

The Write Line

~ April 2016 ~



Christopher Hund, GS Dodge Charger (Lizzie Enlow-Brown Photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

Regional Executive Views

The season has now officially started with our test and tune and first solo. We had 48 dedicated drivers for Sunday's autocross, many of whom – plus 11 who ran the test 'n tune only -- also braved Saturday's 25° temps and 35 mph winds to bring out some new cars, old cars and modified-from-last-year cars. This is a great indication of the potential participation for this new season. Hopefully someone will offer Mother Nature a Snickers bar to get her back to her nicer spring self.

For those of you that want to really hone your skills the Evolution School is being offered on Friday April 15 for Phase I, Saturday April 16 Phase II, and then the Challenge School on Sunday April 17. This is an excellent opportunity to be one on one with an instructor to help eliminate bad habits and develop good ones. Sounds like something I need to do after being severely schooled by two STS cars at our first event!!

There will also be solo events going on simultaneously Saturday and Sunday at the south end of the venue.

Another exciting upcoming event this year is the Mirror Khana which has been accepted as a Divisional Championship event. If you haven't participated in a Mirror Khana before you don't know what you are missing. No timing lights, only a finish line and a "three for free" cone rule, first car back wins – this event is like no other around. This is a double elimination event so with the practice runs

and bracket runs each driver is guaranteed at least four trips around the course. The more you win the more you drive. Typically this is a single day event but as a divisional the car count hopefully will require two days. The first day, Saturday June 5 will be registration, tech, and practice runs and Sunday June 6 will be competition. Make sure you watch for additional information as the date approaches.

See you on course,

—Monte Rans, Regional Executive



► Next Events ◀

Evolution Schools ~ April 15, 16, 17 ~ See Pg. 3

Twin Solos

April 16 & 17, 2016

East Crawford Recreation Area

Pre-register (save \$5) – use link at www.salinasc.ca.com

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

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

Next

Business Meeting

Saturday, Apr 16
After the event

**Location: under
the stadium**

(If there's no ballgame)

*Business meetings
are open to all
members and guests*



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Salina Region Schedule ~ 2016

All at East Crawford Recreation Area unless noted elsewhere

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Chair</u> |
|--|----------------------|
| April 15-17 – Evolution Schools (Friday-Phase 1 ~ Saturday-Phase 2 ~ Sunday-Challenge School) | Rocky Entriaken |
| April 16-17 – Twin Solos | Dhruvil Shah |
| May 15 – Solo | Brian Tefft |
| June 4-5 – Solo – Mirror Khana XXXVIII (Divisional Championship event, also Regional points event)) | Monte Rans |
| July 10 – Solo | Radlee Bien |
| Aug 7 – R.E. Challenge 16.1 | Abner Perney |
| Aug. 21 – R.E. Challenge 16.2 - Yoder | Wichita Region |
| Sep 11 – Solo | Clint Holmes |
| Oct 2 – Octoberfast 27 | Salina Region Board |
| Nov 6 – Solo | Suzanne Scott-Holmes |

MiDiv



SPS/R&S MiDiv Solo Series - 2016

Apr 30-May 1 — Heartland Park Topeka
June 4-5 — Salina (Mirror Khana XXXVIII)
June 25-26 — Neosho, Mo.
July 30-31 — Lincoln, Neb.

SCCA 2016 Solo Nationals ~ Sep. 7-10 ~ Lincoln, Neb.

MEETING MINUTES

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

No meeting in March





2016 Evolution Schools

If you're thinking of doing one or more of Salina Region's annual Evolution Schools, sign up now!

You'll believe it's the best money you can spend to make your car go faster.

The Phase 1 school is Friday April 15, followed by the Phase 2 school Saturday April 16, and the Challenge School Sunday April 17.

Registration is open at www.evoschool.com. Go to their website, enter Salina's zipcode 67401 (you may have to scroll down a bit), and the registration links for the three schools will pop to the top of the column.

Base price is \$260 for one school, with discounts for those taking two or all three schools. Click on the lowest level school you want and the drop-down message includes links to do additional schools and provide the discounts. The schools are open to anyone who wants to improve, not just SCCA members.

Before you begin throwing money at car parts, the first thing is to tune up the driver. **Phase 1** is the basics of autocross, **Phase 2** is the advanced class, and the **Challenge School** is the postgraduate study.

Mirror Khana XXXVIII

This year's Mirror Khana, June 4-5, will be a Divisional Championship event. It will also still be an event of the Salina Region championship.

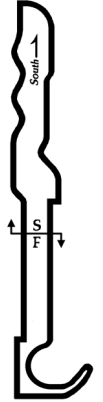
Mirror Khana is a unique head-to-head autocross. No clocks. Two cars line up on a full circle course, one halfway around from the other. First one back to his own startline wins.

