

The Write Line

~ August 2017 ~



Kale Morris, ES Mazda Miata

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

Regional Executive Views

As most of you know last event was the RE challenge. After several hours of measuring the site – by the way I now have a nice scaled model of it – and designing a course I arrived early that morning to start setting up. I had been informed there was extra fencing around the site but did not know there were several more Jersey barriers than has been in the past. In fact, there were so many I had to abandon my design and wing it. Thankfully, with some significant help from Randy Puls and Mike Herrick plus a few others, we were able to create a course that met SCCA rules and was not too bad to drive.

Unfortunately, because of the proximity of the barriers several people felt a safety concern and elected to leave. I respect their decision and hope anyone competing at ECRA always feels safe at our events.

As of this writing we feel that it is in everyone's best interest to wait until next year to create a course worthy of the challenge, but this may change so keep an eye on the schedule.

Because of the growth of the Leadsled Spectacular event we will do our best to avoid their weekend in the future. From the amount of the barriers used this year it is apparent their insurance has required them to lock

down the site much more than before.

If you have not been to Lincoln for a divisional or the Solo Nationals you don't know what you are missing, the concrete goes on forever and the courses are not limited to down and back. This year, as has been done before, they will be running last year's Nationals courses at the Aug. 12-13 Divisional so you can compare your time to last year's times. There will be a group going up on Friday this year so you would not have to drive up by yourself. Registration is open until Thursday Aug. 10 so you do not have much time.

As we pass the halfway point of the season we need to start thinking about next year's board members. Please consider a position if at all possible because without a board there will be no club. Several of the positions require very little time but are necessary for the club. There will be a notice coming out as the time approaches for nominations so step up and get involved.

See you on course,

—Monte Rans, RE, Salina Region



► Next Events ◀

Solo - Aug. 27

Artt Mann is planning to do a BBQ plate for lunch again. A \$5 donation appreciated

Solo - Sept. 10

East Crawford Recreation Area

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

On-site registration opens 8:30, closes 10:00 ~ Course open to walk by 9:00
Novice coursewalk 10:00 ~ Drivers' Meeting 10:30 ~ Cars on course by 11:00

Next Business Meeting

Aug. 27
After the August event

Location TBA

*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>
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



