

# The Write Line

~ March 2017 ~



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The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

## Regional Executive Views

Our season opener was a little cold and wet and a lot windy. Needless to say it was not the most appealing start the 2017 season, however, we did have a good turnout despite the weather. The solo on Sunday utilized the start and finish of the test and tune plus all the other cones in the trailer except two. Rocky tells me that he did not intend to use all the cones but it just came out that way.

The course was fast and fun and with all those cones many were hit. Since several of us did not make a clean run all day limiting the run count to four kept the course workers safe from exhaustion chasing cones. I was told a potential cure from the cone carnage could be to go to our upcoming Evolution School on April 7-9 at the same time as our next solo weekend, maybe I should keep this in mind!

It was nice to see some new faces joining our club and some of the changes people have made to their cars. A couple noteworthy changes in cars were our webmaster Brian Tefft who turboed his newly transplanted Chevy Ecotec in his Miata and our tech chief Rodney Walters who swapped in an earlier ground pounding 390ci V8 in place of the V6 that came with his Mustang. Unfortunately the weather conditions limited both cars from their full potential I am sure.

We have started the planning for our Divisional on June 3rd and 4th, so if you are interested in being part of this please let the board know and we can find something for you

to do. This will also be an opportunity for anyone to participate in an event with some of the better drivers in our division. We should pull people from several of the surrounding regions so it will be a good time to see how you compare and is a great opportunity to get a taste of the national type atmosphere.

As always we can use new ideas for course design so even if you do not chair an event but have an element in mind go see the event chair and share with them, you never know this may give you the confidence to be an event chair in the future. Our next event is the twin solo event running simultaneously with the Evolution schools so I will see you in April.

See you on course,

—Monte Rans, RE Salina Region



### ► Next Events ◀

## Evolution Schools - April 7-8-9

See Pre-registration information, Pg. 3

## Twin Solos - April 8 & 9

East Crawford Recreation Area

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

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

(Tentatively)

April 8

After Evo School

Location ECRA

*Business meetings  
are open to all  
members and guests*



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## Salina Region Schedule ~ 2017

All at East Crawford Recreation Area unless noted elsewhere

<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Safety</u>
Apr. 7-8-9 – Evolution Schools	Rocky Entriem	Bill Preheim
Apr. 8-9 – Twin Solos	Radlee Bien	Artt Mann
May 21 – Solo	Rodney Walters	Bill Preheim
June 3-4 – Divisional Solo	Brian Tefft Jr	Susan Puls
TBA – Solo at Yoder (R.E. Challenge)	Wichita Region	—
July 9 – Solo	Artt Mann	Dennis Smith
July 30 – Solo (R.E. Challenge)	Monte Rans	Randy Puls
Aug. 27 – Solo	Dan Rowland	Artt Mann
Sep. 10 – Solo	Dennis Smith	Monte Rans
Oct. 8 – Solo (Octoberfest 28)	Salina Rgn Board	Dennis Smith
Nov. 5 – Solo	Jim & Chris Hund	Bill Preheim

### MiDiv



### SPS/R&S MiDiv Solo Series - 2017

Apr 22-23 — Heartland Park Topeka  
May 20-21 — Oklahoma City (Remington Park)  
June 3-4 — Salina (East Crawford Rec. Area)  
July 8-9 — Neosho, Mo. (Crowder College)  
Aug 12-13 — Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln Airpark)

**SCCA 2017 Solo Nationals ~ Sep. 5-8 ~ Lincoln, Neb.**

## MEETING MINUTES

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

March 26, 2017

Monte called meeting to order at 2:55 pm March 26, 2017, at the East Crawford Recreation Area.