What this means for you, the Salina Region member, is a chance to score Divisional Championship points, and likely more classes with more of "your" kinds of cars. Awards will be presented for the combined classes, but points will be scored for the highest-placing driver in each individual class receiving winner's points in the championships.

The tentative schedule calls for practice runs Saturday afternoon and competition to begin Sunday morning. Everyone is guaranteed a minimum of four runs, more if you win your double-elimination bracket matches.

Pylons? You get "three for free," the fourth one is a DNF. Key corners are set up with double and sometimes triple cones.

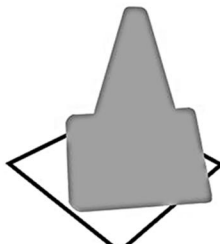
The event is also open to non-members, and to those running in the STO classes, which will be eligible for Regional points only. It will be a pre-entry only event, no walk-up entries, in order to be able to set up the class groupings and brackets.



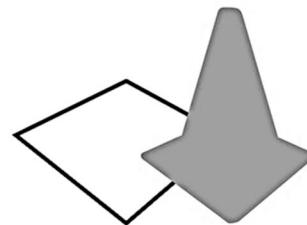
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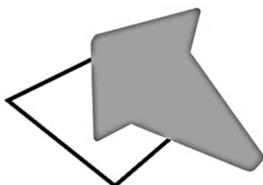
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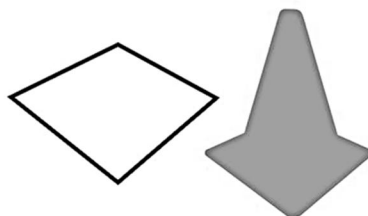
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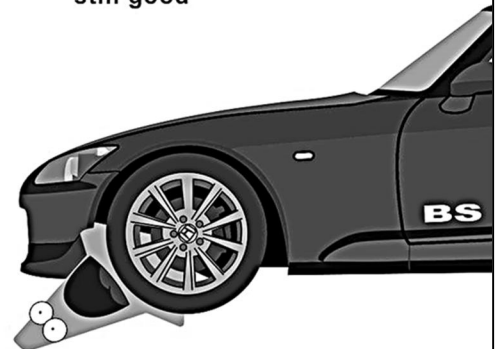
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nope



probably not

FROZEN CONEZ

Saturday's Test & Tune was, indeed, a frozen day. The forecast was for low 50s but it's doubtful the mercury ever got above 40 (my home thermometer read 38 when I returned about 3 pm). Sunday was better but still chilly enough event chair Bill Preheim decreed it a 4-run event mostly so workers wouldn't have to endure the chill any longer than necessary.

And yet there were hot times to be set. The course was 50+ sec for most, but Chris Bergevine in his newly reclassified Xocet (he ran AM last year, it's EM now) blasted a 48 on his first run. Unfortunately, the promise of the "exoskeleton" car – the tube fame is outside the bodywork – went unrealized as Bergevine became cone king for the day. He turned the fastest raw time at 43.293 but that run had 8 cones on it! Another 43 was +4 and all four runs were dirty.

It fell to the mild-mannered STS Civic of Ron Williams to post the killer times of the day, with a best of 44.564. Ron, too, had a 43, but it also carried a cone.

Noteworthy was the second-fastest time of the day, a 45.867 by Mason Herrick in a Junior B kart. Awfully quick, and he's just barely into double-digit birthdays.

Those cones, in fact, messed up a few best runs. Mike Herrick, also in STS driving what was Williams' car last year, blew out a 45.9 with a +2 and had to sit on a 46.3. Johnny Huang would've won AS with a 46.9 but had to eat a pylon and leave the class win to Larry Brady's 47.5 in their Z06 duel. Laney Blume might have pulled the upset in FS with her BMW M3 except for those two orange critters riding along on her 47.3 rerun, leaving that class to John LaRondeau's Mustang at 48.2. In all, only six drivers got through the day without a pylon penalty or a DNF.

Laney's cones also handed Nancy Smith the Fast Lady honors with a 49.8 in her CAM-C Mustang Cobra.

STO6, the largest class, was also the closest. Scott Hoover, visiting from Austin, Texas, won in his Hyundai Veloster by just 0.072 over Rodney Walters,, with Brian Hardeman 3rd within the same second.

Only one other class was as close, GS in which all three Dodge Charger drivers were covered by the same second. Chris Hund won the class with Jeremy Brady from Oklahoma 0.402 back, and Jim Hund (he sold the Cadillac!) taking 3rd.