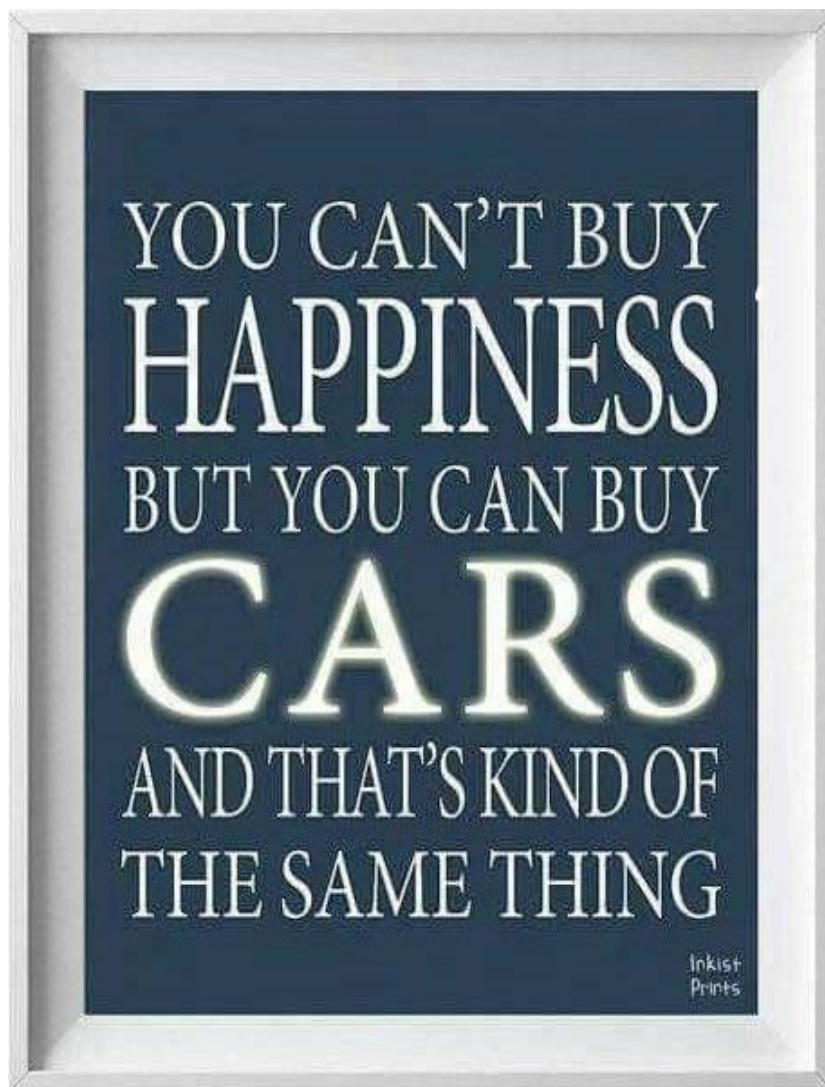
SPS/R&S MiDiv Solo Series - 2017

~~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)
(No meeting since last newsletter)



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

- Aug 20..... NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa State Fairgrounds
 Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder (Test & Tune)
 Aug 27.....* KC @ Providence MC Amphitheater, Bonner Springs
* Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
 Sep 2-3..... ProSolo Finale @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, Neb
 Sep 10.....* Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
 Sep 17..... NeOkla/Oklahoma @ Old Tanger Outlet Mall, Stroud
 Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder
 Sep 23-24... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln (Nebraskhana Sat.)
 Kansas/KC @ Heartland Park Topeka (double solo)
 Oct 1..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
 Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder
 Oct 14..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, Neb (Solo Trials)
 Oct 15..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, Neb
 NeOkla @ Old Tanger Outlet Mall, Stroud
 Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder
 Oct 22..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City
 Oct 29..... KC @ Blue River PDC, Independence (Halloweenie)
 Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder
 Nov 5.....* Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, Neb
 NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa State Fairgrounds
 Nov 12..... Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder

RALLYCROSS

- Sep 16..... KC @ Crowley Farm, Savannah, Mo.
 Sep 17..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.
 Oct 8.....* Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.
 Oct 21-22... National @ Heartland Park Topeka (RallyX Nationals)
 Nov 5.....* KC @ Holsworth Acres, Garnett, Ks.
 Nov 11-12.. KC @ Prairie Moon Elementary, Lawrence, Ks.
 Nov 19..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.

Go Racing!

