



How Mirror Khana works: Two cars line up, one on each side. At "GO" they drive the full course. First one back to their own startline wins. Pylons: three for free, fourth one is a DNF (but 4 beats 5, etc.)

NOTE EARLIER TIME SCHEDULE BELOW

The start of the start

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA



If you have been a regular to Salina Region events this season you may have noticed some changes in the way we are doing several operations at the events. I would like to have your opinion on the changes and what you would like to see in the future.

Sometime after our Nov. 5 event, I hope to send out a questionnaire and gather input to present to the board and start preparing for next year. Any comments will be greatly appreciated and considered.

Speaking of the board, we will be losing some people filling key positions this year and need members to step up and consider being part of the club's governing body. Please contact myself or any of the board members and get involved. We are always looking for new opinions and visions for the club and the direction you as members would like to see it evolve to. There will be a board meeting following the event and all members are welcome. If interested stop by and check us out. I know I am sounding like a broken record but without the board there will be no club and none of us want that.

Our last event is quickly approaching and if you are into head to head competition you will not want to miss this one. It's official, the Mirror Khana is returning for our last event on Nov 5. Registration is open NOW at MotorsportReg.com (see link at salinascca.org).

This is a unique event and if you have never tried it here is an opportunity to face your opponent in a showdown where best run wins. There is no timer and you get three for free, cones that is. There will be more information coming as the date approaches. Hopefully the weather will corporate and provide us with some great racing. Preregistration is very much appreciated because the brackets will have to be created prior to the event.

After the Mirror Khana our next event will be the annual awards banquet to be held at a yet-to-be determined location sometime in February so reserve a spot on your calendar so you don't miss it. A date and time will be published in the near future.

See you on course,

-Monte Rans, RE, Salina Region SCCA



► Next Event ◀

Nov. 5 - Mirror Khana XXXIX

Just beat the guy (or gal) lined up across from you

East Crawford Recreation Area Pre-registration REQUIRED (save \$5) – use link at www.salinascca.org

→ → NOTE DIFFERENT TIME SCHEDULE!! ← ← ←

On-site registration opens 7:30, closes 8:30 ~ Course open to walk by 7:30 Novice coursewalk 8:30 ~ Drivers' Meeting 9:00 ~ Cars on course by 9:30 First is two practice runs for everyone, then double-elimination competition brackets

Next Business Meeting

November 5
After the event

Location TBA

Business meetings are open to all members and guests Page 2 ~ October 2017 The Write Line



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Salina Region Schedule ~ 2017

All at East Crawford Recreation Area unless noted elsewhere Chair

Nov. 5 – Solo (Mirror Khana XXXIX) 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 2018 Solo Nationals ~ Sep. 4-7 ~ Lincoln. Neb.

MEETING MINUTES

Monte Rans Called the Board meeting to order on 10/08/17 at 3:31pm at East Crawford Recreational Area.

Motion to approve last meeting's Minutes by Ken. Second by Radlee. Unanimously passed.

Motion to approve Treasurer Report by Rocky. Second by Artt. Unanimously passed. **Old Business:**

Upcoming Board vacancies - Position requirements will be posted for potential newcomers.

Alternate Board meeting locations -- other locations were discussed though the ECRA was preferential.

ECRA site maintenance – Ken will talk to the City of Salina about sealing portions of

New Business:

Brian made a motion to disallow bump order at Salina Region Events. Rocky seconds. 4 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion carries

Evolution Performance Driving School 2018 dates are set for April 13-15.

Ken made a motion to send the RE to the MiDiv Convention, Feb. 9-11 in Independence, Mo. Radlee seconds. Unanimously passed.