It was a great start to Salina Region's season with 48 drivers from five different states posting times (and another 11 who just did Saturday's T&T). Most distant address was STU winner Joseph Sheridan from Rhode Island

NOTA BENE: The Salina Region board has requested the addition of PAX listings with results this year. PAX (an acronym for "Pro Autocross"), also called RTI (Racers' Theoretical Index) is an effort to put all cars on a level playing field by using an equalizing index based on results from events all over the country, including Tours and Nationals.

~~~PAX Rankings~~~

| Name | Class | Time | Index | PAX |
|----------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Ron Williams | STS | 44.564 | 0.832 | 37.077 |
| Mike Herrick | STS | 46.383 | 0.832 | 38.591 |
| Mason Herrick | JB | 45.867 | 0.842 | 38.620 |
| John LaRondeau | FS | 48.234 | 0.814 | 39.262 |
| Larry Brady | AS | 47.598 | 0.833 | 39.649 |
| James Green | BS | 48.170 | 0.826 | 39.788 |
| Russell Blume | BSP | 46.478 | 0.863 | 40.111 |
| Bill Preheim | ES | 49.805 | 0.807 | 40.193 |
| Johnny Huang | AS | 48.962 | 0.833 | 40.785 |
| Monte Rans | STS | 49.114 | 0.832 | 40.863 |
| Clint Holmes | BS | 49.589 | 0.826 | 40.961 |
| Christopher Hund | GS | 50.937 | 0.806 | 41.055 |
| Rocky Entriiken | ES | 51.225 | 0.807 | 41.339 |
| Jeremy Brady | GS | 51.339 | 0.806 | 41.379 |
| Don Herrick | HS | 51.978 | 0.798 | 41.478 |
| Ken Kennedy | AS | 49.849 | 0.833 | 41.524 |
| Daniel Rowland | STX | 49.923 | 0.836 | 41.736 |
| Randy Puls | ES | 51.762 | 0.807 | 41.772 |
| Jim Hund | GS | 51.839 | 0.806 | 41.782 |
| Suzanne Scott-Holmes | BSL | 50.610 | 0.826 | 41.804 |
| Ann LaRondeau | FSL | 51.375 | 0.814 | 41.819 |
| Laney Blume | FS | 51.378 | 0.814 | 41.822 |
| Nancy Smith | CAM-CL | 49.894 | 0.839 | 41.861 |
| Jacob Lynn | FS | 51.644 | 0.814 | 42.038 |
| Fred Johnson | SS-R | 49.405 | 0.860 | 42.488 |
| Conner Herrick | JA | 48.815 | 0.878 | 42.860 |
| Chris Bergevine | EM | 47.245 | 0.920 | 43.465 |
| Scott Hoover | STO6 | 53.569 | 0.816 | 43.712 |
| Rodney Walters | STO6 | 53.641 | 0.816 | 43.771 |
| Abner Perney | HS | 54.907 | 0.798 | 43.816 |
| Doug McGregor | STO4 | 54.295 | 0.813 | 44.142 |
| John Hensleigh | DS | 54.437 | 0.811 | 44.148 |
| Brian Hardeman | STO6 | 54.330 | 0.816 | 44.333 |
| Brian Tefft Jr | STS | 53.550 | 0.832 | 44.554 |
| Kyle Huddleston | STO6 | 55.282 | 0.816 | 45.110 |
| Victor Goltz | STO6 | 55.826 | 0.816 | 45.554 |
| Dhruvil Shah | SSM | 51.690 | 0.882 | 45.591 |
| Radlee Bien | FM | 49.355 | 0.926 | 45.703 |
| Dmytro Gushva | CSP | 52.930 | 0.867 | 45.890 |
| Connie Preheim | ESL | 56.895 | 0.807 | 45.914 |
| Ruth Hensleigh | DS | 56.635 | 0.811 | 45.931 |
| Tami Goltz | STO6 | 56.297 | 0.816 | 45.938 |
| Tim Beach | STO4 | 56.590 | 0.813 | 46.008 |
| Joseph Sheridan | STU | 55.087 | 0.845 | 46.549 |
| Allen Dale | XP | 51.928 | 0.907 | 47.099 |
| Susan Puls | ESL | 59.590 | 0.807 | 48.089 |
| Steve Swartz | KM | 52.134 | 0.954 | 49.736 |
| Mark Bobbett | ES | 66.777 | 0.807 | 53.889 |

SALINA REGION SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP • 2016

• SALINA REGION MEMBER

Points following Frozen Conez

* HAS RUN THE MINIMUM 4 LOCAL EVENTS

| | | |
|------|-----------------------|----|
| SS-R | Fred Johnson• | 12 |
| AS | Larry Brady | 12 |
| | Johnny Huang | 9 |
| | Ken Kennedy• | 7 |
| BS | James Green | 12 |
| | Clint Holmes• | 9 |
| BSL | Suzanne Scott-Holmes• | 12 |
| DS | John Hensleigh | 12 |
| | Ruth Hensleigh | 9 |
| ES | Bill Preheim• | 12 |
| | Rocky Entriiken• | 9 |
| | Randy Puls• | 7 |
| ESL | Mark Bobbett | 6 |
| | Connie Preheim• | 12 |

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.

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|-----|-------------------|----|-----|-----------------|----|------|-----------------|----|
| FS | Susan Puls• | 9 | HS | Don Herrick• | 12 | STO6 | Scott Hoover | 12 |