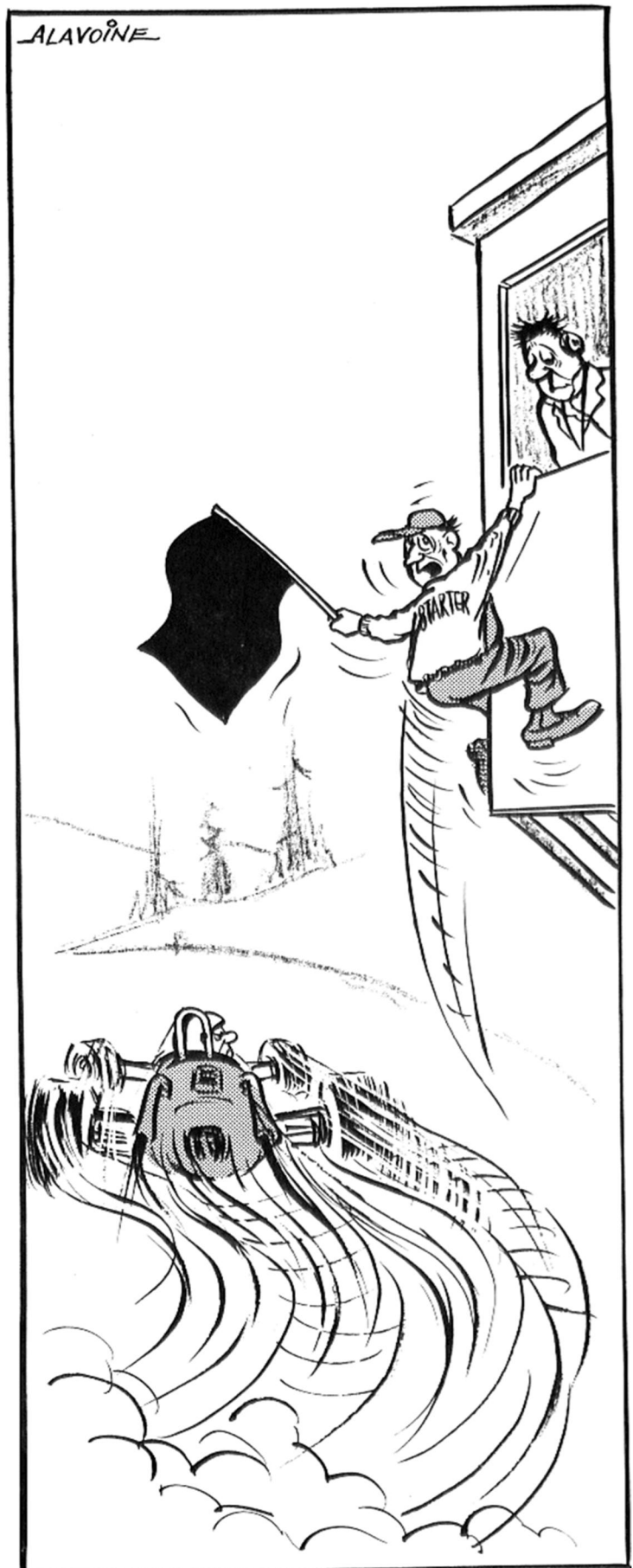


Five road course tracks are within a 3½-hour drive of Salina. Be part of the action as a race worker – flagging on corners, timing, grid, tech, etc. Or driver?

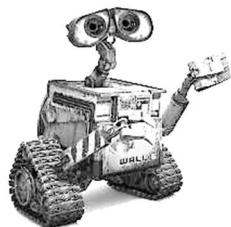
- Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett, Okla.
- Kansas Speedway, Kansas City, Ks
- Heartland Park Topeka, Ks.
- Motorsports Park Hastings, Hastings, Neb.
- Raceway Park of the Midlands, Pacific Jct. Iowa

TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA

- Aug 24.....@ Heartland Park Topeka
 Sep 13.....@ Heartland Park Topeka



"That guy really hates getting black flagged!"



After a lot of thoughtful consideration, Monte Rans came up with a course that was safe and still exciting within the constraints created by the concrete walls left over from Friday's Leadsled Spectacular event. A lot of help was provided by Safety Steward Randy Puls, Youth Steward Mike Herrick and others.

The start and finish were pushed south to avoid that concrete vee dropped in the middle of the pavement. The gentle opening slalom required some wiggle, even by small cars, but could be done full throttle. Beyond, the course could be attacked quite aggressively but keys to quick times were precise lines to stay close to key cones and knowing when to shut down.

Because of the intricacy of the design process, we got a late start, and the course only allowed one car at a time, but in the end 39 drivers got in four runs each and good competition ensued.

Especially among the distaff drivers. Four women participated and all four were within a fraction of a second of each other. Ultimately Marcia Haynes in the Gang Green Corvette, running in CAM-SL, was Fast Lady at 50.429 sec. It was only 0.255 sec back to Natasha Bergevine's DS Subaru WRX, another 0.144 to Sharon Brillhart's ESL Miata, and another 0.283 to Ann LaRondeau's FSL Mustang. A blanket of 0.682 sec covered all four of the ladies!

Only one other class was that close among even just the top two drivers, and that turned out to be the duel for Fast Fender among STS competitors Mike Herrick and Johnny Huang. Herrick won that one at 44.095, with Huang just 0.449 back. Herrick also took Top PAX honors with Huang third – Joey Green slotted in between them on the PAX chart with a run just 0.043 slower than Huang in his BS-winning Corvette.

Fourth on the PAX chart was FTD winner Radlee Bien, his Red Devil, Formula 500 running in F Mod wailing through the course in 40.386 sec.

