



Wesley Cantrell, STO4 Mazda 3 (Lizzie Enlow-Brown photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA



Salina Region's second Solo weekend is now in the books. Two weekends, a total of five days of autocross events.

Back in March a Saturday Test & Tune event opened the season, and was followed the next day by our first points solo. My E Street performance was back in the pack.

Our second weekend of solo events included a three-day Evolution Performance Driving School. In a panic effort to get competitive, I signed up for the Phase I School on Friday, and the Phase II School on Saturday. I suspected that I would be in complete brain overload after two days of instruction, and didn't take the Challenge School on Sunday.

I entered my first autocross in the mid-1960s, and evidently I developed a number of bad habits during the next 50 years. The Evo schools were just what I needed. My deficiencies are not yet fixed, but at least I know what to work on. I tried to put what I'd learned to use during Sunday's Solo, and felt pretty good about the result. However, I'm now way behind the competition in season points.

One of the issues our sports car community is facing is generating new active members. Our rapidly graying

core group of active members needs an influx of new and younger enthusiasts to ensure our club's future. After Sunday's Solo we met at Legends Restaurant for a business meeting and social conversation. Several of our younger members agreed to staff a Development Committee, and to replace our current webmaster who will be moving to Atlanta this summer. Adam Mounivong agreed to succeed David Knudsen as Salina Region's webmaster. Radlee Bien is going to chair a Development Committee whose mission is in the process of being defined.

Our next Solo at the East Crawford Recreation Area is set for May 3. As of this writing, the Weather Channel's web-site is predicting 76 degrees, partly cloudy, and a 13 mph breeze. Remember this year's Solo time schedule: 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.

Don't forget to pre-register via MotorsportReg.com, and you can now pay online.

Connie and I look forward to seeing you all on the third of May.

Bill Preheim

R.E. Salina Region S.C.C.A. cpreheim42@hotmail.com

~ ~ Next Events ~ ~

## **Solo - May 3**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

Mirror Khana XXXVIII - June 7

Pre-register - www.salinascca.com - no walk-ins

#### Next Business Meeting

June 7 After Mirror Khana

#### **Location TBA**

Business meetings are open to all members and guests Page 2 ~ May 2015

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## Salina Region Schedule ~ 2015

All at East Crawford Recreation Area unless noted elsewhere

Event

May 3 - Solo Jun 7 - Solo: Mirror Khana XXXVII

Jun / - Solo: Mirror Khana XXXVI

Jul 5 - Solo Jul 26 - Solo

Aug 30 – Solo

Sep 20 - Solo: R.E. Challenge 15.1

Sep 27 - Solo: R.E. Challenge 15.2 Oct 11 - Solo: Octoberfast 26

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Nov 1 – Solo

Chair

Artt Mann

Monte Rans Artt Mann

Charles Ortiz

Radlee Bien Wichita Region

Bill Preheim

Salina Region Board

Rocky Entriken

# MiDiv

#### 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)

April 19, 2015

Salina Region SCCA April 19, 2015, meeting was called to order by R.E. Bill Preheim, at 2:45 p.m., at Legends Bar & Grill, Salina. Board members present were Rocky Entriken, Connie & Bill Preheim, Dennis & Nancy Smith, Monte Rans, Artt Mann, Charles Ortiz, Abner Perney, and Ken Kennedy. Guests: Jim & Joe Green, Marcella Haynes, Janner & Srdjan Ortiz, Rodney Walters, Radlee Bien, Suzanne Scott-Holmes, Adam Mounivong and Sandy Entriken.

The March 21, 2015 minutes were presented & approved unanimously. Motion to approve by Dennis, seconded by Rocky.

The treasurer's report was presented by Connie and approved unanimously. Motion to approve by Dennis, seconded by Abner.

**Old Business** - Fort Riley Divisional - Payment from division still has not been received.

MiDiv Series - Rocky reported on potential revisions in the MiDiv series format. Rocky moved to offer the Salina SCCA Region's Aug. 30 event as a MiDiv series event if their new concept is approved. If the proposed MiDiv changes are not approved then the motion becomes null. Seconded by Abner. Passes unanimously.

<u>Dennis reported on solo event chars</u> - All events preparations are made. Event chairs have been assigned for all 2015 events.

<u>Trailer window painting</u> - Ken reported the estimate to paint the windows was \$400. In lieu of paying to have them painted he volunteered to paint them in the near future.

<u>Long McArthur ride and drive event</u> - The timing trailer and cones were used by Long McArthur for a recent event they held. Abner will send a use assessment invoice of \$200 to them for agreed payment.