| | John LaRondeau• | 12 | | Abner Perney• | 9 | | Rodney Walters• | 9 |
| | Laney Blume• | 9 | STU | Joseph Sheridan | 12 | | Brian Hardeman | 7 |
| | Jacob Lynn | 7 | STX | Daniel Rowland• | 12 | | Kyle Huddleston | 6 |
| FSL | Ann LaRondeau• | 12 | STS | Ron Williams• | 12 | | Victor Goltz | 5 |
| GS | Christopher Hund• | 12 | | Mike Herrick | 9 | | Tami Goltz• | 4 |
| | Jeremy Brady | 9 | | Monte Rans• | 7 | STO4 | Doug McGregor | 12 |
| | Jim Hund• | 7 | | Brian Tefft Jr• | 6 | | Tim Beach | 9 |

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| CAM-CL | Nancy Smith• | 12 |
| BSP | Russell Blume• | 12 |
| CSP | Dmytro Gushva | 12 |
| SSM | Dhruvil Shah• | 12 |
| XP | Allen Dale | 12 |
| EM | Chris Bergevine• | 12 |
| FM | Radlee Bien• | 12 |
| KM | Steve Swartz• | 12 |
| JA | Conner Herrick | 12 |
| JB | Mason Herrick | 12 |
| Wild | none | 0 |
| † | - has run 3 classes | |

FROZEN CONEZ

Salina Region SCCA ~ March 20, 2016 ~ East Crawford Recreation Area, Salina

| Class | Driver | Mem. | Car | Make | Run 1 | Run 2 | Run 3 | Run 4 | Best | |
|--------|-----------------------|----------|-----|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|-----|
| SS-R | •Fred Johnson | 98627 | 26 | Corvette | 54.812 | D.N.F. | D.N.F. | 49.405 | 49.405 | |
| AS | •Larry Brady | 481774 | 80 | Corvette Z06 | D.N.F. | 49.643 | 47.886+1 | 47.598 | 47.598 | |
| | Johnny Huang | 486816 | 18 | Corvette Z06 | 54.118 | 46.962+1 | 47.762+2 | 48.019+1 | 48.962 | |
| | Ken Kennedy | 370024 | 68 | Corvette | 53.434 | 51.663 | 50.235 | 49.849 | 49.849 | |
| BS | •James Green | 469552 | 33 | Corvette | 50.465+1 | 49.164 | 48.170 | 81.026+3 | 48.170 | |
| | Clint Holmes | 484776 | 17 | Subaru WRX STI | 53.467+1 | 52.497 | 51.762 | 49.589 | 49.589 | |
| BSL | •Suzanne Scott-Holmes | 484775 | 35 | Subaru WRX STI | 55.799 | 52.562 | 50.742+1 | 50.610 | 50.610 | |
| DS | •John Hensleigh | — | 31 | Mini Cooper S | 56.399 | 55.178 | 54.437 | 52.449+1 | 54.437 | |
| | Ruth Hensleigh | — | 13 | Mini Cooper S | 58.908+2 | 56.698+1 | 56.635 | 58.320 | 56.635 | |
| ES | •Bill Preheim | 226858 | 1 | Mazda Miata | 51.186 | 51.322 | 50.099 | 49.805 | 49.805 | |
| | •Rocky Entriiken | 19814-1 | 4 | Mazda Miata | D.N.F. | 51.416+3 | 52.385 | 51.225 | 51.225 | |
| | Randy Puls | 474644 | 8 | Mazda MX5 | D.N.F. | 52.725 | 52.686+1 | 51.762 | 51.762 | |
| | Mark Bobbett | — | 7 | Mazda MX5 | D.N.F. | 69.446 | D.N.F. | 66.777 | 66.777 | |
| ESL | •Connie Preheim | 411440 | 11 | Mazda Miata | 58.412 | 60.056 | 56.895 | 58.136+1 | 56.895 | |
| | Susan Puls | 474645 | 33 | Mazda MX5 | D.N.F. | 62.418 | 59.590 | 59.123+1 | 59.590 | |
| FS | •John LaRondeau | 62606 | 92 | Mustang GT | 50.868 | 48.898+1 | 48.416 | 48.234 | 48.234 | |
| | Laney Blume | 483427 | 97 | BMW M3 | 47.493+5 | 49.585+6 | 48.705+2 | 47.378+2 | 51.378 | |
| | Jacob Lynn | 473043 | 76 | Mustang | D.N.F. | 49.936+1 | 49.644+1 | 49.196+2 | 51.644 | |
| FSL | •Ann LaRondeau | 144250 | 92 | Mustang GT | 54.696 | 53.426+1 | 52.578 | 51.375 | 51.375 | |
| GS | •Christopher Hund | 488138 | 9 | Dodge Charger | 52.974+1 | 50.954+1 | 51.251 | 50.937 | 50.937 | |
| | Jeremy Brady | — | 1 | Dodge Charger | 54.251 | 52.422 | 52.148 | 51.339 | 51.339 | |
| | Jim Hund | 487549 | 19 | Dodge Charger | 51.839 | 51.979 | 52.279 | 51.799+1 | 51.839 | |
| HS | •Don Herrick | 458722 | 8 | Ford Fiesta ST | 52.754+1 | 52.753 | 53.608 | 51.978 | 51.978 | |
| | Abner Perny | 109784 | 5 | Ford Focus Electric | 54.907 | 54.876+1 | 55.336+1 | 55.031 | 54.907 | |
| STU | •Joseph Sheridan | — | 7 | Mustang GT | 56.931+1 | 56.393+2 | 55.047+1 | 55.087 | 55.087 | |
| STX | •Daniel Rowland | 462748 | 32 | BMW 328is | 51.064+1 | 50.642 | D.N.F. | 49.923 | 49.923 | |
| STS | •Ron Williams | 227464 | 97 | Honda CRX | 45.666 | 44.564 | 73.726 | 43.615+1 | 44.564 | FTD |
| | •Mike Herrick | 260113 | 31 | Honda Civic | 58.401+3 | 47.447+3 | 46.383 | 45.939+2 | 46.383 | |