There was just one other class with a margin between the top two drivers of less than one second. In E Street, it was age and treachery vs. youth and eagerness as one of our newest members, Kale Morris, dueling with 46-year member Rocky Entriiken (now in his 52nd year of autocross). Kale steadily knocked his times down with each run to get within 0.753 sec of the 48.3 Rocky had posted on his second run before collecting cones on his final two tries.

~~~ Wall.E • PAX Rankings ~~~

Driver	Class	Time	Index	PAX
Mike Herrick	STS	44.095	0.818	36.069
Joey Green	BS	44.587	0.813	36.249
Johnny Huang	STS	44.544	0.818	36.437
Radlee Bien	FM	40.386	0.916	36.993
Jason Stockton	BS	46.016	0.813	37.411
Jim Hund	BS	46.054	0.813	37.441
Monte Rans	STS	45.959	0.818	37.594
Kyle Edwards	GS	47.647	0.793	37.784
Mason Herrick	JA	44.013	0.864	38.027
James Green	CAM-S	45.564	0.838	38.182
John LaRondeau	FS	47.708	0.804	38.357
Rocky Entriiken	ES	48.382	0.794	38.415
Bill Dayton	DS	48.054	0.801	38.491
Rob Dinwiddie	AS	47.069	0.819	38.549
Tim Harmon	GS	49.021	0.793	38.873
Kale Morris	ES	49.095	0.794	38.981
Chris Bergevine	EM	43.874	0.905	39.706
Aaron Loggan	GS	50.252	0.793	39.849
Christopher Hund	DS	49.863	0.801	39.940
Conner Herrick	JA	46.250	0.864	39.960
Ken Kennedy	AS	48.961	0.819	40.099
Brian Hardeman	STO6	50.010	0.802	40.108
Sharon Brillhart	ESL	50.828	0.794	40.357
Natasha Bergevine	DS	50.684	0.801	40.597
Tyler Naden	CS	50.232	0.810	40.687
Ann LaRondeau	FSL	51.111	0.804	41.093
Ethan Branham	STO4	52.033	0.799	41.574
Henry Brillhart	ES	52.711	0.794	41.852
Justin Ramsey	HS	53.394	0.786	41.967
Marcia Haynes	CAM-SL	50.429	0.838	42.259
Michael Mace	CS	52.254	0.810	42.325
Bob Lambert	CAM-T	52.069	0.817	42.540
Rodney Walters	CP	50.426	0.854	43.063
Rodney Barber	FS	54.100	0.804	43.496
Darren Thomas	JB	53.836	0.834	44.899
Brett Barber	FS	56.097	0.804	45.102
Jeffrey Hund	STO8	57.339	0.806	46.215
Chris Thomas	STR	56.414	0.830	46.823
Brandon Thomas	STR	60.292	0.830	50.042

SALINA REGION SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP • 2017

• SALINA REGION MEMBER				Points following Wall.E		* HAS RUN THE MINIMUM 4 LOCAL EVENTS								
SS-R	Deborah Jarboe	22		Natasha Bergevine	26		Brett Barber	7		Conner Herrick	7	CP	Rodney Walters	*65
	Larry Brady	19		Matthew Sittel	19	FSL	Ann LaRondeau	*72	STF	Tim Beach	24		Michael Mace	*58
	Frank Wietharn	14		Larry Barry	12	GS	Kyle Edwards	36		Brett Cook	12		John Mace	24
SS	Ken Kennedy	*72		Jasan Shi	12		Chris Hund	12	STP	Joshua Holsworth	12		Al Hermans	15
AS	Lance Cochran	30		Chris Bergevine	9		Joshua Bergkamp	9		Lenard Holsworth	9	AM	Artt Mann	24
	Johnny Huang	24		Timothy May	5		Tim Harmon	9	STO8	Jeff Hund	36	EM	Chris Bergevine	48
	Rob Dinwiddie	12	ES	Rocky Entriiken	*61		Jim Hood	7		Blake Johnson	12	FM	Radlee Bien	36
	Jim Gillett	12		James Green	53		Aaron Loggan	7	STO6	Brian Hardeman	*60	KM	Brian Hagen	12
	Ken Kennedy	9		Hank Brillhart	*40	HS	Don Herrick	*74		Zach Smith	9	JA	Mason Herrick	36
BS	Joey Green	*66		Bill Preheim	*35		Abner Perney	*46		Cutter Hardin	7		Conner Herrick	27
	Jason Stockton	*61		Kale Morris	20		Justin Ramsey	12	STO4	Ethan Branham	12	JB	Darren Thomas	12
	Jim Hund	*51		Jim Gillett	18		Jeffrey Hund	7		Dennis Kanapsky	12	Wild	James Green	*65
	Randy Puls	*42		Kyle Bohling	13		Alex Pham	7		Matt Snyder	9		Susan Puls	*62
	Clay Johnson	23		Greg Bohling	8		Aaron Porter	6		Chase Kaiser	7		Marcia Haynes	†60
	Radlee Bien	9		Dennis Smith	7	STU	Mark Hill	24	CAM-T	Bob Lambert	24		Chris Bergevine	57
	Shane Hutsell	7	ESL	Sharon Brillhart	*79	STR	Chris Thomas	12	CAM-S	Marcia Haynes	24		Johnny Huang	46
	Bill Cutrer	5		Connie Preheim	*30		Brandon Thomas	9		James Green	12		Radlee Bien	45
	Kent Willer	3		Susan Puls	26	STX	Brian Fipps	13	CAM-SL	Marcia Haynes	24		Jeff Hund	43
BSL	Susan Puls	36		Jessica Green	21		Douglas Hitchcock	12	DSP	Daniel Rowland	12		Conner Herrick	34
	Marcia Haynes	12		Ashly Hart	9		Eric Hunter	9	SMF	J.D. Baughman	33		Jim Gillett	30
CS	Tyler Naden	24		Julianne Green	7	STS	Monte Rans	*58		Andrew Shevin	12	† has run three classes		
	Michael Mace	9	FS	John LaRondeau	*72		Mike Herrick	*48	XP	Brian Tefft Jr.	50	* NOTE: Divisional is not counted as a "local" event		
DS	Chris Hund	*48		Mark Castle	18		Johnny Huang	22		Brian Tefft Sr.	16			
	Bill Dayton	40		Rodnev Barber	9		Russell Secrest	9		James Cahill	10			