### Old Business:

- Abner, motion to approve minutes. Jim, second. Motion passes.
- Rocky, motion to approve Treasury Report. Susan, second. Passed.
- RE Challenge -- Still working on setting date
- Street Survival -- May attract new members. Requires ~22 workers. Jim, motion to delay one year so a few members can go to a Street Survival event elsewhere (Kansas Region has one scheduled) to research the requirements and benefits. Susan, second. Motion passes. Susan volunteers herself and husband, Randy to visit an event in November.
- Annual Tech -- May need minor changes.
- Minor Waiver -- Susan, motion that Brian will post Minor Waiver documentation and link to Minor Waiver on Salina SCCA website to explain recent changes. Jim, second. Motion passes.

### New Business:

- Divisional Event -- Entry fee and dinner venues discussed. Discussion will be continued by e-mail as board members research options.
  - Safety Steward School -- Online school may be available soon. Jim Harrison (Wichita) would be willing to come to Salina to host. May want to do this at Friday before Divisional Event. TBD by e-mail.
  - Next board meeting TBD.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:27 pm.  
Submitted, Christopher Hund, Secretary.

# Events

## Elsewhere - 2017

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 1**..... KC @ Blue River Prec Driving Cntr, Independence (T&T)  
**Apr 2**..... KC @ Blue River Prec Driving Cntr, Independence  
 ..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln  
 ..... NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa State Fairgrounds  
 ..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City  
 ..... Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder  
**Apr 23**..... NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa State Fairgrounds  
 ..... Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder  
**Apr 29**..... KC @ Providence MC Amphitheater, Bonner Spgs (Schl)  
**Apr 30**..... KC @ Providence MC Amphitheater, Bonner Spgs  
**May 6**..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark (Starting Line/Test & Tune)  
**May 7**..... KC @ Blue River Prec Driving Cntr, Independence  
 ..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln  
 ..... Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder  
**May 26-28**.. **ProSolo/Champ Tour@ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln**  
**Jun 4**..... \* NeOkla @ Old Tanger Outlet Mall, Stroud  
**Jun 10**..... KC @ BRPDC, Independence (Starting Line Sch)  
**Jun 11**..... KC @ Blue River Prec Driving Cntr, Independence  
 ..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln  
 ..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City  
 ..... Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder  
**Jun 24-25**... Kansas/KC @ Heartland Park Topeka (double solo)  
**Jun 25**..... Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder

### RALLYCROSS

- Apr 7-9**... \* **National @ Heartland Park Topeka (National Challenge)**  
**Apr 22-23**... Nebraska @ I-80 Spwy, Greenwood, Neb. (School Sat.)  
**Jun 18**..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.

## Go Racing!



Five road course tracks are within a 3½-hour drive of Salina. Be part of the action as a race worker – flagging on corners, timing, grid, tech, etc. Or driver?

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

- April 8-9**..... \* Super Tour @ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit  
**May 13-14**..... Majors @ Heartland Park Topeka (also PDX)  
**Jun 3-4**..... \* MidAm @ Raceway Park of the Midlands  
**Jul 22-23**..... Majors @ Motorsports Park Hastings

### TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA

- April 20**..... @ Heartland Park Topeka  
**May 12**..... @ Heartland Park Topeka  
**Jun 22**..... @ Heartland Park Topeka

## EVOLUTION

### PERFORMANCE DRIVING SCHOOL

Friday, April 7 – Phase 1  
 Saturday, April 8 – Phase 2  
 Sunday, April 9 – Challenge School

Easiest way to sign up:  
 go to [www.motorsportsreg.com](http://www.motorsportsreg.com)  
 Type "Evolution" in the search box

## Last Chance for Evo School!

Registration for Salina Region's annual Evolution Schools closes April 5 on MotorsportsReg. Whether you're a newbie just starting out in Solo, or an experienced driver feeling the need to step up your game, this may be the best bang for your buck.

The Friday **Phase One** program is great for any skill level, from seasoned veterans to the complete novice. P1 features 24 runs with Evolution's national caliber instructors, and each student will work with two different instructors throughout the day.