| | Monte Rans | 412198 | 34 | Honda CRX Si | D.N.F. | D.N.F. | 63.026 | 49.114 | 49.114 | |
| | Brian Tefft Jr | 492223 | 13 | Mazda Miata | D.N.F. | 54.953+2 | 49.550+2 | D.N.F. | 53.550 | |
| STO6 | •Scott Hoover | — | 65 | Hyundai Veloster | 53.569 | 52.991+1 | 53.470+1 | 54.285 | 53.569 | |
| | •Rodney Walters | 379225 | 35 | Mustang | D.N.F. | D.N.F. | 54.112 | 53.641 | 53.641 | |
| | Brian Hardeman | — | 1 | BMW Z3 | 55.340 | D.N.F. | 54.330 | D.N.F. | 54.330 | |
| | Kyle Huddleston | — | 47 | Mitsubishi Eclipse | 60.922 | D.N.F. | 66.075+1 | 55.282 | 55.282 | |
| | Victor Goltz | — | 6 | Ford Fusion | 58.992 | 55.826 | 55.156+2 | 55.203+1 | 55.826 | |
| | Tami Goltz | 484779 | 13 | Dodge SRT4 | D.N.F. | 56.838 | 57.556 | 56.297 | 56.297 | |
| STO4 | •Doug McGregor | — | 77 | Mazda Miata | 61.178+1 | 56.301 | 54.990+1 | 54.295 | 54.295 | |
| | Tim Beach | — | 7 | Honda Prelude | D.N.F. | 53.979+2 | 54.514+2 | 54.590+1 | 56.590 | |
| CAM-CL | •Nancy Smith | 301907-2 | 9 | Mustang Cobra | 53.355 | 51.276 | 50.616 | 49.984 | 49.894 | FL |
| BSP | •Russell Blume | 482905 | 97 | BMW M3 | 46.704 | 46.972+1 | 46.478 | 45.792+3 | 46.478 | |
| CSP | •Dmytro Gushva | — | 12 | Mazda Miata | D.N.F. | D.N.F. | D.N.F. | 48.930+2 | 52.930 | |
| SSM | •Dhruvil Shah | 488214 | 33 | Mazda MX5 | 50.563+1 | 48.802+2 | 49.932+3 | 51.690 | 51.690 | |
| XP | •Allen Dale | — | 42 | Subaru WRX STI | 55.087 | 61.371 | 51.928 | 52.778 | 51.928 | |
| EM | •Chris Bergevine | 471291 | 134 | Exomotive LSXocet | 48.080+2 | 45.245+1 | 43.293+8 | 43.625+4 | 47.245 | |
| FM | •Radlee Bien | 431468 | 65 | Ford Vic dwarf car | 51.690+1 | 50.872+2 | 49.355 | 65.089+3 | 49.355 | |
| KM | •Steve Swartz | 424572 | 77 | CRG | 55.991 | D.N.F. | 52.134 | 56.892 | 52.134 | |
| JA | •Conner Herrick | 427154 | 98 | Tony Kart Nelson Spl | 51.850 | 50.954 | 49.415 | 48.815 | 48.815 | |
| JB | •Mason Herrick | 427055 | 89 | CRG Santana | 47.343 | 53.648+2 | 46.392 | 45.867 | 45.867 | |

• = Trophy FTD = Fast Time of Day FL = Fast Lady

Signs on a wall:

BILL POSTERS WILL BE PROSECUTED

Bill is an innocent man!

Events Elsewhere - 2016



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

- Apr 3**..... NeOkla/Oklahoma @ Old Tanger Outlet Mall, Stroud
..... Wichita @ Yoder
- Apr 9**..... KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence (Test & Tune)
- Apr 10**..... KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence
..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
- Apr 16**...* KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence (Novice Sch.)
- Apr 17**...* KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence
- Apr 23**..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark (Starting Line School)
- Apr 24**..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
..... NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa Fairgrounds
..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
..... Wichita @ Yoder
- May 15**...* NeOkla @ Old Tanger Outlet Mall, Stroud
- May 22**..... Wichita @ Yoder
- May 27-28**.. Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark (**Spring Nationals ProSolo**)
- May 29-30**.. Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark (**Spring Nationals ChampTour**)
- Jun 5**.....* KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence
- Jun 10-12**... Kansas @ Heartland Park Topeka (**Match Tour**)
- Jun 19**..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
..... Wichita @ Yoder
- Jul 2**..... KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Indep. (Starting Line School)
- Jul 3**..... KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence
- Jul 9-10**...* KC/Kansas @ Heartland Park Topeka
- Jul 10**.....* Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
..... NeOkla/Oklahoma @ Old Tanger Outlet Mall, Stroud
- Jul 17**..... Wichita @ Yoder
- Jul 23**..... KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence (Solo School)
- Jul 24**..... KC @ Blue Rvr Prec Dr Cntr, Independence