Salina Region SCCA ~ July 30, 2017 ~ East Crawford Recreation Area, Salina

Class	Driver	Mem.	Car	Make	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Best	
AS	• Rob Dinwiddie	83	Porsche	Cayman S	48.275	47.069	47.070	47.118	47.069	
	Ken Kennedy	17	Corvette		D.N.F.	50.233	61.838	48.961	48.961	
BS	• Joey Green	198	Corvette		44.587	44.334+3	55.529+1	44.148+1	44.587	
	Jason Stockton	70	Corvette		46.816	46.251	46.838	46.016	46.016	
	Jim Hund	87	Corvette		D.N.F.	D.N.F.	46.553	46.054	46.054	
CS	• Tyler Naden	11	Mazda	Miata	52.145	50.232	50.861	D.N.F.	50.232	
	Michael Mace	1	Mazda	Miata	53.650	53.703	52.371+1	50.254+1	52.254	
DS	• Bill Dayton	69	Chevrolet	Cobalt SS	48.054	D.N.F.	50.010	48.506	48.054	
	Christopher Hund	9	Dodge	Charger	51.419	50.465	49.971	49.863	49.863	
	Natasha Bergevine	135	Subaru	WRX	54.242	76.296	50.684	50.915	50.684	
ES	• Rocky Entriiken	4	Mazda	MX5	55.543	48.382	48.083+1	60.162+4	48.382	
	Kale Morris	9	Mazda	Miata	52.298+1	50.180+2	49.906+1	49.095	49.095	
	Henry Brillhart	128	Mazda	Miata	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	52.711	52.711	
ESL	• Sharon Brillhart	28	Mazda	Miata	50.828	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	61.728	50.828	
FS	• John LaRondeau	92	Mustang	GT	D.N.F.	48.629	D.N.F.	47.708	47.708	
	Rodney Barber	163	Mustang		60.790	56.327	54.954	54.100	54.100	
	Brett Barber	63	Mustang		58.277	56.097	D.N.F.	61.593	56.097	
FSL	• Ann LaRondeau	92	Mustang	GT	D.N.F.	52.802	50.330+1	51.111	51.111	
GS	• Kyle Edwards	88	Ford	Focus ST	48.687	50.501	47.647	46.703+1	47.647	
	Tim Harmon	51	Ford	Focus ST	49.952	50.069+2	49.021	49.987	49.021	
	Aaron Loggan	4	Chrysler	200S	D.N.F.	52.111	50.252	50.712	50.252	
HS	• Justin Ramsey	69	Hyundai	Elantra	D.N.F.	56.982	54.245	53.394	53.394	
STR	• Chris Thomas	5	Mazda	Miata	59.106	57.892	56.414	D.N.F.	56.414	
	Brandon Thomas	15	Mazda	Miata	60.292	63.108	67.162	64.042	60.292	
STS	• Mike Herrick	89	Honda	Civic	46.712	44.095	44.432	44.437+1	44.095	FFTD
	Johnny Huang	18	Mazda	Miata	48.471	45.663	D.N.F.	45.583	44.544	
	Monte Rans	34	Honda	CRX Si	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	47.257	45.959	45.959	
STO8	• Jeffrey Hund	11	Cadillac	CTS-V	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	80.379+1	55.339+1	57.339	
STO6	• Brian Hardeman	41	BMW	Z3	51.280	50.933	50.010	49.540+1	50.010	
STO4	• Ethan Branham	86	Scion	FR-S	53.686	52.033	70.771+1	52.509	52.033	
CAM-T	• Bob Lambert	11	Plymouth	GTX	53.525	52.332+1	52.069	53.943+2	52.069	
CAM-S	• James Green	98	Corvette		46.532	D.N.F.	46.211	45.564	45.564	
CAM-SL	• Marcia Haynes	98	Corvette		51.813	50.199+1	50.429	51.700+2	50.429	FL
CP	• Rodney Walters	35	Ford	Mustang	53.623	D.N.F.	50.426	53.844	50.426	
EM	• Chris Bergevine	134	Exomotive	Exocet	51.090	44.572+2	43.874	44.167	43.874	
FM	• Radlee Bien	65	Red	Devil	40.386	40.070+1	40.714+1	40.622	40.386	FTD
JA	• Mason Herrick	89	CRG	Santana	D.N.F.	44.144	44.013	D.N.S.	44.013	
	Conner Herrick	98	Tony Kart	Nelson Special	47.524	46.678	46.834	46.250	46.250	
JB	• Darren Thomas	18	Margay	Brava	54.668	64.598+1	53.836	68.934	53.836	

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

A brief explanation of the situation

We've done this before – The Leadsled Spectacular comes to town with its spotlight drags on Friday afternoon and we put on an autocross the following Sunday. But it was never like this before.

Last time we did it, the concrete Jersey barriers ran about 900 feet to the end of the “bad pavement.” Beyond that was a simple spectator restraint consisting of wooden sticks in the ground with a string tied along them – easy to remove. So we had a course with an opening slalom up the middle and then the full width of the pavement beyond (there also was no dog park then).

This time we arrived Sunday morning to find Jersey barriers running twice as far as before, not to mention a couple of them dropped right in the middle of the runway! And beyond that, not a simple stick-and-string but snow fence hung on steel posts. Yike!

In all fairness it should be said that Ron Dankenbring, Salina's Parks Supervisor, called me the week before to remind us the

Leadsled setup would be out there. It takes days to put it in place and days more to remove it. No problem, I replied, expecting the same setup as before. It was not.

