

The Write Line

~ July 2019 ~



Brian Hardeman, STO6 BMW Z3 (Tyler Wolcott Photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

Regional Executive Views

I just happened to look at the schedule and noticed we are halfway through the season already. How time flies.

Because the LeadSled event at East Crawford Recreational Area has grown so much the Salina Parks Department needs 10 days to set up for the Run-Whatcha-Brung Drags on July 26th. Unfortunately, that conflicts with our scheduled July 21 solo but Wichita Region was gracious enough to make their July 28 event the RE challenge 19.1 so we will still have an event in July.

Take note the Wichita round of the RE Challenge is a Salina Region points event. Our half of the annual challenge remains Sept. 29. The series was tied 2-2 until last year when Wichita won it back so we will need all kinds of support to bring the trophy back to Salina.

If you have never run at the Yoder site it is very similar to East Crawford in that it's also an old runway with grippy concrete, a bit wider than ours. So come out and support your region and try a different venue. Directions are on Page 4.

We are still in need of a very trustworthy person to handle the club's finances. If anyone is interested, please contact any of the board members. This is a very important position for the club and we need to get it

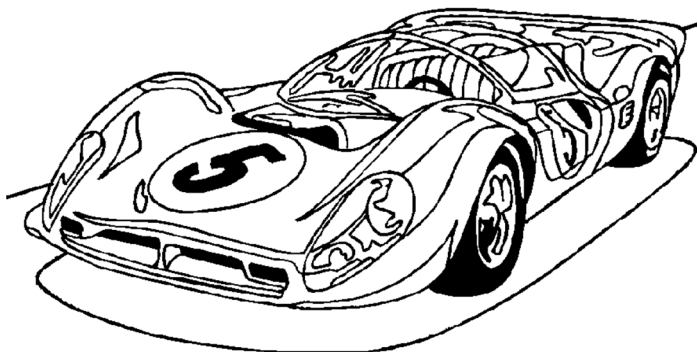
filled soon.

There may still be some event chair positions available. Even though board members' names are slotted into the calendar now, we would gladly encourage newer members to try doing one. If you would like to take a shot at designing a course, contact Dennis Smith and let him know.

Don't be timid. There are plenty of people to lend a hand or provide some advice as the do's and don'ts of course design. I also have a scaled model of the site for planning purposes if you would prefer to do some preliminary design. Just remember, no course ever went down on pavement exactly as it was drawn, but most reflect the intended concept. If you have found particular elements you like put them together and make a course. Variety is good, and new concepts are always welcome.

See you on course,

—Monte Rans, RE Salina Region



► Next Events ◀

R.E. Challenge 19.1 - July 28

Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder – It's a Salina Region points event

Registration link – (Date in the link is wrong but it takes you to the right event)

www.motorsportreg.com/events/july-21-autocross-wichita-scca-hutchinson-naval-air-station-064717

Solo - Aug. 18

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

Novice Coursewalk 9:30 ~ Driver's meeting 10:00 ~ Cars on course by 10:30

Salina Region events at East Crawford Recreation Area

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

Next Business Meeting

July 28

After the Solo
Hutchinson Airport
Restaurant

(Provided a board quorum is at the event)

*Business meetings
are open to all
members and guests*



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Salina Region Schedule ~ 2019

All at East Crawford Recreation Area unless noted otherwise

<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Safety</u>
July 28 – Solo-RE Challenge 19.1	Wichita Region at Yoder	
Aug 18 – Solo	Abner Perney	
Sep 8 – Solo	Powercat Motorsports	Artt Mann
Sep 29 – Solo-RE Challenge 19.2	Monte Rans	
Oct 20 – Solo-Octoberfast 30	Salina Region Board	
Nov 3 – Solo (Enduro)	Rocky Entriaken	

MiDiv



SPS/R&S MiDiv Solo Series – 2019

May 4-5 — Topeka (Heartland Motorsports Park)
June 8-9 — Salina (East Crawford Rec. Area)
Jun 22-23 — Oklahoma City (Remington Park)
Jul 20-21 — Neosho, Mo. (Crowder College)
Aug 3-4 — Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln Airpark)

SCCA 2019 Solo Nationals ~ Sep. 3-6 ~ Lincoln, Neb.

MEETING MINUTES

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

Monte Rans, RE, called the Salina Region SCCA meeting to order at 2:20 p.m. June 30, 2019 at the Rib Crib in Salina. Board members present were Monte Rans, Michael Mace, Rocky Entriaken, Dennis and Nancy Smith and Bill and Connie Preheim, and member Tim Thompson. The minutes were read and approved. The treasurer's report was not available.

The STO PAX discussion tabled from the last meeting was discussed and decision made for Rocky to contact PAX administrator Rick Ruth before next season and reevaluate STO PAX indices.