Early 2018 schedule dates will be similar to last year

Mirror Khana -- Board will seek permission from City of Salina to camp onsite the night prior (Nov. 3)

Meeting adjourned at 4:27pm Christopher Hund, Secretary

New Class: Solo Spec Coupe

TOPEKA, Kan. (Oct. 11, 2017) - In September, the Sports Car Club of America unveiled the new Solo Spec Coupe (SSC) class concept for autocross competition. Official specifications for the class can be reviewed online in full at https://www.scca.com/pages/solo-spec-class.

The new supplemental class was developed to be unique in that it primarily focuses on a competitor's driving skill by having drivers participate in nearly identical cars. The base platform is the 2013-2016 Subaru BRZ or Scion FR-S, cars considered to be modestly priced, rearwheel drive, late model enthusiast vehicles useful as both a "daily driver" and for autocross competition.

Official SSC vehicle specifications include a number of mandatory components and parts that must be used and are required to be installed for national competition. However, individual regions may decide to allow SSC vehicles to compete in local events with some OEM parts.



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)

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

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.

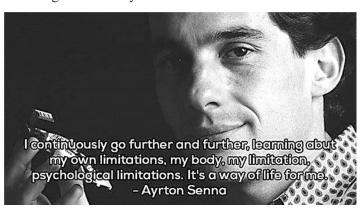
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Each year after the Solo Nationals, SCCA announces its Triad Award winners. To claim a Solo Triad award requires winning two Solo Tour events and the Tire Rack Solo National Championship all in the same class. Only championship classes are eligible.

But additionally, there is the McClintock-Berry Award for Formula Junior drivers who meet the same requirements.



This year FJA driver Mason Herrick, of McPherson, Kansas, earned the McClintock-Berry Award for wins at Tour events in College Station, Texas and Lincoln, Neb., as well as claiming the FJA victory at the Tire Rack Solo Nationals. It is his second consecutive award. He also won it driving in FJB last year.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- ♦ Zack Kimble, Wichita, ran a Volkswagen Corrado SLC at Octoberfast.
- ♦ Mike Naden, Wichita, joins Tyler (his son?) in C Street with his own Miata.

Associate member renewals

If you are an Associate Member of Salina Region – your mailing label shows an A17 or FA17 code in the upper-right corner – it is time to renew your membership for 2018.

Our procedure is that you just send our Editor, who is also the Membership Chair, \$15 dues (check payable to Salina Region) before the end of the year.

But did you know you can also pay your Associate Member dues (or Dual Member, or Secondary member – whatever you call it, it's all the same thing) through SCCA when you renew your regular membership? Easiest way is just to telephone SCCA's membership department (1-800-770-2055) and tell them you want to add Salina Region to your membership.

Upon doing so, your Salina Region membership will expire, and renew, on the same schedule as your regular National and Region of Record memberships. NOTE: If your label code shows an asterisk (A*18 for example), you're already paying through SCCA. Ignore this message!

But what if...?

What if your regular membership doesn't renew until April? Or July? Or September? And you want to score your 2018 Salina Region points earlier in the year. Not a problem. Any non-member who pays Salina Region dues before the end of September gets to keep all points scored during the season. So just wait until your regular membership renews and then make that call, add Salina Region, and have your credit card handy to pay the entire dues bill – which will be \$15 more to cover your Salina Region dues.

As long as you run most of the earlier Salina Region events, you'll still get your *Write Line*.

What if your regular membership renews in October, November or December? Well, if you haven't renewed yet for 2018, just make that call now and add Salina Region, same as the paragraph above. If you *have* already renewed, call that number and have them just add Salina Region and they'll want an extra \$15.

Associate members have all the same rights and privileges as Region of Record members. All "associate" means is your RoR is somewhere else. It's just a bookkeeping distinction.

That \$15 covers everything whether you are a single member (A17), or a husband-wife or family membership with a houseful of kids (FA17). We're glad to have you as Salina Region members!

