showing at Yoder. Then come finish the job in Salina a week later. Plan ahead.

UTQG 200

Street class competitors are reminded, the tire rules change this year to require 200 treadwear tires as SCCA completes its transition from Stock to Street.

This is a rarity in SCCA rulemaking in any discipline – the genie has been stuffed back in the bottle. The old allowances which were anything goes as long as it says "DOT" on the tire are gone. No more gumballs in Street, and Street Touring goes to the higher numbers too up from 140 last year.

So what happens if you show up at a local event on your old 140s? We will probably chide you severely, suggest you leave 'em on the car for that event *and* for the drive home *and* for commuting so you can wear 'em out ASAP. Then get 200s. But if you try to get away with too much you could be protested.

Show up with 140s at a major event – Tour, Pro, Divisional, Nationals – you'll be sent to the Street Prepared Classes.

EVOLUTION PERFORMANCE DRIVING SCHOOL

Salina Region is scheduling a 3-day Evolution School this year at our East Crawford Recreation Area site. Registration is open now at www.evoschool.com.

- Friday April 17 Phase 1
- Saturday April 18 Phase 2
- Sunday April 19 Challenge School

These are excellent schools with top-drawer instructors, most of them National Champion and National trophywinning drivers. While you are on course, you are 1:1 with your instructor.

Phase 1 is the basics, Phase 2 is advanced techniques, and Challenge is where you prove how good you are (or how good they've made you) by going out and beating your instructor

Price is \$260 for one school, \$200 for additional schools.

To sign up, go to www.evoschool.com, scroll down to the calendar. Plug in your zipcode (or Salina's 67401) and the three Salina schools should pop up to the top of the list.

If you want multiple schools (and the \$60 discount), sign up for the lowest-rank (earliest) school you want, then tick the checkbox at the bottom of the form for the additional schools. You need to do Phase 1 before you can do Phase 2.

Upcoming events

As usual, we kick off the calendar with a couple of 2-day weekends.

March 21-22 begins with a Test & Tune on Saturday, and our season-opener autocross on Sunday. The Test & Tune is free to any Sunday entrant, \$15 for Saturday only (\$20 non-members)

The way the Test & Tune works is, we set up a very short course with about five key elements so you can check out acceleration, braking, transitions and turns. We run 10-car heats for 50 minutes, as many runs as you can cram in. There may also be a skidpad (see article, Pg. 9).

Sunday a full-size course is set up for 2015's first points event

April 18-19 while the Evo School occupies the north end of our site by Evans Field, at the south end on Saturday and Sunday it is accompanied by a Twin Solo – a separate event each day. It tends to be a short course so sometimes it is a two-lap run, maybe 5-6 runs.

Various inventions course designers have done in the past is to make Sunday's course the reverse-direction of Saturday's, or build a course with pylons out the wazoo Saturday then remove most of them for Sunday while leaving essentially the same course. There's been course-by-committee – give several people each a stack of cones and tell them to go build something, then link them together. Sometimes a designer has "borrowed" elements the Evolution school typically uses. It can be different.

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2015 Awards Banquet

Driver of the Year — BILL PREHEIM, E Street Champion Rookie of the Year — HAYLEE TERRILL, JBL Runner-up Newcomer of the Year — RADLEE BIEN, F Street Champion Most Improved — SRDJAN ORTIZ, JA Champion Volunteer Worker of the Year — JANNER ORTIZ Appreciation Award — BILL DAYTON, Past R.E.

Solo Performance Specialties Gift Certificate drawings: \$50 – Christine Rans \$25 – Rocky Entriken, Mike Herrick, Sarah Herrick, Monte Rans



From left: Bill, Haylee, Radlee and Srdjan.

Below: Janner







2015 Midwest Division Schedule

As Of: February 10

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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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PRESSURE BUILDUP

Tire pressures are critical to going fast,

yet pressures go up a lot when we run

hard on track, often to the tune of six

sensitive and will lose a lot of grip if

they get over a certain number. Most

street-based tires prefer upper 30s for

a maximum hot pressure; race tires a

bit lower. Learn your best and keep a

close eye, because we win at the end

to 10 pounds. Most tires are very



Tire pressure is a black art, which is not a reference go the color of the rubber but to the voodoo required to ascertain how much to pump them up

Ken Kennedy recently sent me a clip from the March issue of SportsCar, reproduced here, a little aside about tire pressures included with Randy Pobst's column. With it Ken

sent a note about when he began in solo and asked people about where to set his tire pressures. "No one I asked seemed very confident in answering," he said.

