

# The Write Line

~ September 2015 ~



Rodney Walters, ESP Mustang (Lizzie Enlow-Brown photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

## Regional Executive Views REVIEWS

Well, a month later, and I still don't know what happened. I have learned, however, that I am unable to mow the lawn yet. This week makes 12 weeks since I fell off my motor scooter, and it appears that I still have months of healing and therapy remaining.

I did enjoy seeing some of you at our Test & Tune last Saturday, and I'm really hoping to rejoin the fun next season. Perhaps by spring time the FSPridget will be ready to play.

Wichita Region and the Salina Region each have two Solos coming up in September, and they are on the same dates. This is the Third Consecutive R.E. Challenge, which happens Sept. 20 at the Sunflower Aerodrome (aka the former Hutchinson Naval Air Station) in Yoder, and Sept. 27 when Salina returns the courtesy at our East Crawford Recreation Area site.

The R.E. Challenge is unique in that each round, the first at Yoder and the second at Salina, is scored by each Region as a normal regional Solo in its own championships. However, there is also a composite scoring, using PAX factor times, to declare a winning region.

Obviously, numbers count. Here's hoping Salina can muster all of its active (and healthy) autocrossers to

drive to Yoder on the 20th to help Salina accumulate points and win the coveted R.E. Challenge Cup (for once). See the note on Page 3 for directions.

Pre-registration for Wichita's event is on MotorsportsReg, just like ours, so if you have an MSR account it works to sign up for their event. Or you can find it from a link on [www.wichitascca.org](http://www.wichitascca.org), on the "solo" page. Get there early because their on-site registration **closes** at 9 a.m. The way their event works, you find yourself a paddock spot and unload your car, go to registration, then take your car to tech. Yes, they also have loaner helmets for those needing.

The R.E. Challenge is a chance to autocross at another site, with concrete grip similar to our own but somewhat wider permitting some different course elements. It's also an opportunity to hobnob with Wichita's drivers, many of whom are regular visitors at our events.

Last year the scoring ranked the top 20 from each region on PAX times – a factor which theoretically equalizes all classes so whether you run A Mod or H Street, you're on the same level playing field.

The more drivers we have there, the better our chances. And it scores as a regular Salina Region event in our championship as well. Be there!

The best to all,  
—Bill Preheim

~ ~ Next Events: Annual Wichita/Salina Challenge ~ ~

**R.E. Challenge 1 - Yoder - Sept. 20**

**Preregister – use link at [www.wichitascca.org/Sololl.html](http://www.wichitascca.org/Sololl.html)**

On-site Registration closes 9:00 ~ Driver's Meeting 9:45

**R.E. Challenge 2 - Salina - Sept. 27**

**East Crawford Recreation Area**

**Pre-register – use link at [www.salinascga.com](http://www.salinascga.com) (save \$5)**

On-site Registration opens 8:30, closes 10:00 ~ Course open to walk by 9:00

Novice coursewalk 10:00 ~ Driver's meeting 10:30 ~ Cars on course by 11:00

**Next  
Business Meeting**

Sept. 27  
After event

**Legends Bar & Grill  
Quality Inn  
W. Crawford & I-135**

*Business meetings  
are open to all  
members and guests*



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## Salina Region Schedule ~ 2015

All at East Crawford Recreation Area unless noted elsewhere

**Event**  
 Sep 20 - Solo: R.E. Challenge 15.1  
 Sep 27 - Solo: R.E. Challenge 15.2  
 Oct 11 - Solo: Octoberfest 26  
 Nov 1 - Solo

**Chair**  
 Wichita Region – in Yoder  
 Bill Preheim  
 Salina Region Board  
 Rocky Entriem

### MiDiv



### SPS/R&S MiDiv Solo Series - 2015

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

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

## MEETING MINUTES

(Subject to correction and approval at the next Salina Region board meeting)

August 29, 2015

Salina Region SCCA Aug. 29, 2015, meeting was called to order by R.E. Bill Preheim at 3:30 p.m. at Evans Field, East Crawford Recreation Area, Salina, Ks. Board members present were Rocky Entriem, Dennis and Nancy Smith, Monte Rans, Bill and Connie Preheim, Artt Mann, and Ken Kennedy. Guests were Susan Puls, Radley Bien, Haylee Terrill and Sandy Entriem.