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SS-R Larry Brady•

Bill Dayton•

OCTOBERFAST 28

Octoberfast and Salina Region are the same age – 28 in 2017. We were chartered in 1990 when Octoberfast 1 (and several more thereafter) was put on by Dave and Jo Richards, both past REs serving several terms. They drew a map, which we still use,

but did not mark the course. So each year's course is an approximation by that year's setup crew – the event is put on today by the region's board -- of what the map says. And now, slightly modified to deal with Barkley Park.

This year the course seemed stretched a bit, living up to the last syllable of the event's name. A 400-foot straight meant third gear for some cars approaching the signature hook turn at the far end turnaround.

An entry of 48 cars meant running the event in three heats and creating some close battles. There were two 6-car classes – ES and STS – but the duel of the day was the two-car ESL class between Sharon Brillhart's Miata and Marcia Haynes in an MR2. Sharon ran off a string of 57s, beginning with a 57.8 and ending with a 57.0. Marcia started off with a 60, then a couple of 59s, then a dirty 56, then a clean 56.882 to steal the win by 0.162 sec. Fast Lady went to Ann LaRandeau in FSL at 54.367.

FTD was a duel of itself between Radlee Bien's FM Red Devil Formula 500 car and Brian Tefft's heavily modified XP Miata. Radlee started off with a couple of DNFs, but hit 46.2 on his third run while Brian was at 46.9. Both had 45s on their fourth run, but Brian's 45.971 was clean while Radlee's faster 45.7 wasn't. And that was it, both running low 46s on their last shot, Brian winning FTD by 0.206 sec. Third-quick was Mark Hill's STU Evo at 47.4, the Top PAX.

Both six-car classes had close battles at the top. ES was decided on the third runs when James Green's MR2 clocked 54.090 to Rocky Entriken's 54.676 for a 0.586 winning edge. Rocky duplicated his run to the thousandth of a second on his last try. In STS, Joey Green, driving Johnny Huang's Miata got down to the 48s but was dirty on every run, so Mike Herrick took the win at 50.161 and a 0.709 margin.

One more close contest came in BS between the Corvettes of Jim Hund and Jason Stockton. Stockton started in the 52s, got down to a 51.6. Hund spoiled a pair of 50-sec runs with pylons but managed to stay clean on a 51.106, enough to win the class by 0.537 sec.

This was Salina Region's annual Member Appreciation event, free entry to all Salina Region members. Thirty-eight members took advantage of the opportunity, plus five more who joined the region at thee event.