..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
- Jul 31**..... Wichita @ Yoder (Endurocross)
- Aug 14**..... KC @ Cricket Amphitheater, Bonner Springs
..... NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa Fairgrounds
- Aug 20-21**.. KC/Kansas @ Heartland Park Topeka
- Aug 21**..... Wichita @ Yoder/R.E. Challenge

RALLYCROSS

- Apr 16**...* Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood (RallyX School)
- Apr 17**...* Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood
- May 1**..... Wichita at Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson
- May 14**..... KC @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley, Mo.
- May 22**..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood
- Jun 26**..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood
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- Aug 27**..... KC @ Crowley Family Farm, Savannah, Mo.
- Sep 17**..... KC @ Crowley Family Farm, Savannah, Mo.

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Utterly Obscure British Car Humour



When "Full Service" really meant something...

Life is like a garden. Perfect moments can be had, but not preserved, except in memory. LLAP
—Leonard Nimoy's last tweet

Those old men and women along the road remember. They weren't waving to us. They were waving to the ghosts of those who once drove our cars absolutely as fast as they knew how to go. —Peter Egan, on driving classic cars

No such thing as spare time.
No such thing as free time.
No such thing as down time.
All you got is life time.
Go. —Henry Rollins

If you're going to be weird, be confident about it.
—Michelle Wie

SCCA Solo Nationals: Why We Go

by Heyward Wagner/Solo Matters

There are as many reasons to go to the Tire Rack SCCA Solo Nationals as there are people who go. Most of these can be filtered into Howard Duncan's three Cs of Competition, Camaraderie and Community, but each of us has our own perspectives. To gain a bit more on those perspectives, we asked for the thoughts of celebrated champions, embattled trophy chasers, past event organizers, cone shaggers, announcers, first timers, retuning veterans and even 100 Percenter Dick Berger.

Dick Berger (Kansas City Region)—I go to Nationals (now) for the social side – having competed all over the country, I know people in a lot of areas. My SCCA family has been the only constant; when we moved to the Atlanta area for my wife's job – she knew her co-workers – I knew no one. Wearing Nationals shirts always gets comments from newbies or novices. I miss the dash plaques that were given out (does that peg my age???) Still have all the d/plaques that were given out, plus a few other items from later years. Having a car that is no longer nationally competitive has removed the "gotta win" from my thinking, but going to Nationals is the first priority when scheduling vacations or even family events (I have missed *both* of one sister's weddings as they were on divisional weekends) And the CP party is (do kids today say it's sick or the bomb?) a "don't miss" event within the event... That said, owning a car that has won 5 national championships (even if I have NEVER won a Nationals trophy) will keep me bringing the blue car back again.



Jeff Kiesel (San Diego Region)—For me Nationals is the single most important event besides family events. Our family plans everything happening that time of year around Nationals.



I often find myself counting down the weeks/months till the next Solo Nationals in preparation for this amazing event. I take each and every autocross I race at very serious but the fact is they are just practice events for the Big Event. Not only is it the best competition but it is great to see our friends from other regions. Some of my closest friends have come from this amazing sport, I love it and I am hooked for life.