<u>Second timing display</u> - Dennis reported he had secured a new battery for the timing device, battery was installed and the display is working.

**New Business** - Online Payment/MotorsportReg - David may not be able to continue as the Salina SCCA webmaster. If David cannot continue, Adam Mounivong agreed to serve as the webmaster.

<u>Discussion on Salina Region's operations</u> - Bill outlined the need to get others involved in the leadership of the organization. Discussion was held. It was agreed that committee be formed to bring suggestions and new ideas to the board. Radlee Bien agreed to organize the committee.

K-State FSAE sponsorship - A formal letter was sent by the K-State club requesting 2015 sponsorship. Motion made by Rocky to provide a (Continued to Pg. 4)

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# **Events** Elsewher

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**

ACICCROSS
May 3* Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa State Fairgrounds
May 10 Wichita @ Yoder
May 16 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence/solo school
May 17 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence
Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
May 22-23 ProSolo @ Lincoln, Neb. Spring Nationals
May 24-25 Champ Tour @ Lincoln, Neb. Spring Nationals
May 30 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence/Street Surv.
May 31 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence
Jun 7* Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
Jun 21 Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
Jun 27 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence/St.Line School
Jun 28 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence
Nebraska @ Motorsports Park Hastings
NeOkla @ Old Tanger Outlet, Stroud
Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
Wichita @ Yoder
Jul 11KC @ Heartland Park Topeka
Jul 12KC @ Heartland Park Topeka
Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
Jul 19 Wichita @ Yoder
Jul 25 KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence/solo school
Jul 26* KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence
Nebraska @ Motorsports Park Hastings

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



Four road course tracks are within a 31/2-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
- · Motorsports Park Hastings, Hastings, Neb. · Heartland Park Topeka, Ks.
  - · Raceway Park of the Midlands, Pacific Jct. Iowa

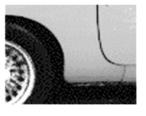
Jun 6-7..... Double Mid-Am @ RPM

Jun 20-21..... Double Majors @ Kansas Speedway

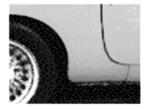
Aug 8-9 ..... Double Mid-Am @ Hastings

## Utterly Obscure British Car Humour

Before:



After:



Norman Fiddlesworth: MGB designer 1963-1972. Crowning achievement, 1966: Overcame Management Resistance to implement his radical door restyling ideas...

Picking on the fact the essential MGB design barely changed over an 18-year span (1962-1980), primarily new bumpers in the '70s. So of course, your '63 B was not obsolete in '73. Or at least that's what the folks at Morris Garage wanted to believe.

### **Welcome New Members!**

Fourteen new Region-of-Record members this month! Some of them we didn't even know about until they came to our April autocrosses carrying freshly minted SCCA cards.

Russell and Lanev Blume, Wichita, ran the March event in an H Street BMW 318. Russell was a former member a few years ago, and he was the 2001 D Stock National Champion in a BMW 318is.

Lance Cochran, Salina, sits atop the Wild Car-d points after winning STO8 in March with a Mustang, then running ES in April with a Miata. He brings wife Kim, kids Cade, Ally and Kiera into the club.

Tami Goltz, Junction City, ran the Ft. Riley Divisional last year. At the Sunday solo she placed a trophy 3rd in the open 8-car STO6 class with a Dodge SRT4. Husband Victor is on deployment.

Suzanne Scott-Holmes and Clint Holmes, Ft. Riley have a Camaro he's run in FS and she in STO8L. It's a family membership with sons Thomas and Trent.

**Dustin Nead,** Junction City, is a First Gear member with a Pontiac GTO. He ran STO8 in March, but bumped up to ESP in April.

Daryl Robles, Ft. Riley, is also a First Gear member, and runs a Mitsubishi Lancer in STO4. Page 4 ~ May 2015 The Write Line



Come racing with me! June 20-21, mark your calendar. SCCA Majors races at the Kansas Speedway, the first SCCA event on the new infield road course at the NASCAR oval.

I really don't know what to expect there since it's SCCA's first venture, other than to expect some good races. I just got

back a week ago from the Majors at Hallett where I worked grid. 120 drivers in seven race groups put on some shows. dandy The bigbore race on Saturday in the rain and half the field going out on slicks. The three badass GT1 cars (two Corvettes, a Camaro) starting up front finished 13th, 14th and 19th while the winner was a milder GT2 Corvette (on rain rubber)



Michael Pettiford won three classes at Hallett.

that came from 6th place and the runner-up was a GT3 Mazda RX7 who started 11th. Sunday, in the dry, the three GT1s ate everyone else's lunch.