Rocky presented the corrected emergency plan and has posted it in the trailer. Updates included a corrected fire station address.

The printed car numbers were well received and used by some competing Sunday.

Kale Morris has accepted the position of Chief of Tech with the qualification that he may not be able to attend all events.

The July 21 event has been rescheduled to July 28 at Yoder and will be the Wichita Region round of the RE. challenge. It is also the July Salina Region points event.

Discussion was held concerning people coming into the area during an event. The Salina SCCA has a city permit for use of the area until the event is over and signs are posted at the blocked entries stating the dog park is closed.

Tim Thompson presented an observation he had of a novice class used in Oklahoma Region.

It was decided to have the next meeting after the Yoder event if there is a quorum. Tentative location is the Hutchinson Airport Restaurant.

Nancy moved to adjourn, Bill seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 3:09pm.

It was learned after the meeting that member Sharon Brillhart's brother, Bill Schlickau, had died. The region expresses its condolences and will send a memorial donation to the American Heart Association.

Events Elsewhere - 2019



A calendar of AutoX 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

Jul 28 Kansas City @ MCC-Blue River, Independence, Mo.
..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
Aug 10-11... Kansas @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
Aug 11 NeOkla @ Old Tanger Outlet Mall, Stroud
Aug 17 Kansas City @ MCC-Blue River, Indep., Mo. (School)
Aug 18..... * Kansas City @ MCC-Blue River, Independence, Mo.
Aug 24 Wichita @ Yoder (Test & Tune)
Aug 25 Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Okla. City
..... Wichita @ Yoder
Sep 1 NeOkla @ Old Tanger Outlet Mall, Stroud
Sep 15 Kansas City @ MCC-Blue River, Independence, Mo.
..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Okla. City
..... Wichita @ Yoder
Sep 21..... Kansas @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
Sep 22..... Kansas City @ MCC-Blue River, Independence, Mo.
Sep 29..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
..... NeOkla @ Old Tanger Outlet Mall, Stroud
..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Okla. City
Oct 5-6..... Kansas @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
Oct 6 Kansas City @ MCC-Blue River, Independence, Mo.
Oct 13 Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Okla. City
Oct 20 NeOkla @ Old Tanger Outlet Mall, Stroud
Oct 27 Kansas City @ MCC-Blue River, Indep., Mo. (Halloweenie)
..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark

RALLYCROSS

Jul 14..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.
Jul 20-21... *Kansas Cty @ LucasOilSpwy, Wheatland, Mo. (NatTour)
Jul 28..... Kansas @ Santa Fe Cycle Park, Carbondale, Ks (T&T)
Aug 11 Wichita @ 51 Road, Howard, Ks
Aug 24 Kansas @ TBD
Aug 25..... Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Winston, Mo.
Sep 14..... Kansas @ TBD
Sep 15..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.
Sep 20-22... DirtFish RX Nationals, Nat'l Balloon Classic, Indianola, Iowa
Sep 29..... * Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Winston, Mo.
Oct 20..... * Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Winston, Mo.
..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.
Nov 3 Kansas City @ ThunderValleySandDrags, GrainValley, Mo.
Nov 10 Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.
Nov 24 Kansas @ Santa Fe Cycle Park, Carbondale, Ks
Dec 15..... Kansas @ Santa Fe Cycle Park, Carbondale, Ks

Go

Racing!



Four 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. • Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, Ks.
• Motorsports Park Hastings, Hastings, Neb. • Raceway Park o/t Midlands, Pacific Jct. Iowa

ROAD RACING

Jul 13-14..... Majors @ Heartland
Aug 10-11 MidAm @ Raceway Park o/t Midlands (w/Track Event)
Oct 16-21 The Runoffs @ VIRginia Int'l Raceway, Alton, Va.

MIDWINTER TRIALS SERIES

Jul 13-14..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park
Aug 10-11 @ Raceway Park o/t Midlands
Sep 27-29..... Time Trial Nat'l's @ NCM Mspts Park, Bowling Green, Ky.

TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA

Jul 12..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
Jul 17..... @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail, Colo
Aug 8..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
Aug 14..... @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail, Colo
Sep 18..... @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail, Colo
Sep 19..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
Oct 17..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka



Last month I worked grid at the Time Trials National Tour event at Heartland Motorsports Park. I was the only grid worker, doing the whole weekend single-handed. Not complaining, it was great fun making the event happen in my corner of the place.

But there's a full-on Majors road race coming up at Heartland July 13-14 and it would be good to have some help. It's a fun job. You get a close-up view of all kinds of race cars, get to schmooze with the drivers, and are an integral part of making a race weekend happen.

So I'm asking for help here. Send me an e-mail if you are willing (rocky@spitfire4.com). And sign up on MotorsportsReg -- look for "KVRG Heartland Summer Fest Majors/Bracket Sprint." Scroll down to Worker Registration and choose "Pit & Grid."