Roger "The Real" Johnson (Houston Region)—I go to Nationals to spend some time with my 1200 closest friends. While I am there I will compete in my car, but for me it is more the social aspect of things. Even the trip up to Lincoln

from Houston is more fun when I travel in a caravan of



Houston hardcores. I look forward to seeing the creative things that my peers do – the tent in paddock full of couches from last year, or the Austin Beer Gardens, or the CP Party/Parade/antics, gas powered margarita blenders, etc. I really enjoy rooting for my friends when they are competing – and it is truly incredible when I get to compete in a class of 60 cars. I can say I truly miss going to Nationals when I cannot. Nationals can be a lot of work for me, but it is work I enjoy. Designing courses, chairing the event, serving as an event Chief, creating the artwork, working on the committees, laying out site maps for the new grids, impound, paddocks and test n tune courses would be seriously hard work for my regular paying job – but somehow these tasks are just easier when it is work benefiting 1,200 of your closest friends.

Tom O'Gorman (Ohio Valley Region)—Six thousand and ninety two. That is the number of miles I traveled last year across 13 states to compete in SCCA National Tour and ProSolo events. Now, let me be the first to tell you that 6092 miles is enough to stretch a college student's budget pretty thin, and every single one of those miles was traveled to prepare myself for Solo Nationals. Nationals represents a gateway into a future of motorsports for me, so in the weeks preceding, my mind is spinning with the possibilities of glory and failure. But, oddly, when I arrive on site, all of those thoughts of heated competition and the grandeur of victory evaporate. Not because I lose hope in the competition or because I realize I'm stuck on this slab of concrete in the middle of a cornfield for the next 10 days with the hot sun or pouring rain beating down on me. It's because I show up and literally hundreds of people are there to greet me and share the same passion for this sport that I have. It's often the only time in a year that I will see many of these people, some of them who I consider my closest friends, and somehow that takes over everything else that may have been in my mind. So I tell myself, 'I traveled 6092 miles last year so that I was ready to show up Nationals and be a contender,' but I think the community is real reason any of us make the pilgrimage to concrete Mecca.



This lengthy article was created a couple of years ago for SCCA's "Solo Matters" web page. More capsules will appear in future issues of The Write Line.





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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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) |
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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.

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Just Idling Around

—ABNER PERNEY

The first 2016 Solo event went off in fine style, even though it was on the windy and cold side. Saturday's Test and Tune was slightly less agreeable than Sunday and the primary thing I learned that day was that the most discernible noise a Ford Focus Electric makes when attempting to make speed is the scratching of the low-rolling-resistance 480 treadwear tires spinning at every application of the accelerator.

The "Duh" moment was when I went to try to put the 200 treadwear wheels and tires from the Protégé on the Focus. The bolt patterns are not the same.

Sunday morning, I went out in the cold and sunny first heat and ran my best run first. Shutting off traction control did not help. Neither did using the pseudo low range in the "gear selector." It only increases the regen braking effect when you back off the accelerator. That was of no help. I am still the Most Experienced Novice, what with often changing cars and overworking the accelerator trying to gain a semblance of speed, which results in plowing past the turn-in on the figure 8 and other key locations.