Connie Preheim•

~~~ Octoberf	ast 28 • F	AX Rankir	ngs ~~~	
Driver	Class	Time	Index	PAX
Mark Hill	STU	47.435	0.831	39.418
Brian Tefft Jr.	XP	45.971	0.892	41.006
Mike Herrick	STS	50.161	0.818	41.031
John LaRandeau	FS	51.157	0.804	41.130
Jim Hund	BS	51.106	0.813	41.549
Joey Green	STS	50.870	0.818	41.611
Jason Stockton	BS	51.643	0.813	41.985
Mason Herrick	JA	48.680	0.864	42.059
Douglas Hitchcock	STX	51.274	0.822	42.147
Radlee Bien	FM	46.177	0.916	42.298
Ken Kennedy	AS	51.790	0.819	42.416
Johnny Huang	STS	52.013	0.818	42.546
Monte Rans	STS	52.173	0.818	42.677
Randy Puls	BS	52.616	0.813	42.776
Michael Mace	STO4	53.631	0.799	42.851
James Green	ES	54.090	0.794	42.947
Rocky Entriken	ES	54.676	0.794	43.412
Ann LaRandeau	FSL	54.367	0.804	43.711
Dennis Smith	GS	55.268	0.793	43.827
Chris Bergevine	EM	48.504	0.905	43.896
Don Herrick	HS	55.908	0.786	43.943
JD Baughman	SMF	51.882	0.848	43.995
Mike Naden	CS	54.380	0.810	44.047
Daniel Rowland	DSP	52.971	0.842	44.601
Conner Herrick	JA	51.643	0.864	44.619
Marcia Haynes	ESL	56.882	0.794	45.164
Sharon Brillhart	ESL	57.044	0.794	45.292
Kale Morris	ES	57.684	0.794	45.801
Henry Brillhart	ES	57.800	0.794	45.893
Nancy Smith	GSL	57.894	0.793	45.909
Rodney Walters	CP	54.220	0.854	46.303
Jim Gillett	ES	58.454	0.794	46.412
Christopher Hund	DS	57.957	0.801	46.423
Mason Smith	ES	58.608	0.794	46.534
Tyler Naden	CS	57.516	0.810	46.588
Johnathan Burchardt	SMF	55.146	0.848	46.763
Susan Puls	BSL	58.000	0.813	47.154
Brett Cook	DSP	56.101	0.842	47.237
Zack Kimble	EP	55.282	0.859	47.487
Brian Seacrest	STS	58.756	0.818	48.062
Mark Rowland	DS	60.214	0.801	48.231
Russell Secrest	STS	59.046	0.818	48.299
R Abner Perney	STF	60.570	0.800	48.456
Zach Smith	STP	59.169	0.820	48.518
Bob Lambert	CAM·T	60.459	0.817	49.395
Jeffrey Hund	STO8	62.713	0.806	50.546
Ryan Redenbaugh	FP	63.551	0.873	55.480
Artt Mann	AM	58.072	1.000	58.072

James Green•

counted as a "local" event.

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CAM·S Marcia Havnes•

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### SALINA REGION SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP 2017

• SALINA REGION MEMBER Points following Octoberfast 28 * HAS RUN THE MINIMUM 4 LOCAL EVENTS

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BS	Jim Hund•	*82										XP	Brian Tefft Jr•	*
	Joey Green•	*77		Natasha Bergevin	e• 26		Marcia Haynes•	28	STX	Douglas Hitchcock	• 23		Brian Tefft Sr•	
	Jason Stockton•	*77		Chris Bergevine•	9		Susan Puls•	26		Joe Silva•	11	CP	Rodney Walters•	*
	Randy Puls•	*61		Dennis Smith•	7		Jessica Green•	21		Sonja Hitchcock•	2		Michael Mace•	*
	Clay Johnson•	23	ES	James Green•	*97		Nancy Smith•	9	STS	Mike Herrick•	*83	AM	Artt Mann•	
	John LaRandeau•	11		Rocky Entriken•	*79	FS	John LaRandeau•	*84		Monte Rans•	*77	EM	Chris Bergevine•	*
	Radlee Bien•	9		Hank Brillhart•	*52		Don Knop•	9		Russell Secrest•	13	FM	Radlee Bien•	*
	Marcia Haynes•	1		Bill Preheim•	*41	FSL	Ann LaRandeau•	*84		Joey Green•	9	KM	Brian Hagen•	
BSL	Susan Puls•	*66		Jim Gillett•	*32	GS	Kyle Edwards•	*60		Conner Herrick•	7	JA	Mason Herrick•	
	Marcia Haynes•	12		Kale Morris•	27		Chris Hund•	12	STF	Abner Perney•	36		Conner Herrick•	
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Mark Hill•



# OCTOBERFAST 28

Salina Region SCCA ~ October 8, 2017

East Crawford Recreation Area, Salina

Class		Driver	Car	Make	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Best	
AS	•	Ken Kennedy	17	Corvette	54.405	53.697	52.398	52.210	51.790	51.790	
BS	•	Jim Hund	87	Corvette	51.468+1	50.633+1	51.179	50.418+1	51.106	51.106	
		Jason Stockton	70	Corvette	52.273+1	52.287	52.775	51.843	51.643	51.643	
		Randy Puls	77	Corvette	54.035	52.867	52.790	53.042+1	52.616	52.616	
BSL	•	Susan Puls	77	Corvette	62.642	61.337	59.951	58.541	58.000	58.000	