Don't remember if he asked me, but I would have been just as unconfident as he described. I know what works for me – well, kinda – but that doesn't mean it has any relationship to what would be best for you.

So the advice comes across a bit vague. Ultimately everyone has to figure it out for themselves. And once they think they've got it, they buy a different tire brand, or their favorite brand changes the rubber compound, and the hunt starts all over.

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But there is method. And baseline. And specific considerations, among which (and most importantly) is keeping the shiny side up.

So we tell the noob to put about 40+ psi in their tires. What this does is stiffen the sidewall, all but eliminating the tendency for the tire to tuck under, dig in a rim, and cause a rollover. The driver will also notice a crisper "feel" to the car on the autocross course (and on the way home he'll feel every pavement crack and tar strip in the road). Still, the way to begin is start "too high" and then lower the pressures until it's "just right."

How to find that out? One easy way is to chalk he tires. Find some chalk, crayon, marker of some kind, and mark the tires at several places, drawing marks from atop the tread to the sidewall. Then go make a run. At ideal pressure the marks should scrub off to the edge of the tread. If marks are still on the tread, its overinflated. If marks are rubbed off the sidewall it's underinflated.

But even that is not perfect. A better way requires a skidpad (we may have one at the upcoming Test & Tune event). Mark tires the same way, but that's not the only factor. Then drive the skidpad. Ideally you should maintain a constant-radius circle, fairly tight to the cones but neither pulling in nor pushing out. Start off easy, then gradually

increase throttle until the car starts to push out. If the front end pushes out you've got understeer, if the rear hangs out you have oversteer. Understeer is generally safer.

Pressure adjustments are counter-intuitive. Your tire is whatever softness the rubber compound is. You don't change that by "softening" the tire (letting air out), but you can change the stiffness of the sidewalls and thus its handling characteristics. So whichever end is loose, you want MORE air there, or else you want less in the OTHER end (if pressure is low, add some; if high, let some out).

On the skidpad, play with the pressures until you get it to where it goes around with neither end having the primary tendency to kick out. And then, know what cold pressures you started at, and what hot pressures you ended at.

(A note about a skidpad at East Crawford – it's not level,

but on a slight uphill to the south. As a result you will tend to push out in the downhill direction. If you can modulate your throttle slightly – ease off a tad downhill, squeeze some on uphill – you can achieve the desired effect. Still, try to get to the ragged edge of almost-spinout.)

Pobst is mostly talking about race driving in his quote. My Spitfire, a fully-prepared race car, runs on fat slicks. When I race

I go out at about 18 psi front, 21 rear and when I come in I'm more like 25/27, which is where it's happy. For autocross I go out at 21/24 and still end up at 25/27. It's the hot pressure I want, but I must start on cold pressures so I needed to learn what cold pressures would produce the hot pressures at the end of the race or run. With my Street-class Miata for a while I started 31/35 cold, but lately I've found 34/36 seems to work better. It's still voodoo.

Common mistake ... you see people come in off a run and bleed out air. Don't do this! If you go out at, say, 34 psi and you come in at 38 psi (and 38 is where the car is happy), then 38 (hot) is your magic number. By your next run it may cool off to 36, but there's still warmth in there and 38 is what it will go back to.

Remember, pressure is not really "heat" as such but how fast those little molecules and atoms of air are bouncing around (which is what creates the heat) inside that round container you have on the corners of your car. A given cold pressure puts X amount of molecules in the tire, At the higher hot pressure you have the same number of molecules in there, they're just flying faster. Let some of those molecules out and the tire won't work the same.

Unless, of course, you *want* it not to work the same. If you're loose on one end, add air, or let some out of the other end. But don't let air out just because the pressure went up. It's supposed to go up. The voodoo is figuring out what that happy number is the car wants in order to do its job best. Ultimately, it's the hot pressure.

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