Saturday's **Phase Two** program is great for anyone who has taken Phase One, and is looking to take their driving to the next level. This program focuses on visualization as well as mental preparation, and also features 24 runs on four different course configurations.

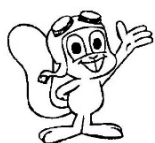
Sunday's **Challenge School** is intended for anyone who has taken both P1 and P2, and is looking to grab those last final tenths. The Challenge program also features 24 runs on three different course configurations. The Challenge school will review the skills learned during P1 and P2, as well as use a technique that will help prove the importance of looking ahead. Challenge students will also be pitted against their instructors in the final session to help push students to new levels.

School cost is \$260 for one school, \$500 for two schools, \$730 for all three. Lunch is provided.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- **Kale Morris**, Osborne, signed up at our season-opener event. He's become part of the E Street Miata horde.
- **Russell Secrest**, Newton, bought the ex-Jason Stockton Miata to run in STS dueling his Newton neighbor and our RE Monte.





# ROCKY SQUIRREL

So we moved our opening weekend to the last weekend of March, and wouldn't ya know it? It was the worst weekend weather of the whole month. Cold and windy for Saturday's test & tune, but some two dozen drivers still came out to get some laps in. Sunday dawned with a wet fog that left the course covered in a sheen of dampness pretty much turning a 60-sec course into an 80-sec course. By second heat the wet had finally evaporated off and a fairly nice day finally happened.

The test & tune course was a little 18-sec run. With about eight cars per heat of 50 minutes most drivers got in 12-13 runs. A couple of brisk dashes, sweepers left and right and a transitional slalom, plus a separate skidpad, gave drivers the tools to ensure the car was working as desired.

Sunday's course built off Saturday's start and finish to take drivers through a couple of stairsteps, a stop-and-go, a five-curve "eyebrow" slalom, to a loop around an 80-foot skidpad. Coming back, a rush past the dog park to a wall and jink left, then another one, a dash through a bowtie to the final slalom and loop finish of the Saturday course.

We had 34 drivers out for this first event. The closest competition was in a Ladies class where Susan Puls and Sharon Brillhart dueled in Mazda Miatae for not only the ESL win but also Fast Lady honors. After the second run Susan was ahead, after the third Sharon was leading, but Susan pulled out a 74.317 on her last try to win by 0.668 sec, the closest margin of the event. Julianne Green in the Gang Green Toyota MR2 Spider worked down to a raw-time 75.6, announcing she could be a future factor.

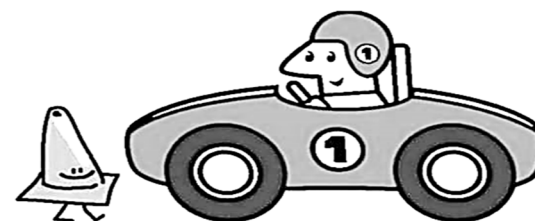
The open E Street class, with four drivers, was the next-closest contest, James Green in the Spyder and event chair Rocky Entriken in his Miata, with much the same scenario as the ladies. Green was one of just three drivers who never tagged a cone or DNF'd all day (the others: newbies Josh Bergkamp and Russell Secrest). Rocky was quickest on first runs but for those three cones, James picked up three seconds to lead after two rounds, Rocky was 0.2 sec ahead after three, but on his fourth run James brought home a 64.547 to win by 1.180 sec.

Largest class was a fleet of cone-killing Corvettes in B Street that nonetheless produced the fast time of the day. That full-throttle run through the bowtie probably worked to the 'Vettes' advantage there. Joey Green and Clay Johnson, sharing a car, ended up atop the standings despite never getting even one clean run between them. Each hit 10 cones total, but on their final runs managed to hold the carnage down to a single orange alien. Joey's 62.323, including the pylon penalty, stood as FTD, 1.636 ahead of Clay's 63.9 including penalty.