And that was just one race. Hallett had seven of 'em, and since most are multi-class races they actually had more than a dozen really good on-track battles.

That's the nature of SCCA racing, and another cool thing about it is you can get in free and get really close to the action. What a way to spend a weekend!

There are a lot of jobs needing to be done at a race, but the one most younger members gravitate to is corner worker. They put you right out there at trackside to give flag signals, be the point man on radio communications, even rescue drivers in distress.

They'll teach you on the spot what you need to know. At first it may just be flagging, waving a yellow or blue flag when the corner captain commands. Eventually you learn what the flags mean and when and how to display them.

You may get on the radio and learn the protocols of race communication – "Control, this is 2 waving yellow, we have car 54 orange off driver's right and in the tire wall, need a wrecker ... now!" All delivered in a calm and dispassionate voice while others on the corner crew are trying to get the driver out of his wreck.

You spend the day with other like-minded motorheads, getting up close and personal with drivers and officials alike. You may find yourself bench racing with someone who's driving a pro-level Formula Atlantic, or an Improved Touring beater he built for under \$1000.

Other jobs need doing too. Grid is a good way to get right next to the cars. Registration if you like meeting people. Timing & Scoring if you enjoy computers. But the corners (flagging & communications) are always the biggest need.

Be sure to dress right. The basic color of a corner worker is white. A pair of painter's pants is the common costume (but blue jeans work too), and a T-shirt. Avoid red and yellow as those flag colors command immediate response from drivers. White is best. Bring a hat with a bill or brim, a jacket, good shoes (no sandals), maybe a pair of work gloves. Sunblock. They'll feed you lunch, and dinner on Saturday night.

You sign up on MotorsportReg.com a few weeks before the race, the same way the drivers do, but look for the worker signups for which you are charged an entry fee of zero. If you have

a MotorsportReg account you used to enter Salina Region solo events, that should work to get you in the races.

Biggest expense is a couple nights in a hotel room, but workers have been known to stuff 10 to a room or just camp out at the track. Make it an occasion, drag some friends along, male *and* female. Non-members can do the Weekend Membership thing.

Go down Friday night and get signed in, need to be ready to go about 7:15 in the morning.

There's an added benefit for SCCA members. Each day worked is a small discount off next year's membership renewal.

Give me a call or send me an e-mail (contact info, Pg. 2) if you'd like to give this a try. It's amazingly easy and a great way for a car junkie to spend a weekend with others of similar persuasion.

## MEETING MINUTES

(Continued from Pg. 2) sponsorship amount. Seconded Connie. Motion passed unanimously.

<u>Salina event listings missing in SCCA magazine</u> - Ken mentioned the Salina events are not listed in the *SCCA HAPPENINGS*. An effort will be made to get them listed.

<u>Tech (safety) inspections</u> - Artt reviewed tech inspections. It was determined that more attention and prevent announcements need to be made to ensure cars are tech (safety) inspected prior to running. Also noted is the fact that cars with tires worn to the cords are not allowed to participate per SCCA rules. Salina region will comply with this rule.

<u>Trailer repairs</u> - Dennis will make arrangements for new back door pads and weather seal to be put on the timing trailer.

**Next meeting** - Sunday, June 7, 2015, immediately following the day's event. (No May 2015 meeting scheduled but if needed may be called by RE Preheim)

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m. Submitted by: Ken Kennedy, secretary The Write Line May 2015 ~ Page 5

## **EVOLUTION** Schools ~ 2015

We had some excellent Evolution Schools this year. Twelve students each for Phase 1 and Phase 2, six for the Challenge School. Jinx Jordan from North Carolina (3-time National Champion) joined Andy Hohl of St. Louis as instructors.

Jinx and I had to do a "grudge match" in the afternoon challenge round. He was here 10 years ago when I did a Challenge School in my Spitfire and I beat him then mostly because he had trouble getting my car off the line. This time in my Miata we swapped times back and forth (but I had lots of pylons). I finally got in a clean one (slow down to go faster!) that was quicker so he had to go back out for one more and beat my time by 0.060 sec. Close enough!

We had students from as far as Amarillo, Texas. Most of them did at least two days and a few ran our autocrossses too.

Friday started off wet for Phase 1, not really a bad thing as the surface tends to emphasize mistakes, plus it's good to learn how to drive in the wet. The afternoon dried up and times tumbled so the morning baseline runs didn't mean much. Saturday came up sunny, a good day to autocross. Sunday went cloudy, but except for a few drops the rain held off until the school was done, but it was a chill wind. Rain began about the time the school wrapped up (just in time to affect the third heat at the autocross).