The July 5, 2015 minutes were presented and approved unanimously. Motion to approve by Dennis, seconded by Artt.

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

**Special recognition** - On behalf of the SCCA Club, Rocky welcomed Bill Preheim back to the meeting and to his position of R.E. Bill has been successfully recovering from his recent motorcycle accident.

**Old Business** - Safety steward training - Six individuals have volunteered to participate in safety steward training. Dennis is working on final scheduling arrangements.

Status report on Web management and registration processing - David was not present. Bill will call both Adam and David to determine the process being made toward the transition. Radley volunteered to assist with Web management if needed.

MiDiv solo treasury report - Payment from division for the 2014 Ft. Riley event has still not been received. Rocky is in contact with SCCA and is coordinating efforts to secure release of the funds from an Iowa-based Wells Fargo holding account.

**New Business** - Vehicle tech inspector - No specific training is required to do car tech inspections.

Salina proposed dog park - Report given by Ken on his discussion with Dion Louthan, City of Salina Parks and Recreation Director, regarding the coordination for racing events and the operation of the proposed dog park at the southeast end of ECRA. Ken will continue to coordinate with the city regarding this matter.

**Next meeting** - Sunday, September 27, 2015 immediately following the day's event.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Submitted by: Ken Kennedy, secretary

# 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

Sep 5-6 ..... ProSolo @ Lincoln, Neb.  
 Sep 13..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City  
 Sep 20.\* .... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark  
 ..... Wichita @ Yoder  
 Sep 27.\* .... KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence  
 ..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City  
 Oct 4..... Wichita @ Yoder

## RALLYCROSS

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



# MiDiv Solo Championship

Lincoln, Neb. ~ Aug. 1-2, 2015

Good news/bad news from the Lincoln Divisional.

The bad news is Srdjan Ortiz's TrackMaster Diablo kart was stolen from the Quality Inn parking lot before the event. And it was reported Quality Inn staff were less than helpful to the police. It's a major blow to Srdjan's quest to become a professional racer.

The good news is his competitors, Bill and Janet Schmidt, gave Srdjan a ride in their kart and our boy came through to win the K Mod class.

Other Salina Region winners: Mason Herrick in JB, Mark Hill in STU, Ann LaRandeau in BSL, Don Knop in FS.

Also, Jim Hund trophied 3rd and Radlee Bien was 6th in a 10-car FS class; Joe Silva, Charles Wilson and Mike Herrick went 2-3-4 in an 8-car STX.

Other competitors included John LaRandeau, 3rd in BS; Jim French, 32rd in SS-R; Conner Herrick, 4th in JB.

All are entered in the SCCA Solo Nationals Sept. 8-11, as are David Avard, STS; Julie Avard, STSL; Rocky Entriiken, DM; Frank Finks, ASP, and Chris Hund, GS.



# Go to Yoder!

Let's have a good turnout of Salina Region drivers for this year's R.E. Challenge showdown against Wichita Region. It's two events, one at their site and one at ours. A scoring system determines region bragging rights and the Challenge Cup.

The Yoder site is on a runway of the former Hutchinson Naval Air Station, an easy drive south from Salina on I-135, then K-61 (second McPherson exit) to Hutchinson.

Just at the outskirts of Hutch, take a sharp left at 17th Street onto Airport Road, which becomes Yoder Road. Go about six miles, then right on Red Rock Road through downtown Yoder and about 2¼ miles to what looks like a country driveway on the left (there may be a small SCCA sign).

That's the entrance to the event site. It's gravel until you reach the end of the old runway. Note the 10 mph speed limit. You're driving past the owner's home and there may be children outside.