The one other player for FTD was Brian Tefft Jr. in his winter project, having turned a mild-mannered Miata into a winged beast powered by a Chevy Ecotec engine. He, too, collected cones on each run, also 10 for the day. He had the only sub-60 raw time, a two-cone 59.4 on his final effort, but his one-cone 60.7 on his first run had to be his score leaving him 0.4 sec behind Joey Green.

## ~~~ Rocky Squirrel • PAX Rankings ~~~

Driver	Class	Time	Index	PAX
Joey Green	BS	62.323	0.813	50.669
James Green	ES	64.547	0.794	51.250
Clay Johnson	BS	63.959	0.813	51.999
Rocky Entriken	ES	65.727	0.794	52.187
John LaRondeau	FS	65.516	0.804	52.675
Randy Puls	BS	65.007	0.813	52.851
Jason Stockton	BS	65.234	0.813	53.035
Don Herrick	HS	67.723	0.786	53.230
Monte Rans	STS	67.176	0.818	54.950
Johnny Huang	AS	67.417	0.819	55.215
Jim Hund	BS	68.492	0.813	55.684
Brian Tefft Jr.	XP	62.719	0.892	55.945
Tim Beach	STF	71.125	0.800	56.900
Kale Morris	ES	72.950	0.794	57.922
Susan Puls	ESL	74.317	0.794	59.008
Chris Hund	GS	74.629	0.793	59.181
Mark Hill	STU	71.428	0.831	59.357
Sharon Brillhart	ESL	74.985	0.794	59.538
Lance Cochran	AS	73.365	0.819	60.086
Abner Perny	HS	76.577	0.786	60.190
Jeff Hund	STO8	75.363	0.806	60.743
Julianne Green	ESL	77.613	0.794	61.625
Larry Brady	SSR	73.190	0.847	61.992
Russell Secrest	STS	75.960	0.818	62.135
Ann LaRondeau	FSL	78.089	0.804	62.784
Marcia Haynes	BSL	77.917	0.813	63.347
James Gillett	ES	80.980	0.794	64.298
Joshua Bergkamp	GS	81.334	0.793	64.498
Jim Hood	GS	84.540	0.793	67.040
Janan Shi	DS	83.755	0.801	67.088
Chris Bergevine	DS	89.203	0.801	71.452
Michael Mace	CP	84.127	0.854	71.844
Rodney Walters	CP	86.099	0.854	73.529
Ken Kennedy	SS	95.511	0.826	78.892



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## SALINA REGION SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP • 2017

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### Points following Rocky Squirrel

### \* HAS RUN THE MINIMUM 4 LOCAL EVENTS

SS-R	Larry Brady•	12
SS	Ken Kennedy•	12
AS	Johnny Huang	12
	Lance Cochran•	9
BS	Joey Green•	12
	Clay Johnson•	9
	Randy Puls•	7
	Jason Stockton•	6
	Jim Hund•	5
BSL	Marcia Haynes•	12
DS	Janan Shi	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.*

	Chris Bergevine•	9	ESL	Susan Puls•	12	GS	Chris Hund•	12
ES	James Green•	12		Sharon Brillhart•	9		Joshua Bergkamp	9
	Rocky Entriken•	9		Julianne Green	7		Jim Hood	7
	Kale Morris•	7	FS	John LaRondeau•	12	HS	Don Herrick•	12
	Jim Gillett•	6	FSL	Ann LaRondeau•	12		Abner Perny•	9

STU	Mark Hill•	12
STS	Monte Rans•	12
	Russell Secrest•	9
STF	Tim Beach	12
STO8	Jeff Hund•	12
XP	Brian Tefft Jr•	12
CP	Michael Mace	12
	Rodney Walters•	9