-Rocky Entriken

## Summy Saturday

Each year on the Evo School weekend we do a twin solo, and this may have been one of our best Saturday events in years. 25 entrants showed up to run under sunny skies.

Abner Perney set up the course that opened with a flying downhill dash straight to the north-end turnaround, tricky for the double off-camber aspect, then zig and zag, do it again, and finish in the high 30-sec/low 40s range.

There were three 3-car classes including the tightest one, STO6, where Adam Mounivong's RX8 ended up just a half-sec (0.568) quicker than the 6-cyl Mustang of Victor Kinderknecht.

Next closest was the 2-car ESP, and it was Rodney Walters' Mustang by 0.963 over new-member Dustin Nead's GTO. The other 3-car classes were F Street, Radlee Bien by 1.4 over James Hund, and ES, Rocky Entriken by 2.3 over Randy Puls.

Fast Time was no surprise, karter Srdjan Ortiz in his K Mod Trackmagic Diablo at 33.582 sec. The other quick-time awards went to the LaRandeaus in their D Street Audi – John taking Fast Fender at 36.386, and Ann as Fast Lady at 37.390.

The only other driver in the 36 sec range was SS·R winner Fred Johnson at 36.7. Four more came in at 37 secs.

Highly entertaining was the Volkswagen Beetle with Subaru power and rear suspension driven by John and Ruth Hensleigh, newcomers to the Ft. Riley area. Remarkably quick on knobby tires, it looks like a good candidate for rallycross!

## No-Sun Sunday

The official state song, *Home On The Range*, claims "the skies are not cloudy all day," but they were on Sunday. Still two heats managed to get their runs in before the rains came.

Abner Perney put down a different course, this time a slalom for the downhill run and a different shape for the uphill climb. As on Saturday, it was a 2-lap run.

Fast times were the same as the day before, but FTD was especially remarkable since Srdjan Ortiz put rain rubber on the kart for his 3rd heat runs and still got down to 40.177 sec. This time he was only 0.3 sec ahead of John LaRandeau's 40.473 Fast Fender time, while Ann LaRandeau was again Fast Lady at 42.237.

The closest contest was STX where Gavin Cumming rode a Mazdaspeed 3 to a 0.390 win over Daniel Rowland's BMW 328is.

STO6 was a big class, eight cars, and the second-closest MOV of the day. This time it was Hector Pena atop the list with Adam Mounivong just 0.616 behind. Eight cars means three trophies and the third one fell to Tami Goltz running a Dodge SRT4, only a tenth behind Adam.

A shout-out to Suzanne Scott-Holmes, who ran STO8L in her Camaro, and ran quicker than the guys in STO8.

STO4 was a 5-car class, with Broc Ball doing his best run on his first try but it held up over Wesley Cantrell, who used all five runs to find his quickest time. They ended up separated by just 0.702 sec.

In AS, both drivers ran their best on their first runs, when James Green was 0.669 up on Ken Kennedy.