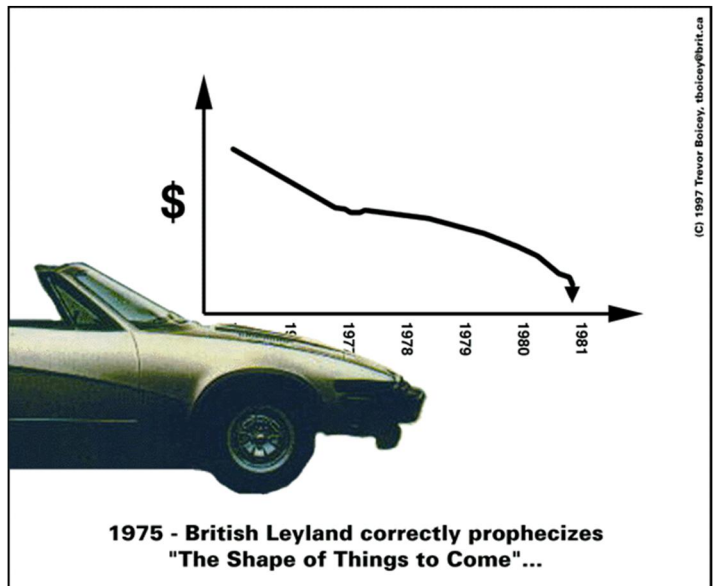
# Monterey Historics

Now known as the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, this annual event at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca brought out race cars from all generations to relive past glories Aug. 13-16

Among them, Salina Region member Rich Morrison and his 1939 Lagonda V12, which placed 3rd out of 28 cars in Group 1A for Pre-1940 Sports Racing and Touring.

# Utterly Obscure British Car Humour

Nothing more need be said of the debut of the Triumph TR7.



# Très Bien

Your esteemed editor was informed Sunday that I'd been mispronouncing Radlee Bien's name all this time, which is a particular peeve of mine. I like to get names right, spelled or spoken. It's "Bean." I'd been giving it the French pronunciation – bee-yen.

Which belies the fact that Radlee's event was, indeed, *très bien*. Wacky slalom, medium slalom, high-speed crossover into a Chicago Box (without box) approached from the back side, offset turnaround into another ChiBox, crossover again, a wiggle and a long 60-foot slalom to finish. Very technical course with some speed thrown in. 50-second runs for most of us, only five drivers got into the 40s and four of those were in the second heat.

FFTD, however, fell in the first heat to Ron Williams' DS Mini Cooper at 47.676. He went quicker (46.769) on funruns in the second heat as he was doing a comparison test on new tires, and quicker still with two shots in Monte Rans' CRX (46.467) but those didn't count officially.

But FFTD was no runaway. Mark Hill made sure of that in his STU Evo. Consider, Mark's quickest run was only 0.010 sec slower than Ron's. But it gets better, Both of them coned faster runs – Ron throwing away a 47.425 and Mark tossing a 47.428 – just 0.003 apart!

FTD was Srdjan Ortiz, pounding out a 42.996 in his newly acquired Monaco GP6 (an Australian-built kart), which replaces the TrackMagic Diablo stolen earlier this month from a Quality Inn parking lot in Lincoln, Neb. (this franchise has clearly lost its quality). They're still working on setup for the new kart but clearly it's quick!

Fast Lady was also a close contest, with Ann LaRondeau posting a 52.875 with the BSL Audi TT, 0.594 quicker than Nancy Smith in a CAM-CL Cobra.

The largest classes were BS and ES, both won by fairly generous margins. John LaRondeau's Audi ruled BS by 3.7 sec, while Rocky Entriken's Miata took ES by 1.4 sec.

The closest in-class battle came in AS where Larry Brady outran Ken Kennedy by 0.621 sec.

Did anybody find a couple of floor mats left up by the stadium?  
They belong to Karl Brode's BMW and have the logo "Z4" on them.