And so some thought it not suitable to conduct the annual R.E. Challenge and elected not to compete. As a result the Challenge was called off, but nonetheless we still had an event. A safe but, yes, challenging 50-second course was devised but the site constraints meant only a one-car-at-a-time format could be run. It was not so vanilla there were no incidents, but even the most spectacular spinouts went right down the middle, as designed.

The East Crawford Recreation Area is a city park that once was Salina's municipal airport and we are privileged to be able to play our automotive games out there. But ours is not the only activity using the place (which, overall, is a good thing). In future we'll make an effort to avoid the last weekend in July. —Rocky Entriiken



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.

Dues include payment for subscription to SportsCar (\$24 value). Dues are not deductible as charitable contributions

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Military Rebate
SCCA Inc.
6620 SE Dwight St.
Topeka, Ks. 66619

Fax: 785-232-7213
Email: militaryrebate@scca.com

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

A Newbie's Guide to the Solo Nationals

By Mike Brausen, Milwaukee Region

So this will be your first time at the SCCA Solo Nationals? *Congratulations!!!* You are about to be part of the largest motorsports event in the world. Over the course of four days, more than 1300 competitors will make their way through the gates of Lincoln Air Park for their chance at being the best of the best in their class, but there is a lot more to the event than just the six competition runs. We'll lay out some important information for you to get ready for the big show and, hopefully, make sure you don't miss out on all the fun that can be had.

First, don't be scared. There is a lot to take in. The site is huge, there are a lot of people, and there is a lot going on all at once. If you ever have a question or don't know where something is, *ask somebody*. Everybody here is super friendly! Autocrossers are some of the best people you will ever meet, and most will go out of their way to help you.

Let's start off with a basic walk-through of how to get set up and ready to explore.

Getting Through the Gate (There is more than you think): Once you get to the gate, sign the waiver and get a wristband like any other event. Remember that unlike most events, you will need this wristband all week to get in and out. At Nationals, the cool part is that you're given a rubber bracelet that works as your waiver wristband. No need to worry about keeping some nasty Tyvek bracelet on all week. The gate is open 24 hours a day, just be sure to keep that bracelet close by as it is your key to the site.

Getting to Your Paddock Spot: Once you're in the gate, it's time to go unload your things at your paddock spot. If you are unsure of where your paddock spot is, or need to be assigned a spot, turn left (North) as you enter the gate. The first tent you see is the Event Registration and Paddock tent. You can temporarily park your rig in front of the tent in a designated area, just make sure you aren't blocking the way while you check in at the tent.

Each paddock row consists of an "A" and "B" slab that are each roughly 25' x 25' running West to East from the entrance side. The A slabs are on the Southern side (towards main course) and the B's are on the North (towards the practice course). Once you find your spot, make yourself comfortable. This is your camp for the week.

Check In and Tech: Once you have found your spot and unloaded, it's best to get your paperwork and prep done first so you can enjoy the rest of your time at the event. Check In is in the same tent as Paddock Registration, at the entrance to site. Like all SCCA events, you'll need your SCCA membership with you to check in. The wonderful people there will verify your information, give your work assignment, banquet tickets (don't lose these!), as well as a packet of information about the event. This is also when you should make sure that you have an SCCA barcode on your helmet. If you haven't been to a National event before, or have a new helmet, you will need to make sure you have a barcode before you begin competing. If you pull up to the starting line without one, your runs are unable to be identified and scored. Hours of check in (and tech) are Sun-Wed, 1-5 pm.