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## Summy Saturday

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Class	Driver	Mem.	Car	Make	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6	<u>Best</u>
SS-R	<ul> <li>Fred Johnson</li> </ul>	98627	26	Corvette	38.715	37.245	37.790+1	37.542	36.735	36.868	36.735
AS	<ul> <li>Ken Kennedy</li> </ul>	370024	68	Corvette	38.399	37.581+1	37.803	37.309	37.501	40.229	37.309
BS	<ul> <li>John LaRandeau</li> </ul>	62606	92	Audi TT Quattro	36.631	36.689	36.614	36.386	36.840	36.733	36.386 FFTD
BSL	<ul> <li>Ann LaRandeau</li> </ul>	144250	92		39.711	38.218	38.095	38.935	38.027+1	37.390	37.390 FL
DS	<ul> <li>Dennis Smith</li> </ul>	301907-1	6			38.242	38.976	38.112	37.473	37.444	37.444
DSL	<ul> <li>Nancy Smith</li> </ul>	301907-2	9	Subaru Impreza WRX	X40.578+1	38.938	39.025	38.631	38.844	39.040	38.631
ES	<ul> <li>Rocky Entriken</li> </ul>	19814-1	4	Mazda Miata	40.554	38.245+1	D.N.F	37.836	38.668	37.838	37.836
	Randy Puls	474644	8	Mazda MX5	44.101	41.906	40.364	40.490	40.203	40.731	40.203
	Lance Cochran	484098	1	Mazda Miata	42.612	42.020	43.095	42.517	42.921	43.934	42.020
ESL	<ul> <li>Connie Preheim</li> </ul>	411440	11	Mazda Miata	D.N.F.	43.166	41.862	42.076+1	41.285	42.255+1	41.285
FS	<ul> <li>Radlee Bien</li> </ul>	431468		Camaro SS	40.873	39.756	39.018	39.645	38.081	38.545+1	38.081
	James Hund		454	Cadillac CTS	42.043	39.601	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	39.695	39.490	39.490
	Abner Perney	109784	_	Cadillac CTS	42.109+1	41.665	42.187	41.150	41.857	40.546	40.546
STS	<ul> <li>Monte Rans</li> </ul>	412198	34	Honda CRX Si	38.499+1	37.771	38.103+1	36.829	37.155+1	37.184	36.829
STX	<ul> <li>Gavin Cumming</li> </ul>		21	Mazdaspeed 3	42.361	41.632	41.606	41.310	39.931	39.018	39.018
	L•Suzanne Scott-Holm		35	Camaro Z28	44.330	42.100	40.924	40.303	40.759	39.915	39.915
STO6	<ul> <li>Adam Mounivong</li> </ul>	471439	12	Mazda RX8	D.N.F.	41.727	40.583+1	40.811+1	40.889	42.700	40.889
	Victor Kinderknec	-	23	Mustang	46.617	46.610	45.573	42.790	41.457	42.666	41.457
	Christopher Hund		9	Dodge Charger	45.622	D.N.F.	44.984	46.211	44.676	42.643	42.643
STO4	<ul> <li>George Roloson</li> </ul>		4	•	56.277	51.207	47.714	47.867	45.071	45.606	45.071
	Daryl Robles	484328	8	Mitsubishi Lancer	58.034	52.070	50.477	50.255	49.958	47.541	47.541
ESP	<ul> <li>Rodney Walters</li> </ul>	379225	35	Mustang	40.608	39.091	39.390	39.131	39.092+1	39.443	39.091
	Dustin Nead	483601	38	Pontiac GTO	41.665	42.407	41.189	40.988	40.054	40.166	40.054
ΧP	<ul> <li>John Hensleigh</li> </ul>		72	VW Beetle-Subaru	47.271+4	41.873	41.335	40.716	40.101	40.614	40.101
XPL	<ul> <li>Ruth Hensleigh</li> </ul>		72		53.275	46.459	45.164	44.230	43.209	42.306	42.306
KM	<ul> <li>Srdjan Ortiz</li> </ul>	469365	17	TrackMagic Diablo	35.321	34.151	41.074+1	34.122	33.932	33.582	33.582 FTD
JBL	<ul> <li>Haylee Terrill</li> </ul>	470365		Margay Brava Cadet		54.598	53.286	53.258	48.957	47.5831	47.531
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#### SALINA REGION SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP 2015

	SALINA REGI	юм М	FMBF	R Points f	ollov	vina N	No-Sun Sunda	ıv	* F	AS RUN THE MIN	JIMU	м 4 го	CAL EVENTS	
SS-R	Fred Johnson•	31									 		Γ Abner Perney•	12
	Frank Wietharn	12	For	most of the season	all co	mpetitor	rs are listed. Howev	er, on	ily Salina	Region members		SMF	Anthony Toben	12
	Jim French•	9	are	eligible for champion	nship a	awards a	and must be memb	ers be	efore Oc	t. 1. As of Oct. 1 all			John Herrman	9
AS	Ken Kennedy•	21	1	non-member points a	are str	ipped. A	ssociate Membersl	hips a	re for the	e calendar year.		XP	John Hensleigh	12
	James Green	12		Associate Member	ships	receive	d Oct. 1 or later are	aood	for the f	ollowing vear.		XPL	Ruth Hensleigh	12
	Joey Green	7						3				FM	Brad Smith	12
BS	John LaRandeau•	36		Susan Puls•	16		Charles Wilson•	12		Tami Goltz•	7	KM	Srdjan Ortiz•	36
	Ryan Estes	18		Caitlyn Entriken•	12		Craig Carlson	9		Kyle Huddleston	6		Janner Ortiz	9
BSL	Ann LaRandeau•	36	FS	Radlee Bien	33	STU	Robert Pendergest	12		Geoff Bradbeer	5		Artt Mann•	7
CS	Steve Swartz•	12		James Hund	21	STO8	Lance Cochran•	12		Ronald Roesler	2	JA	Conner Herrick•	12
DS	Dennis Smirh•	33		Clint Holmes•	9		James Lewis	12	STO4	Broc Ball	21	JB	Mason Herrick•	12
	Ron Williams	12		Abner Perney•	7		Dakota Campbell	9		Brent Pinnecoose	14	JBL	Haylee Terrill•	21
DSL	Nancy Smith•	36	HS	Russell Blume•	12		Dustin Nead•	9		George Roloson	12		Samantha Terrill•	12
ES	Rocky Entriken•	31	HSL	Laney Blume•	12	STO8L	Suzanne Scott-Holmes•	36		Joel Stocksdale	12	Wild	Lance Cochran•	25
	Bill Preheim•	19	STF	Greg Reno	12	STO6	Adam Mounivong•	21		Wesley Cantrell.	9		Abner Perney•	19
	Randy Puls•	19		Jeremy Salenius	9		Victor Kinderknecht	13		Daryl Robles•	9		Dustin Nead•	18
	William Knudsen•	18		J.Douglas Patterson	7		Tianyu Lin	12		David Vargas	6	† - ha	as run 3 classes	
	Lance Cochran•	13	STS	Monte Rans•	36		Hector Pena	12		Steve Crispin	5			
	Jared Adamson	6	STX	Gavin Cumming	24		Christopher Hund	10	ESP	Rodney Walters•	36			
ESL	Connie Preheim•	33		Daniel Rowland	16		Chendi Cao	9		Dustin Nead•	9			