## SALINA REGION SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP • 2015

• SALINA REGION MEMBER		Points following Très Bien				* HAS RUN THE MINIMUM 4 LOCAL EVENTS							
SS-R	Fred Johnson• * 76	<i>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. As of 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 following year.</i>						ESP	Rodney Walters• * 96				
	Frank Wietharn 24												Lewis Hudgings 9
	Jim French• 9												Dustin Nead• 9
SS	Iain Mannix 12												Michael Walters 9
	Ann Criqui 9												
AS	Ken Kennedy• * 66						FSP	Aaron Loggan 12					
	LarryBrady 21		Jerry Lowe 6		Gavin Cumming 24		SSM	Dhruvil Shah 12					
	David Green 12		Mike Lowe 5		Charles Wilson• 24		SMF	Anthony Toben 12					
	James Green 12	ESL	Susan Puls• * 73		Douglas Hitchcock 12			John Herrman 9					
	Joey Green 7		Connie Preheim• * 45		Garrett Boillot 9		XP	John Hensleigh 24					
BS	John LaRandeau• * 72		Caitlyn Entriken• 12		Craig Carlson 9			James Cahill 12					
	Ryan Estes 18	FS	James Hund• * 66		Sonja Hitchcock 9			Douglas Patterson 9					
	Karl Brode 9		Radlee Bien• * 64		Nathaniel Hamm 6		XPL	Ruth Hensleigh 24					
	James Green 9		Clint Holmes• * 34	STU	Mark Hill• 24		DP	Eric Brown 12					
	Joel Weide 7		Abner Perney• 13		Jonathan Moss 12		FM	Brad Smith 12					
BSL	Ann LaRandeau• * 72		Kurt Ewert 6		Robert Pendergest 12		BM	Nick Roberts 12					
CS	Steve Swartz• 36	GS	Christopher Hund• * 57		Cesaray Jusino 9	STO4		Rachel Saunders 9					
	David Knudsen• 12		Tim Harmon• 12	STO8	Dustin Nead• 30		KM	Srdjan Ortiz• * 72					
	Jim Myers 12	HS	Don Herrick• 24		James Lewis 24			Artt Mann• * 37					
CSL	Sara Rans 12		Russell Blume• 21		Steven Schrag 21			Brian Hagen• 12					
DS	Dennis Smirh• * 66		Russell Boylan 12		Lance Cochran• 12			Janner Ortiz 9					
	Ron Williams 24		Greg Cheney 12		Clint Holmes• 12		JA	Conner Herrick• 12					
	Bill Dayton• 18	HSL	Laney Blume• 12		Dakota Campbell 9		JB	Mason Herrick• 12					
	Chris Bergevine 12	STF	Broc Ball• 12		Scott Wood 9		JBL	Haylee Terrill• * 63					
	Natasha Bergevine 7		Jacob Lynn 12		Greg McGehee 7			Samantha Terrill• 36					
DSL	Nancy Smith• * 72		Greg Reno 12	STO8L	Suzanne Scott-Holmes• * 60		Wild	William Knudsen• 42					
ES	Rocky Entriken• * 85		Jeremy Salenius 9	STO6	Hector Peña * 52			Dustin Nead• 39					
	Randy Puls• * 60		J.Douglas Patterson 7		David Vargas 6			Victor Kinderknecht 38					
	Bill Preheim• 31	STR	Jason Stockton 12		George Gonzales 29			Lance Cochran• 32					
	William Knudsen• 30	STS	Monte Rans• * 93		Adam Mounivong• 25			Abner Perney• † 31					
	Lance Cochran• 20		Christopher Rigsby 12		Ethan Branham• 22	CAM-T		James Green 21					
	Brian Tefft 7		Patrick Cowan 9		Victor Kinderknecht 19			Jacob Lynn 21					
	Jared Adamson 6	STX	Daniel Rowland * 44		Geoff Bradbeer 14	CAM-C		Kyle Huddleston 19					
					Amanda Reynolds 14	CAM-CL							
							† - has run 3 classe						

80% of success is showing up — Woody Allen

The thrill is not just winning, but the courage to join the race. —Helena Johnson