CS	•	Mike Naden	48	Mazda MX5	60.501	58.348	56.646	56.402	54.380	54.380	
		Tyler Naden	67	Mazda Miata	58.505	57.969	58.865	58.198	57.516	57.516	
DS	•	Christopher Hund	9	Dodge Charger	57.598+1	58.220	58.874	57.483+1	57.957	57.957	
		Mark Rowland	74	BMW 330Ci	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	61.373	60.214	58.763+1	60.214	
ES	•	James Green	96	Toyota MR2	55.319	54.504+1	54.090	54.040+1	54.857	54.090	
	•	Rocky Entriken	4	Mazda MX5	55.910	55.158	54.676	55.111+2	54.676	54.676	
		Kale Morris	9	Mazda Miata	60.594	58.849	59.786	57.684	57.766	57.684	
		Henry Brillhart	128	Mazda Miata	60.697+1	D.N.F.	58.286	57.800	58.760+1	57.800	
		Jim Gillett	99	Mazda Miata	60.107	59.611+1	59.195	59.332+1	58.454	58.454	
		Mason Smith	16	Mazda Miata	76.574	61.043	59.580	58.326+1	58.608	58.608	
ESL	•	Marcia Haynes	99	Toyota MR2	60.231	59.327+2	59.709	56.866+2	56.882	56.882	
		Sharon Brillhart	28	Mazda Miata	57.802	58.258+1	57.596+1	57.945+1	57.044	57.044	
FS	•	John LaRandeau	92	Mustang GT	52.154	51.721	51.667	51.265	51.157	51.157	
			* 1	BMW 330Ci	59.416	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	57.485	57.156	57.156	
FSL	•	– .*	92	Mustang GT	57.965	57.912+1	55.681	54.936	54.367	54.367 FL	_
GS	•	Dennis Smith	6	Ford Focus ST	57.317	56.522	55.729+1	55.292	55.268	55.268	
GSL	•	Nancy Smith	9	Ford Focus ST	60.101	58.768	59.254	59.118	57.894	57.894	
HS	•	Don Herrick	8	Ford Fiesta ST	56.263	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	53.908+1	57.894+2	55.908	
STU	•	Mark Hill	45	Mitsubishi Evo IX	48.749	48.704	47.649+2	47.563	47.435	47.435	
STX	•	Douglas Hitchcock	91	BMW 328is	51.293+2	51.671	51.274	52.469+2	51.966	51.274	
STS	•	Mike Herrick	89	Honda Civic	51.305	50.289+1	50.499	50.524	50.161	50.161	
0.0	•	Joey Green	118	Mazda Miata	53.574+2	50.383+2	50.637+2	49.969+3	48.870+1	50.870	
		Johnny Huang	18	Mazda Miata	51.189+2	D.N.F.	50.013+1	50.337+4	50.258+1	52.013	
		Monte Rans	34	Honda CRX Si	53.608	54.062	52.929	52.173	52.420	52.173	
		Brian Seacrest	542	Mazda Miata	63.072	59.346	59.430	60.900	58.756	58.756	
		Russell Secrest	42	Mazda Miata	61.402	66.621+2	58.807+1	59.046	58.112+1	59.046	
STF	•	R Abner Perney	6	Hyundai Veloster	D.N.S.	60.570	61.545	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	60.570	
STP		Zach Smith	13	Mustang Cobra	D.N.F.	63.284+1	62.058	60.203	59.169	59.169	
STO8		Jeffrey Hund	52	Cadillac CTS-V	63.609	65.039	63.474	63.832	62.713	62.713	
STO4		Michael Mace	86	Honda S2000	54.924	53.672	54.594	53.631	54.313+2	53.631	
		Bob Lambert	11	Pontiac GTX	59.115+1	58.459+1	58.615+1	57.929+2	58.745+1	60.459	
DSP		Daniel Rowland	3	BMW 328is	54.994	53.268	55.237	53.271	52.971	52.971	
DOI		Brett Cook		BMW 328is	58.696	57.464	58.467	56.101	56.631	56.101	
SMF		JD Baughman		Chevrolet Cobalt LS		51.882	69.944+3	51.923+1	52.363	51.882	
Civii		Johnathan Burchard			D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	55.146	55.733+1	55.146	
XP		Brian Tefft Jr.		Mazda Miata	48.247+1	47.621	46.988	45.971	46.278	45.971 FT	רח
CP		Rodney Walters		Mustang	57.235+1	54.220	54.720+2	55.925	55.867	54.220	
EP		Zack Kimble		Volkswagen Corrado SLC		56.102+1	55.521	55.041+1	55.282	55.282	
FP		Ryan Redenbaugh	86	Toyota Corolla	64.964	63.800	63.867	64.305	63.551	63.551	
AM		Artt Mann		'34 Ford Victoria	61.281+1	59.988	59.844	59.294	58.072	58.072	
EM			134	Exomotive Exocet	49.369+1	49.178+1	D.N.F.	49.780	48.504	48.504	
FM	•	Chris Bergevine Radlee Bien	65	Red Devil	49.369+1 D.N.F.	49.176+1 D.N.F.	46.252	49.760 45.739+4	46.30 <del>4</del> 46.177	46.30 <del>4</del> 46.177	
JA		Mason Herrick	89	CRG Santana	49.151	48.680	54.076	48.697	40.177 D.N.S.	48.680	
JA	٠		98			53.096	51.643	52.092			
		Conner Herrick		Tony Kart Nelson Sp					58.766+1	51.643	
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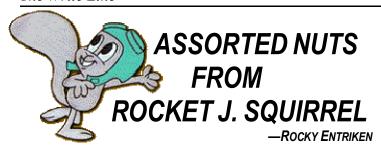