"For me at least [skid control] is a very complicated dance of feeling what the car is doing and trying to decide where it is I think I can convince it not to go" —Eric Brown

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Class	Driver	Mem.	Car	Make R	un 1 R	Run 2 Ru	ın 3 Rı	ın 4 Rı	ın 5 E	<u>Best</u>	
SS·R	Fred Johnson	98627	26	Corvette	52.103	51.374	49.592	49.205	49.228	49.205	
AS	<ul> <li>James Green</li> </ul>	469552	126	Corvette	42.789	44.189	46.920	45.435	44.194	42.789	
	Ken Kennedy	370024	68	Corvette	43.458	45.654+1	47.044	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	43.458	
	Joey Green	469553	26	Corvette	42.470+2	2 43.389+1	45.315+2	45.056+1	D.N.S.	45.389	
BS	<ul> <li>John LaRandeau</li> </ul>	62606	92	Audi TT Quattro	41.356	40.473	40.666	40.961	41.454	40.473	FFTD
	Ryan Estes	444737	41	Honda S2000	46.226	45.672+1	45.002	45.231+3	51.317+2	45.002	
BSL	<ul> <li>Ann LaRandeau</li> </ul>	144250	92	Audi TT Quattro	43.375	42.915	42.237	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	42.237	FL
DS	<ul> <li>Dennis Smith</li> </ul>	301907-1	6	Subaru Impreza WRX	44.252+1	1 43.288	43.335	42.822+1	42.162+1	43.288	
DSL	<ul> <li>Nancy Smith</li> </ul>	301907-2	9	Subaru Impreza WRX	44.955	46.252	44.669	45.117	44.357+1	44.669	
ES	Bill Preheim	226858	1	Mazda Miata	43.517+1	1 43.203	41.443	41.555	42.082	41.443	
	<ul> <li>David Knudsen</li> </ul>	417683	7	Mazda Miata	44.726+2	2 43.122+2	43.063+1	42.967	D.N.F.	42.967	
	Rocky Entriken	19814-1	4	Mazda Miata	46.967	46.230	47.088	45.627	45.700+1	45.627	
	Lance Cochran	484098	1	Mazda Miata	49.225	48.066	47.713	47.817+2	50.033+1	47.713	
	Randy Puls	474644	8	Mazda Miata	50.127	51.047	65.222+3	52.694	49.999+1	50.127	
ESL	<ul> <li>Connie Preheim</li> </ul>	411440	11	Mazda Miata	46.572+1	1 46.697	47.889	47.743	48.107	46.697	
	Susan Puls	474645	_	Mazda Miata	54.098	56.361+1	55.756	54.696	81.902+1	54.098	
FS	<ul> <li>James Hund</li> </ul>		454	Cadillac CTS	45.302+2	2 45.274	44.046	44.082	46.075	44.046	
	Radlee Bien	431468	_	Camaro SS	43.183+2	2 45.115+2	41.998+2	42.875+1	44.007+1	44.875	
STS	<ul> <li>Monte Rans</li> </ul>	412198	34	Honda CRX Si	41.625	43.997+3	43.675+1	52.027	42.362+1	41.625	
STX	<ul> <li>Gavin Cumming</li> </ul>		21	Mazdaspeed 3	48.804+1	1 D.N.F.	49.491	48.729	51.253+3	48.729	
	Daniel Rowland	462748	32	BMW 328is	49.895	49.606	48.994+2	49.119	D.N.F.	49.119	
STO8	<ul> <li>James Lewis</li> </ul>		9	Mustang GT	43.517+2	2 47.315+2	49.035+1	48.413	55.535+3	47.517	
	Dakota Campbell		10	Camaro	57.007	55.582	52.786	52.833+1	63.630	52.786	
STO8L	<ul> <li>Suzanne Scott-Holmes</li> </ul>	484775	35	Camaro	46.930+3		45.306+3	47.297+1	46.646	46.646	
STO6	<ul> <li>Hector Pena</li> </ul>		21	Lexus RC	48.517+1		44.871	45.111+1	44.687	44.687	
	<ul> <li>Adam Mounivong</li> </ul>	470439	12	Mazda RX8	48.362+1		D.N.F.	45.904+1	45.303	45.303	
	<ul> <li>Tami Goltz</li> </ul>	484779	13	Dodge SRT-4	46.689+1		45.441+1	44.910+1	45.495	45.495	
	Kyle Huddleston		24	Mustang	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	47.159	46.025	45.675+1	46.025	
	Geoff Bradbeer		25	Camaro	51.492	46.757+1	44.520+3	44.329+2	45.653+3	48.329	
	Victor Kinderknecht		23	Mustang	48.676	D.N.F.	50.145	50.786	48.984+1	48.676	
	Christopher Hund		9	Dodge Charger	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	49.257	48.806	52.714	48.806	
	Ronald Roesler		29	Nissan 370Z	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.S.	45.139+4	53.139	
STO4	<ul> <li>Broc Ball</li> </ul>	473599	11		44.144	D.N.F.	43.307+1	43.181+1	44.660	44.144	
	<ul> <li>Wesley Cantrell</li> </ul>	475213	96	Mazda 3	48.580+1		45.240+1	44.660+1	44.846	44.846	
	Brent Pinnecoose		47	Volkswagen Scirocco	50.871	51.207	50.485	49.044	48.178	48.178	
	David Vargas		102	Scion TC	D.N.F.	53.534	50.289	50.320+1	56.960+1	50.289	
	Steve Crispin		87	Mitsubishi Galant VR4	58.844	56.762	55.885	53.715	53.041	53.041	
ESP	<ul> <li>Rodney Walters</li> </ul>	379225	35	Mustang	46.107	48.376+1	52.078+1	49.209+1	D.N.F.	46.107	
CAM·T	<ul> <li>Abner Perney</li> </ul>	109784	_	Ford Falcon	48.817	48.820	49.008	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	48.817	
XP	<ul> <li>John Hensleigh</li> </ul>			VW Beetle-Subaru	49.885	47.415	47.083	47.047+3	47.485+2		
XPL	<ul> <li>Ruth Hensleigh</li> </ul>			VW Beetle-Subaru	49.263+4	4 5175+1	52.228	50.860	49.723+2	50.860	
KM	Srdjan Ortiz	469365		TrackMagic Diablo	45.274	D.N.F.	44.032	40.857	40.177	40.177	FTD
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Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day; teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks. -Gyy Roberts