Dead last is greater than did-not-finish, which trumps did-not-start. —anon



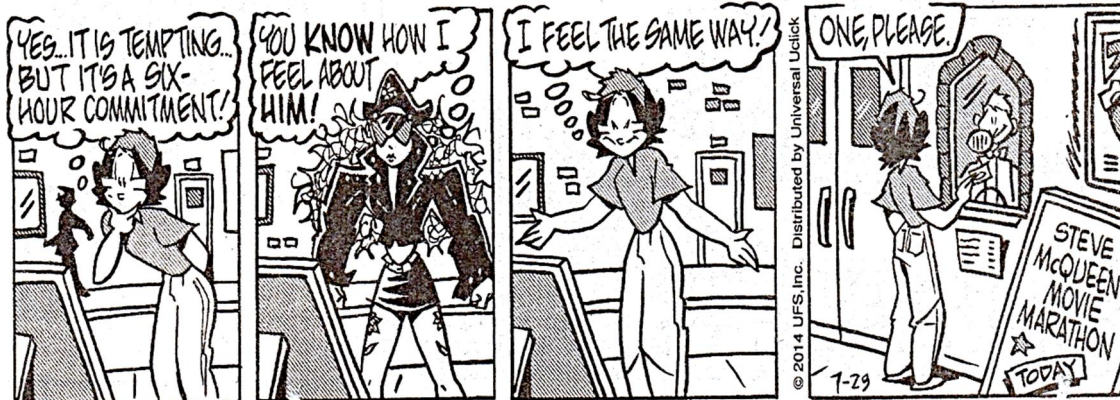
# Très Bien

Salina Region SCCA ~ August 30, 2015 ~ ECRA, Salina

Class	Driver	Mem.	Car	Make	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Best
SS-R	• Fred Johnson	98627	26	Corvette	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	54.501	54.501
AS	• Larry Brady	481774	80	Corvette Z06	53.025	D.N.F.	50.808	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	50.808
	• Ken Kennedy	370024	68	Corvette	55.615	52.601	53.077	52.053	51.429	51.429
BS	• John LaRondeau	62606	92	Audi TT Quattro	52.170	50.577	50.414+1	50.669	50.234	50.234
	• Karl Brode	491406	44	BMW Z4	56.488	53.966	53.666+1	D.N.F.	53.761+1	53.966
	• Joel Weide	—	74	Corvette	D.N.F.	83.994	68.441	D.N.F.	69.209	68.441
BSL	• Ann LaRondeau	144250	92	Audi TT Quattro	54.331	52.742+1	52.587+1	52.875	52.943	52.875 FL
DS	• Ron Williams (*funruns)	227464	97	Mini Cooper	46.781	46.769	47.029	—	—	46.769
	• Ron Williams	227464	97	Mini Cooper	48.090	48.221+1	47.676	47.564+2	47.425+1	47.676 FFTD
	• Bill Dayton	262179	66	Chevrolet Cobalt SS	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.
ES	• Rocky Entriiken	19814-1	4	Mazda Miata	53.034+2	D.N.F.	52.940	52.670	52.639+1	52.670
	• Randy Puls	474644	8	Mazda Miata	58.231	56.656	55.964	54.880+1	54.088	54.088
	• Brian Tefft	—	13	Mazda Miata	57.475	55.776	57.198+1	56.966	55.046+1	55.776
ESL	• Susan Puls	474645	33	Mazda Miata	66.438	63.768	63.773	63.513	62.511	62.511
FS	• Radlee Bien	431468	65	Camaro SS	53.459+1	53.305	52.296	53.504	51.543	51.543
GS	• Christopher Hund	488138	9	Dodge Charger	55.342	54.329+2	55.520	54.892	54.616	54.616
HS	• Don Herrick	458722	8	Ford Fiesta ST	56.565+1	56.069	55.253	54.935	D.N.F.	54.935
STF	• Broc Ball	473599	11	Acura RSX Type S	53.642	52.808	52.059	51.788	51.960	51.788
STS	• Ron Williams (*funruns)	227464	134	Honda CRX Si	—	—	—	47.507+1	46.467	46.467
	• Monte Rans	412198	34	Honda CRX Si	52.348	49.677+1	50.493+1	51.124+4	49.956+1	51.677
STX	• Charles Wilson	414239	68	Subaru BRZ Ltd	49.092+1	D.N.F.	49.022	48.933	48.155+5	48.933
	• Daniel Rowland	462248	32	BMW 328is	55.161+1	54.275+1	54.584	53.641	53.870	53.641
STU	• Mark Hill	336171	45	Mitsubishi Evo IX	D.N.F.	48.810	47.524+2	47.686	47.428+2	47.686
STO8	• Clint Holmes	484776	17	Corvette	60.256	55.273	55.073	53.550+1	52.693	52.693
	• Dustin Nead	483601	83	Pontiac GTO	61.786	59.183	58.157	59.604	58.066	58.066
STO6	• Hector Peña	—	11	Lexus RC	56.773	57.162+1	56.223	54.707	54.144	54.144
	• Ethan Branham	490179	33	Nissan 350Z	63.621	60.051+2	59.461+1	60.332	59.153	59.153
CAM-T	• Bob Lambert	131970	11	Plymouth GTX	58.193	57.097	D.N.F.	55.008	53.824+1	55.008
CAM-C	• Dennis Smith	301907-1	6	Mustang Cobra	51.978	52.443	51.287+1	52.365+1	51.406	51.406
CAM-CL	• Nancy Smith	301907-2	9	Mustang Cobra	54.607+1	53.437+1	54.329	53.469	53.791	53.469
ESP	• Rodney Walters	379225	35	Mustang	D.N.F.	49.537	49.328	D.N.F.	49.071	49.071
SSM	• Dhruvil Shah	488514	33	Mazda Miata	58.222	54.539	54.754+1	54.387	53.810	53.810
KM	• Srdjan Ortiz	469365	17	Monaco GP6	45.465	44.577	D.N.F.	43.905	42.996	42.996 FTD
	• Artt Mann	236415	88	TrackMagic	79.870+1	60.911+1	60.518	62.200	D.N.S.	60.518
JBL	• Haylee Terrill	470365	99	Margay Brava Cadet	68.685	65.828	64.586	60.887	59.047	59.047