Anyway, I was not the slowest, thanks to the great turnout of first timers. You guys should all keep coming back until you figure this out and beat me consistently. It has happened every year, and it is good to see new people join our kind of precision driving contests.

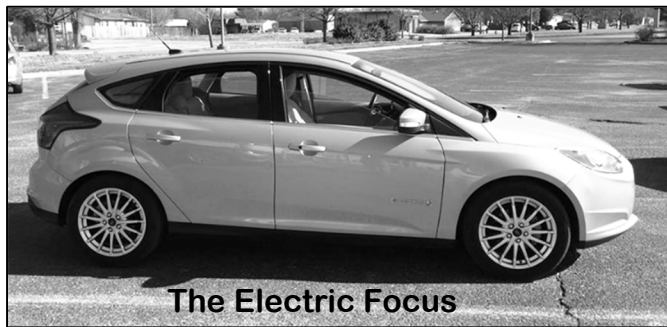
My time of 54.907 was good enough for second in HS (aka last), 3 sec behind Don Herrick in his new Fiesta ST. Oddly, the Focus has larger tires, 225/50/17s to the Fiesta's 205/40/17s. This means one could buy competitive tires, and maybe make a better showing for the first electric car ever to appear at a Salina Region Solo.

Monday the Focus gave me the lowest full charge estimated range I've yet seen, because it calculates based on recent driving experience. That full accelerator, maximum braking, style for only about 3 miles Sunday, resulted in a prediction of 55 miles. In contrast, the prior

Friday morning after driving for efficiency all week, it predicted 88 miles. That means driving as hard as I can uses 11 times the energy per mile as driving sensibly on the street.

Monday in the evening I went to Lindsborg against the wind at 75 mph. When I arrived it only showed 25 miles left, with a warning that it may not make it home! So I went back on old 81 at about 60 with the wind basically at my back. With that improvement in conditions, it still showed 22 miles remaining range when I arrived home! I had done about 50 miles for the day, so that was good. I guess it is also good that the computer estimates on the cautious side. So I'm comfortable with the car for in and around Salina, with

excursions as far as Bennington, Abilene, Assaria, Lindsborg, or Gypsum. That's about it for comfortable highway round trips. Each of those small towns has an eatery, or two, or more, so I like to patronize them occasionally.

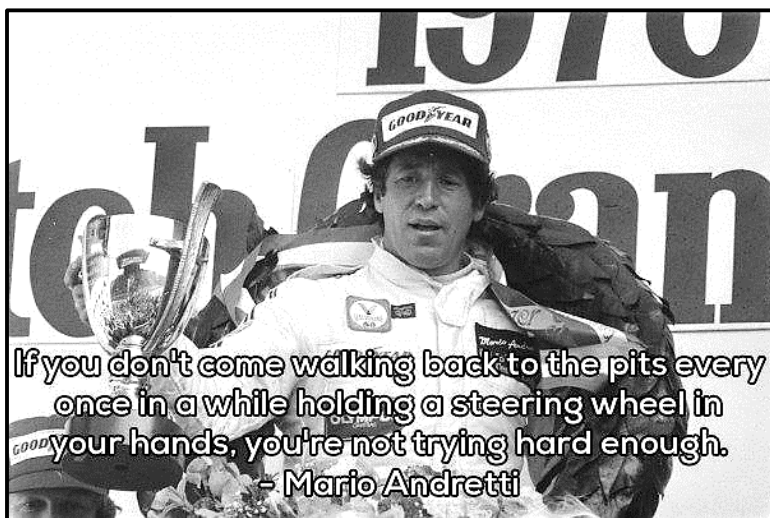


The Electric Focus

For our next Solo event I'm going to drive either the near-classic 1988 Buick Reatta, or the antique tag-eligible 1980 Fiat 2000 Spider, or a 2015 Hyundai Elantra, unless something else appears in my possession that is more improbable as an autocross car! My bet will be on Don Herrick to lead the HS class again.

The Car Show season is underway with Salina Area Tech College's show April 2 and McPherson College's April 30. Both are good shows with interesting cars and tours of the school's shops. Catch them if you can! Stay alert out there,

—Abner



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.

If you live in Manhattan, Ft. Riley or Junction City and have enjoyed competing in or attending our events, we'd love to have you become a member of our happy little club. If you should choose to join SCCA in our Region, be sure to use the membership form found in a Write Line or be sure to indicate "SALINA REGION" in the space above the signature. Geographically, Riley and Geary counties are in territory of our Kansas Region neighbors and SCCA will put you there if not told otherwise. Of course, once a member, you're welcome at any region's events. You'll find a listing of our neighboring region's events in the "Events Elsewhere" calendar inside.

**Associate memberships are due now for the year 2016 • • •**

- Associate memberships are for the calendar year provided your National membership is active. Join now, and your membership begins immediately and runs through 2016. Dues are \$15.00 for single memberships or for family memberships (which includes spouse).
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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). Find more information at www.salinascga.org, www.scca.com, or call Salina Region membership chair Rocky Entriken at 785-827-5143 or e-mail rocky@spitfire4.com.



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