I plan to live forever ... so far so good. —Steven Wright

The only job where you start at the top is digging a hole. —Anon.



## **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.

#### PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

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Topeka, KS 66619-0400

Please indicate the area of SCCA in which you plan to participate, or interests you the most. (please check only one box)    Club Racing   Time Trials/PDX   Rally   RallyCross   Solo   Vintage   Pro Racing	PLEASE PRINT OR THE	
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# Just Idling Around —ABNER PERNEY

It has been 16 months since I submitted one of these journal type articles. I blame a lot of that on 2014 not being a very good year for my family. But now the truth is, that as a member of the Great Baby-Boomer generation, the last great car-oriented generation of society, the last booming Middle Class generation, and the greatest consumer generation, I can't help but carry on. So here is a brief summary of my automobile adventures 2014-2015.

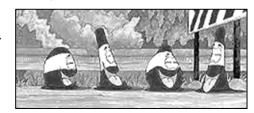
We made a two week great western USA road trip in August to visit my uncle on the occasion of his 85th birthday. There are so many interesting routes that it was really hard to decide. To add to the adventure, we left Denver with our granddaughter and daughter—in-law on board. Upon arrival in California, we picked up our two sons, and the six of us motored around the Paso Robles area for four days visiting relatives and then put the sons back on planes, and we drove a few more days back to Denver. The vehicle for this was a 100,000 plus mile Dodge Grand Caravan. It had the advantage of plenty of room, electric side doors and hatch and all the things that are considered basic these days.