• = Trophy    FTD - Fast Time Of Day    FFTD - Fast Fender    FL - Fast Lady    \* = Paid Fun Runs

## Rose Is Rose



(For those who don't see this strip, The biker chick is Rose's fantasy alter ego.)



# 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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

### Primary Interest:

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

### Membership Dues:

(Includes Salina Region dues -- \$15 for individual members, family members including spouse are free with payment of National dues)

	1 year	2 years	3 years		1 year	2 years	3 years	
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$80	\$140	\$200	<input type="checkbox"/> First Gear	\$45	\$75	\$95	(Age 24 and under)
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$100	\$180	\$245	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	Same as individual or family			
(includes children under age 21)				(Then apply for a rebate, see below)				

### Amount Due

Membership Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Weekend Membership #1 \_\_\_\_\_ -\$15.00

Weekend Membership #2 \_\_\_\_\_ -\$15.00

Referred by SCCA Member \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ -\$15.00

First / Last Name & Member Number REQUIRED

TOTAL DUE \$ \_\_\_\_\_

~~I will become a member in the region I reside in or place me in the **Salina** region.~~  
**By accepting membership in the SCCA and any SCCA Region I agree to conduct myself according to the highest standards of behavior and sportsmanship in a manner that shall not be prejudicial to the reputation of the Club or fellow members.**

Applicant's Name (Signature Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Date (Required) \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Method: ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order

Visa/MasterCard (only) Acct# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_

Applications submitted by fax must be accompanied by a Visa or MasterCard account number for payment.

Dues include payment for subscription To SportsCar (\$24 value)

Dues are not deductible as charitable contributions)

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### Military Discount

If you are in active United States Military service, you qualify for a \$35 rebate making your total dues just \$45 (\$65 for family). After joining the SCCA and receiving your membership card, then mail, fax, or email a copy of your active duty orders or military identification card to:

Military Rebate

SCCA Inc.

P.O. Box 19400

Topeka, KS 66619-0400

Fax: (785) 232-7213

Email: [militaryrebate@scca.com](mailto:militaryrebate@scca.com)

\* Military deployed to hazardous duty areas are eligible to have their dues waived by contacting SCCA.



# Just Idling Around

—ABNER PERNEY

The strangest effect of the past couple years' efforts to squander North American oil reserves as fast as possible by drilling, fracking, and wasting natural gas by just flaring it at the well site is that not only has retail gasoline stayed well below last year's price – at this writing still about a dollar a gallon lower, but diesel has fallen below regular gas for the first time in a long, long time. What this means is that Volkswagen's diesel cars are back to being competitive with most gas hybrids, when you look at fuel cost per mile and at the cost of the vehicle. There are some environmentalists that claim that diesel is actually better than gas-hybrid because you don't have the exotic metallurgy and related processing and disposal costs needed to produce the batteries and high-efficiency electric motors.

Then there is the market dropping the value of the totally electric Nissan Leaf to practically nothing compared to conventional economy cars of similar size and quality. A 2013 Leaf can be had under \$10,000 under 20,000 miles. You can't come close to that with any Toyota, Honda, Ford, Subaru or Mazda. On the other hand, pickups and SUVs remain pricey.