## **Membership Application**

#### **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			Telephon	ne	
City			State	Zip _	
E-mail					·····
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# My week at the SCCA Runoffs 66...But it's Indy!

When it was announced last year that the 2017 SCCA Club Racing Runoffs would be at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, I felt the urge for one more season in my H Production Spitfire, but the comptroller of Ikke så Hurtig Racing (wife Sandy) said the budget just wasn't there. But we decided to go anyway, as race workers – me working Grid and Sandy in Timing & Scoring. Both of us hold national licenses.

I was not alone in the urge to race across that legendary Yard

of Bricks. At one point entries were over 1000. In the end 969 cars raced at the Speedway's Runoffs. The previous record was 709 cars in 2004 at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course.

We left Monday morning for the 660-mile drive straight down I-70 to Indy, overnighted in Cloverdale, Ind., a few miles beyond Terre Haute so we could get to the Speedway Tuesday morning to sign in and get acclimated. We got the usual goody bag with pages of information and a few souvenir gewgaws, but also every worker got a bag chair. Cool!

I parked in Lot 7 outside the north end of the Speedway and caught a shuttle to the grid, located at the extreme south end of the track. But once there the grid chief gave me a parking

pass that let me come in through the south tunnel and park right next to the grid each day. Sandy, meanwhile, found her way to T&S in the Speedway's Pagoda. To get up there she needed a special sticker on her SCCA ID card, but to get the sticker she first needed to get up there. Happily, the yellow shirts all around the place – the Speedway's security officials – turned out to be very friendly and accommodating individuals whose primary motivation seemed to be "how can we help?"

I also heard comments that the Speedway folks found the SCCA crowds one of the nicest and most thoughtful they'd dealt with. We actually put our trash in the trash cans!

A steward told me the first couple of days (practice days the week before) were a bit of an exercise in SCCA and the Speedway learning how each other worked. We'd never raced there before. Example: in most Speedway races (think Indy 500, NASCAR) when a car goes off or wrecks, the course goes full yellow and emergency trucks converge on the incident. SCCA practice of just going yellow in the one corner where it happened was an eye-opener, but after a couple of days they got used to our way of doing it.

On the other hand, when a car went off those Speedway trucks still were on it in seconds. Our corner workers, the top licenses are trained in emergency rescue procedures, were just flaggers through a hole in the fence. It occurred to me that if the average SCCA race could afford emergency response crews like the Speedway does it, our corner workers would not need EMT-type training, so this was a delightful luxury.

A great thing about working grid is the opportunity to meet drivers from all over, a few of them legends in their own right or nascent stars, most of them just Joe Member like you and me living the dream.

I asked some what they thought of the track layout, which used much of the infield road course used for the Formula 1 races there and now for the IndyCar Indianapolis Grand Prix two weeks before the 500 – but with a specific configuration never used before and thus unique to the Runoffs.

Opinions varied, which is not uncommon. But the one that seemed to sum it up best came from John Heinricy, an SCCA legend who stands 2nd all time in SCCA championships with 13. This year he was racing in two classes, American Sedan in a Camaro and B-Spec with a Chevy Sonic (he was 2nd in both races). I visited with him before the B-Spec race.