**\* NOTE: Divisional is not counted as a "local" event.**



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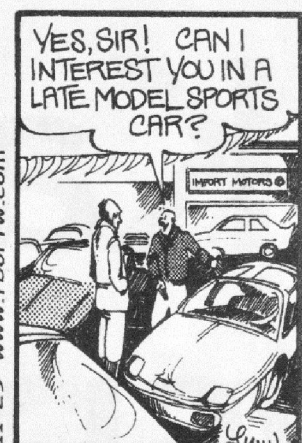
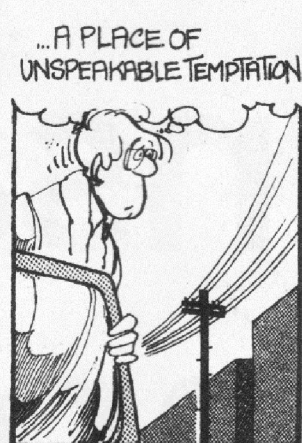
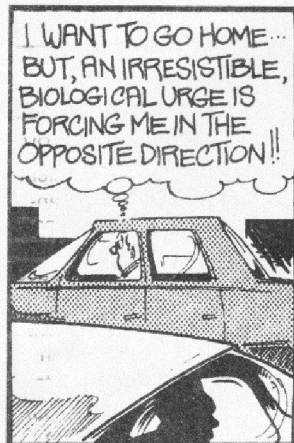
Class	Driver	Mem.	Car	Make	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Best	
SS-R	Larry Brady	80	Corvette	Z06	80.397+3	76.716+6	74.842+1	73.190	73.190	
SS	Ken Kennedy	17	Corvette		D.N.F.	D.N.F.	151.903+4	95.511	95.511	
AS	Johnny Huang	18	Corvette	GS	D.N.F.	63.699+6	61.417+3	62.021+3	67.417	
	Lance Cochran	5	Corvette	Z06	72.152+1	71.365+1	69.604+2	69.500+2	73.365	
BS	Joey Green	33	Corvette		63.004+3	61.309+4	59.913+2	60.323+1	62.323	FTD
	Clay Johnson	133	Corvette		93.645+2	62.865+6	62.678+1	61.959+1	63.959	
	Randy Puls	7	Corvette		67.215+1	65.988	64.586+2	65.007	65.007	
	Jason Stockton	70	Corvette		68.921	65.234	63.128+2	80.659+1	65.234	
	Jim Hund	78	Corvette		74.878+1	72.072	68.492	67.811+1	68.492	
BSL	Marcia Haynes	133	Corvette		87.667+3	82.436+2	82.186+1	77.917	77.917	
DS	Jasan Shi	17	Mustang		D.N.F.	D.N.F.	83.755	D.N.F.	83.755	
	Chris Bergevine	135	Subaru	WRX	D.N.F.	83.203+3	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	89.203	
ES	James Green	123	Toyota	MR 2 Spyder	69.444	66.154	65.993	64.547	64.547	
	Rocky Entriiken	4	Mazda	MX5	68.548+3	68.286	65.727	66.136	65.727	
	Kale Morris	9	Mazda	Miata	87.008	78.520+1	76.981	72.950	72.950	
	James Gillett	99	Mazda	Miata	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	78.980+1	81.254+2	80.980	
ESL	Susan Puls	8	Mazda	MX5	82.685	77.866	78.232+1	74.317	74.317	FL
	Sharon Brillhart	28	Mazda	Miata	D.N.F.	79.687+2	74.985	80.121+1	74.985	
	Julianne Green	23	Toyota	MR 2 Spyder	108.302	81.216+1	80.158+4	75.613+1	77.613	
FS	John LaRandeau	92	Mustang	GT	70.545	69.874	65.516	64.720+1	65.516	
FSL	Ann LaRandeau	92	Mustang	GT	87.317+1	79.244+1	76.488+3	76.089+1	78.089	
GS	Chris Hund	9	Dodge	Charger	D.N.F.	75.619+3	76.983+3	74.629	74.629	
	Joshua Bergkamp	17	Ford	Focus	88.476	84.243	81.334	82.129	81.334	
	Jim Hood	93	Chevrolet	Malibu	D.N.F.	87.739	84.540	D.N.F.	84.540	
HS	Don Herrick	8	Ford	Fiesta ST	70.849+1	65.723+1	67.436+2	D.N.S.	67.723	
	Abner Perney	1	Chevrolet	Volt	87.782+1	78.205+1	76.577	79.180+3	76.577	
STU	Mark Hill	45	Mitsubishi	Evo	D.N.F.	71.428	68.786+2	83.685	71.428	
STS	Monte Rans	34	Honda	CRX Si	72.493+3	66.269+1	D.N.F.	65.176+1	67.176	
	Russell Secrest	42	Mazda	Miata	90.536	81.382+1	81.289	75.960	75.960	
STF	Tim Beach	7	Honda	Prelude	72.770	69.162+2	69.125+1	69.641+3	71.125	
ST08	Jeff Hund	17	Mercedes	560SL	D.N.F.	93.097	82.177	75.363	75.363	
XP	Brian Tefft Jr.	13	Mazda	Miata	60.719+1	75.675+5	62.205+2	59.479+2	62.719	
CP	Michael Mace	86	Mustang		93.841+1	87.956	82.127+1	85.337+1	84.127	
	Rodney Walters	35	Mustang		94.773+3	84.099+1	80.460+4	152.443+4	86.099	