In the car show circuit, I entered the KKOA Leadsled Spectacular with Adam's 1968 Ford Country Squire 428 wagon. Big old wagons seemed to be on the rise in popularity at the show. There were more than 20. They ranged from a pristine unrestored original 1957 Mercury to a couple of fairly rough project cars. My favorite oddity was a Wilson Traveler Kar Kamper, built in Wilson, Kan., in the late '50s and early '60s. The camper is similar to a pickup slide-in, but it fits in the trunk and on a roof rack on a standard size car! It was displayed on a 1959 Edsel.

The next weekend, I was in Estes Park, Colo.'s Cool Cruise-In, which occurs 3 times a summer. It is a small local show that still

manages to turn out some outstanding automobiles. It featured a 2012 Morgan 3, which was the first one I ever saw in the metal. But my favorite was a very near stock well-restored Studebaker Champ pickup from 1963. Besides being a much more comfortable size than today's ridiculously high full sized trucks, it featured a period correct supercharged V-8 engine! The man who restored it told me only two factory supercharged pickups were built originally, and neither is on the show circuit. One was originally for Andy Granatelli, who led Studebaker's efforts to

set 27 land speed records at Bonneville in the '60s. The version in the show featured all Studebaker parts, except for recent chrome wheels.

I was disappointed with my 2014 Mustang, even though it garnered favorable comments from perfect strangers on the street and performed well at the one and only autocross I entered with it. The problem was that I could never get the seat adjusted to be comfy for a long drive. It always ended up forcing me into a hunchbacked condition – which an old guy doesn't need. This was with the premium interior power seat and power lumbar. It seems the headrest can't be adjusted far enough back to suit me, and the upper back of the seat is heavily bolstered in a way that just doesn't work for my modest frame. I sold it but I haven't picked another autocross/personal car.

Here's my list of prospects, starting with wackiest first. Nissan Leaf, ought to be HS since it is essentially just an electric Versa. Mitsubishi Mirage most underpowered and under-blessed-by-the-magazines car available, but cheap. Chevy SS. The Holden-Corvette sedan, lauded by a few as the best luxury/performance sedan for the money on the American market, and being a Chevy completely out of character for me.

Another unlikely solo car, but possibly good enough for regional HS, would be a Dodge Dart 2.4 either SXT or GT or RT. But a sensible guy would just get an engine put back in his already proven 2001 Mazda Protégé. Did I mention Mazda? I love the looks of the late model Mazda 3 hatchback. Let's all hope I show up with something at our August event.

While driving around Colorado to meet my new grandson, Dexter Craig Perney, born July 30, I noted some trends. The highest concentrations of electric cars I've seen on the roads were between Estes Park, Nederland (epicenter of the successful effort to legalize marijuana – coincidence?), thence to Boulder and Golden and Lakewood. All Nissan Leafs and Teslas. I would expect there to be Ford Focus and Chevy Spark and Fiat 500e but they are very hard to distinguish at a glance from their gas counterparts. Other cars noticeably present were the aforementioned Mitsubishi Mirage, the new ugly but effective Ford Transit vans – all over Rocky Mountain National Park, The new Winnebago Travato which is a surprisingly attractive adaptation of the ugly Fiat Ram ProVan as a class B motorhome.

I got a detailed tour of one. Very competitive with the similar looking Mercedes Sprinter motor homes for thousands less. It was a prime example of the tiny house/RV lifestyle packing everything two people really need into a 20

foot by 6.5 foot space – 130 square feet, fully self contained and self propelled!

In conclusion I want to say there were more younger people at the car shows I have recently attended, compared to the last couple years, indicating that the car culture is not quite dead after all. Also, the variety of interesting and sensible and fun car choices is expanding.

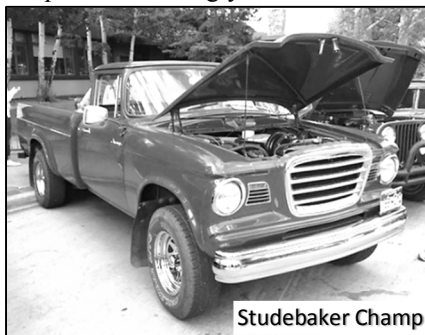
Play cars and Happy Trails!  
—Abner



Wilson Traveler on an Edsel



Morgan 3



Studebaker Champ

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