"It's kinda Mickey Mouse," he said, but then a glint flashed in his eye. "But it's Indy!"

SCCA likes to pamper its workers. We were given both lunch and dinner each day in the Pagoda Pavilion, ranging from

> meatballs and spaghetti to barbecue pork. Free beer in the evenings. Sunday night they gave away the live floral table centerpieces, we brought two of them home.

The racers all get four qualifying sessions, one each day Monday-Thursday, and since they have times (except Monday) we gridded them every day as we would for a race. Indy had to create a false grid for us on an access road because, again, they never do it this way. Usually a race at Indy is one race – for the 500 or the GP the cars grid right on the front straight, NASCAR lines them up diagonally in the pit lane, but then 33 cars for the 500 or 40 cars for a Monster Cup is the biggest field.

We would have not one race but 24, eight each day Friday-Sunday. While one class was on the track we'd be gridding the next one. Two of the classes – Spec Miata and Spec Racer Ford – had about 100 cars each entered and the maximum was 72 cars. So both SM and SRF qualified 60 cars and then had a last-chance race late Thursday to fill the remaining 12 spots.

We had this giant Jumbotron right in the middle of the grid, so we saw most of the races. With the addition of the track announcer's commentary, it was a great view!

There were just two drivers I made a point to high-five as they went to the grid for their race, Eric Prill in F Production and Jason Isley in H Production. Both were on the pole. I was working mid-grid so had to catch then as they went by. Both won. It had to be the inspiration of that high-five, right?

Eric, in a Miata (one of almost three dozen drivers my friend Jesse Prather in Topeka had built engines or even whole cars for) became the only 2017 champion from Midwest Division. He runs out of Kansas Region.

Jason, in a Toyota Yaris out of Cal Club (L.A.) is the guy who "stole" the Hard Charger award from me at the 2011 Runoffs – we both improved nine places but he finished 3rd and I was 11th.

Both of them have been chasing that championship for several years, and I told both the same thing: "How cool that when you finally did it, you did it at Indy!"



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#### SCCA Membership notes:

The categories of SCCA membership are somewhat confusing. In order to be eligible for all the programs of SCCA you need to be a National member, which includes a "local" region of your choice. This becomes your Region of Record.

Normally your R.o.R. is the area in which you live, but it doesn't have to be. We have members who live in other Regions' territories, and some of those regions have members who live in our territory.

You may also join as many other regions as you like, paying their local dues for the purpose of winning local championship points, receiving newsletters and participating in their programs. These are "Associate" 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.

#### Associate memberships are due now for the year 2018 · · ·

- Associate memberships are for the calendar year provided your National membership is active. Join now, and your membership begins immediately and runs through 2018. Dues are \$15.00 for single memberships or for family memberships (which includes spouse).
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You <u>must</u> 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.salinascca.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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