• = Trophy

FTD = Fast Time of Day

FL = Fast Lady

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## Membership Application

### Dear Prospective SCCA Member:

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

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.

☐ Club Racing ☐ Time Trials/PDX ☐ Rally ☐ Rallycross ☐ Solo ☐ Vintage ☐ Pro Racing

### Membership Dues

(\*Includes Region dues)

<input type="checkbox"/> First Gear	\$50.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$85.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$105.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year First Gear	\$90.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Individual	\$150.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 Year Family	\$185.00
<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year First Gear	\$125.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Individual	\$215.00	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 Year Family	\$265.00

\* First Gear applies to members 24 years old and younger

### 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 want to belong to **Salina (110)** Region (if no region is selected. The default region will be assigned by address). 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

☐ **Auto-Renew with Credit Card** (Credit Card listed below will automatically be charged National and Regional dues prior to membership expiration date.)

Visa, MasterCard or Discover (only) Acct # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_\_ CVV# \_\_\_\_\_  
Applications submitted by fax must be accompanied by Visa, MasterCard or Discover account number for payment.

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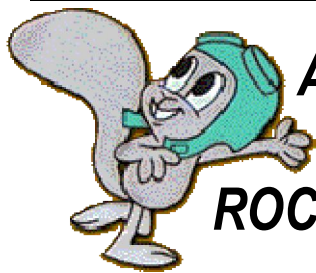
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If you are in active United States Military service, you qualify for a \$35 rebate making your total dues just \$50 (\$70 for family). After joining SCCA and receiving your membership card, then mail, fax or email SCCA Member Services requesting the military rebate. Contact information for Member Services is:

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## ASSORTED NUTS FROM ROCKET J. SQUIRREL

—ROCKY ENTRIKEN

I tell people I'm a racer when budget allows, but I'm always an autocrosser. Did my first autocross in 1965 and I haven't gone a season since without going out and scaring some pylons.

No matter what my state of poverty, whether it be a penniless student or a scraping-by divorcee, I could always come up with the entry fee for an autocross.

Going racing takes some bucks that I didn't always have. I first raced in 1973 when I realized my daily-driver '72 Pinto fit in SCCA's brand new Showroom Stock Sedan class. Slap in a rollbar, buy some racing seatbelts and Nomex coveralls and I drove the Pinto up to Aspen, Colo., for a driver's school and my first race. I only ran it twice more that year, and that was the end of the Pinto's career as a race car – under the rules of the day, in 1974 it was too old.