The route decisions revolved around the question of how many hours a day do we want to spend in a car with a 5-year-old? And what places shall we stop for exercise and fun? It worked out surprisingly well. The first stop and tactical error occurred in Vail when I whipped into the first parking garage I saw. I should have recognized something was not quite normal when I parked across from an Audi R8 and a beautifully restored BMW 2002tii with Colorado Grand decals on the doors. But we had a nice walk around the town center, some coffee, and all was well until I found out it was a private garage with a \$12 minimum. If I had hit the Public Garage it would have been only \$2. After that, the trip just got better and more fun, though a few other places required some almighty dollars.

We only went about 350 miles per day, and we chose some of the most isolated two-lane highways in the west, rather than hammer down the interstates. There is a lot of beautiful unoccupied and formerly occupied countryside in the USA. The list of places we went and sights we saw over 4400 miles is too long to recount today. I'm "Just Sayin'," get out on the roads less traveled and see some of the country.

What ever happened to Mitsubishi Motors in the USA? It seems to be fading, except that other manufacturers from Audi through Toyota have been copying the grill style introduced on the Evo years ago. The grill that just runs through the bumper is now on Lexus and Camry! They do lack fresh models, except for the new Mirage. It has been panned by nearly every reviewer as being too slow and too crude for a modern car, and no one likes

to mention that it is the highest gas mileage non-hybrid available. The 3 cylinder Ford Fiesta Ecoboost barely edges it in highway mileage, 45 to 44, but lags by 3 mph in the overall EPA estimate. Fiesta 37, Mirage 40. Then there is the price. The Mirage



is cheap, and they have been giving \$1000 rebates. Mirage has no front grill at all, and its styling does lack distinction. It looks a lot like a Mazda 2 from the front, and like a Honda Fit from the side and rear. It really may be decent value for someone that needs an economical general purpose car. I have been passed by one near Denver, when I was doing a solid 80 mph, so detractors be damned, it is fast enough for modern traffic.

I was slightly disappointed that Ford didn't have a full blown 50th anniversary intro of the new Mustang to match the original. Back on April 17 of '64, every dealer had one or more to display on opening day and production was rolling so that they set a one-year sales record of more than 400,000 cars sold. It was September or later before 2015 Mustangs were readily available.

In other new car developments, I helped the local Lincoln dealer conduct a "Driven to Give Back" promo, using the region's cones. I was able to drive almost all of the current Lincoln line-up, plus a loaded example of the new Aluminum F-150 on a very short autocross-type course.

My favorites were the MKZ with 3.7 V-6, which is the sportiest driving sedan, the MKC , which is the newest model, a compact SUV that is very well appointed and is offered with the choice of two turbo 4 cylinders, the 2.0 and the 2.3 as in the Mustang Ecoboost; and finally the quickest accelerating, the big wagon/crossover/almost van, MKT with the 3.5 Ecoboost.

For personal driver a nice old 2006 Cadillac CTS went through the local wholesale auction and I bought it, primarily because I always liked the size and looks, and I suddenly thought that I've never owned a Cadillac, so maybe it was time, since I am old enough. I decided to run it in at least one Solo, even though it is horribly underpowered for the FS class, because at 2.8 liters it is the smallest engine they offered.

The April 18-19 Solos turned out to be fun little 2-lappers. Saturday I did indeed drive the low-powered Caddy in F Street. The big surprise was the new CTS with the 3.6 twin turbo and magnetronic – Corvette style active suspension that beast was fast, driven by James Hund.

First day, with good weather, Radlee Bien, 2014 FS Champion, was able to win in his SS Camaro, which only seems right, but on the second day, with rain, the CTS with all wheel drive took the trophy. Sunday I pulled the old 1968 Ford Falcon Futura Sport Coupe out of storage and did three runs in CAM-T, which I won, unopposed, of course. The old economy car is probably not as good as the underpowered Caddy, but it sounds fast with its moderately muffled 289, and it has Old Car Charm. I was pleased that it didn't blow up, or suffer tire failure. The tires may be about 12 years old.

Highlight of the day was that Ron Roesler, novice, had trouble finding the course and asked me to show him how to find it in his pristine, low mileage Nissan 2009 370Z. So I parked the Falcon, jumped into the driver's seat, at the start line, and took off, like I knew what I was doing though that was the first time I had even sat in the car! Knocked off a respectable 42.9 (and 3 cones). That, boys and girls, is the sure sign of a great modern car. It was wonderful fun. Unfortunately, the second run was no better,

because I am still Salina's most experienced novice. I had the same go-slower-every-time Novice Blues in the Falcon, too. Maybe someday I should attend a school.

Tune in next time, May 3. I expect to drive a different car, but don't know what. Let's all be surprised. Happy Trails, —Abner

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#### SCCA Membership notes:

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.

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, receiving newsletters and participating in their programs. These are "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, Divisional points or to compete in major SCCA events.

#### 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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