Your next priority should be getting your car teched. Without a signed tech sticker, you will not be allowed to compete. Bring

your car to tech prepared identically to how it competes, so this means completely emptied out except for your helmets, with class and numbers on the car and competition tires mounted. If you have more than one set, bring them with to be inspected.

Like any other tech, you'll open the hood and trunk of your car, and hop out for it to be checked over. They will check your helmet to make sure it meets the current SCCA requirements and has a barcode (can you tell the barcode is important?). If it's all good they will put a signed event sticker on your car.

Where to Be and When:

When you check in, they will give you a booklet full of information to help

you get through the event. Included in that is the information we gave you above, the days each class is running, the order each class is running in and start times of events throughout the week. You'll notice that there is a time noted for what time competition starts each day, but not what time each following heat starts. Depending on the flow of the heat (size, timing issues, broken cars on course, etc.), the lengths can vary a lot. One heat may go great and the other may go at a snail's pace. Never assume they will be the same length.

There will be a Test and Tune course set up on the North side of paddock. It is best if you can register online in advance.

So it's Your Heat to Run!: Great! As mentioned, make sure to get to your grid spot before the prior heat ends. The grid spots are listed in a tent positioned between the 100's and 200's grids on both the East and West course. Once you have your vehicle in grid, go ahead and bring over any tools or spare parts you think you'll need. Also make sure to bring a jack and jack stand. It is required to have a jack stand under the vehicle if you are working with it off the ground. After you have taken your three runs, you remain in your grid spot for impound! If you are running in a class that has a minimum car weight (any Street Mod, Prepared or Modified classes), you will be directed to the scales prior to returning to your grid spot. Once you're back at your grid spot, open your hood and trunk for other competitors to inspect if they wish. Once the results are audited in the trailer, an impound official will bring them out to the class for approval. Once everyone has had a chance to look at them, if there are no concerns, the impound official will announce that class released from impound.

The Fun Stuff: There are so many other things going on throughout the week put on by different groups that you will surely find something to your liking. Here are a few things you can see and enjoy on site:

The Monday Night Welcome Party has been a tradition for years. Since 2014 it has been the Tacos and Talent show put on by Grassroots Motorsports and a group of volunteers. Bring out your special talent and get up on stage just for fun or to compete for prizes.

Wrap it up already: So, if there is one thing to take away from all this, it is "You're going to have fun!" As awesome as these courses are, it's six minutes of driving. Autocross is a social sport with a lot of amazing people. Go out and introduce yourself to some new people, have some fun and we hope the experience is everything you expected.



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.
- A code in the corner of your mailing label indicates status. A code like 09-17 indicates a Region-of-Record member expiring at the end of that month. **A code such as A17 or FA17 indicates an Associate Member expiring at the end of that year.** A month indicates someone not a member of Salina Region who ran with us at a recent event or asked for a newsletter. Other codes refer to complimentary copies being sent this year.

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 \$10). Find more information at www.salinasc.ca.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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