At the time the Spitfire I'd bought in 1965 was being raced by my brother, Buck, who'd converted it from street car to a G Production racer (You've seen "Built By Buck" on my Miata? Back then he built racers, today he builds custom trailers). Got the Spitfire back in 1974 and paid Buck \$1500 for the work he'd done making it a racer (I only paid \$1300 for it when I first bought it). Began autocrossing it in Prepared classes and in '77 I finally got it back on track for a race season. Did another season in 1980, then divorce intervened and I didn't get to race again until 1995, which was after I'd remarried. Current mate Sandy is definitely a keeper! ☺

But even when I was not driving in races I was always able to keep in touch with the sport as a race worker, which all told doesn't cost that much more than autocrossing. Travel to nearby tracks, maybe a cheap motel or even camping out overnight at the track, bring a bag of snacks because they feed you lunch and dinner, and I'd get to enjoy the camaraderie and companionship of the branch of the SCCA family who represent the genesis of the club.

First race I went to as a worker was right here in Salina, a driver's school/regional race out at the "old Salina Airport" which had closed four years earlier when the city took over the former Schilling AFB. They weren't even calling it "Airport Park" yet, much

less East Crawford Recreation Area. That was 1969, I hadn't even moved here yet. In fact, they hadn't even built the golf course yet. Timing was done from the airport terminal building, which is now the golf course clubhouse. The track looped through what's now the golf course parking lot, out onto the runway, down past where Evans Field is now with a right-left chicane part way down, across the diagonal we use to access our paddock, up the taxiway (now Markley Road) back to the start.

I was a corner worker that weekend because everyone else I knew were corner workers. Back then there were not the protective bunkers tracks use today, we stood right out there on the edge of the grass.

During one school session for Formula Vee cars the chief instructor ordered up a practice red flag, and my whole corner crew was in the corner captain's car – it was raining – except it was my turn to be the one guy on station to man the phones. So I'm scrambling to dig out the red flag and by the time I find it the whole pack is coming at me. I got 'em stopped and I swear one parked on my foot.

And it rained. Lordy how it rained. I think I had about 10 layers on, most of them allegedly water-resistant, and I was soaked to the skin. If you don't count a nearby tornado that sent everyone scurrying for shelter one time at the Ponca City Grand Prix, I've never seen such a rain at a race since. After I moved to Salina I looked up the weather records – it had rained some 10 inches that weekend. Locals were praising the relatively new flood dike around town.

I took a potty break one race, went to the terminal and noticed the timing & scoring crew in there, telling jokes, smoking, eating cookies, drinking pop, having a gold ol' time. I became a timer after that.

When I married Sandy she began coming with me and we both became senior-license timers. We were stopwatch experts who could handle up to 10 cars at a time. Computers and transponders today have made our stopwatch skills obsolete. Sandy still helps with the computers, or with scoring, while I've moved on to work Pit & Grid – neat because I'm right down there with the cars and drivers.

I'm looking forward to the reopening of Heartland Park Topeka's road course for a Majors weekend May 13-14. I plan to go back again Aug. 5-6, and also work the race at Hastings, Neb., July 22-23. These are races anybody could go to, get in free, work corners or grid or T&S, get an up-close-and-personal experience mere spectators never know. All you really need to do is show up and ask to be a worker. It's really that easy.

**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" memberships. Salina Region's Associate Members are eligible for all our championships and benefits.

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 an SCCA member, you're welcome at any region's events. You'll find a listing of our neighboring regions' events in the "Events Elsewhere" calendar inside.

**Associate memberships are due now for the year 2017 . . .**

- Associate memberships are for the calendar year provided your National membership is active. Join now, and your membership begins immediately and runs through 2017. Dues are \$15.00 for single memberships or for 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.
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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.salinasccla.org](http://www.salinasccla.org), [www.scca.com](http://www.scca.com), or call Salina Region membership chair Rocky Entriken at 785-827-5143 or e-mail [rocky@spitfire4.com](mailto:rocky@spitfire4.com).



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