And check this out if you'd like to do some laps in your autocross car! There's a Track Night in America event on Friday night (July 12). Plus a Time Trials group Saturday/Sunday. For either one your autocross helmet is all you'd need.

So come help me work grid in a couple weeks. Wear a green shirt if you have one, otherwise white. They feed you too!

—Rocky Entriken



THE COURSE TO COME

The first episode of Game of Thrones season 5 was “The Wars To Come.” For autocrossers the wars to come are the challenges presented by a never-before-seen (usually) course. On this sunny Sunday, 25 drivers took on a course drawn by Brian Tefft Jr. which in some places demanded an aggressive attack, others a conservative approach. It was easy to carry the attack a bit too far.

Brian also dominated the event, scoring both FTD and Top PAX with a 51.155 run in his ES-winning Mister Two (he had a 50.7 but coned it). He was one of only four drivers below 53! Second-quick was Timothy Thompson’s DS Focus, just 0.038 ahead of Tyler Naden’s STO4 Miata. The only driver in the 52s was John LaRondeau’s FS Mustang. Leading the rest of the pack with the quickest of the 53s was Monte Rans’ HS Mini. Fast Lady was Sharon Brillhart’s ESL Miata at 54.107.

Closest battle was a family feud in STO6 – first car out, the BMW Z3 shared by Brian Hardeman (another Brian!) and Trenton Kent-Hardeman. Brian led all the way in STO6 but never comfortably. After three runs his lead was one sec. Then they both ran high 59s, then both low 59s, and they finished with 58-sec runs with Brian 0.553 ahead.

~~~ The Course To Come • PAX Rankings ~~~

Driver	Class	Time	Index	PAX
Brian Tefft Jr.	ES	51.155	0.789	40.361
Tyler Naden	STO4	51.868	0.791	41.027
Monte Rans	HS	53.146	0.780	41.453
Timothy Thompson	DS	51.830	0.800	41.464
John LaRondeau	FS	52.777	0.803	42.379
Rocky Entriiken	ES	53.842	0.789	42.481
Brian Tefft Sr.	ES	53.854	0.789	42.490
Sharon Brillhart	ESL	54.107	0.789	42.690
Don Herrick	HS	54.971	0.780	42.877
Michael Mace	CS	53.370	0.809	43.176
Colton Maxwell	ES	55.181	0.789	43.537
Ann LaRondeau	FSL	54.441	0.803	43.716
Henry Brillhart	ES	55.420	0.789	43.726
Phillip Meredith	GS	55.668	0.788	43.866
Brett Grier	HS	56.330	0.780	43.937
Dennis Smith	CAM-C	54.075	0.820	44.341
Nancy Smith	CAM-CL	55.100	0.820	45.182
Ken Kennedy	CAM-T	56.244	0.812	45.670
James Stephens	CAM-C	56.299	0.820	46.165
Brian Hardeman	STO6	58.370	0.795	46.404
Trenton Kent-Hardeman	STO6	58.923	0.795	46.843
Jeremiah Abbey	DS	59.038	0.800	47.230
Jim Gillett	BS	58.621	0.810	47.483
Connie Preheim	ESL	61.919	0.789	48.854
Bailey Martin	ESL	62.430	0.789	49.257

THE RE CHALLENGE

Be there! Score points for your region as we duel the southern horde in this sixth renewal of the Challenge.

This is a Salina Region points event!

How to find your way to Yoder

From Salina go south on I-135, then K-61 (second McPherson exit) to Hutchinson. At the outskirts of Hutch take a sharp left at 17th Street (there’s a traffic light) onto Airport Road, which bends south and eventually becomes Yoder Road. Go about six miles, then right on Red Rock Road through Yoder about 2¼ miles to what looks like a country driveway on the left. That’s the site entrance. It’s gravel until you reach the end of the old runway. Please respect the 10 mph speed limit past the owners home. There may be children present.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

• **Bailey Martin**, Wichita, joined just the day before our June event. Drove Colton Maxwell’s Miata in ESL, only her second-ever autocross. Knocked off 17 seconds from her first run to her last. Spun it on her last run and still beat her first-run time! ☺ WTG!

HOW ARE
THE
BRAKES?

DON'T
KNOW,

I NEVER TOUCHED 'EM



THE COURSE TO COME

Salina Region SCCA ~ June 30, 2019 ~ East Crawford Recreation Area, Salina

Class	Driver	No.	Car	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6	Best
BS	• Jim Gillett	51	Corvette FRC	58.621	57.471+1	60.048+2	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	58.621
CS	• Michael Mace	86	Honda S2000	54.366+1	56.586+5	55.362+1	53.768	53.370	53.139+1	53.370
DS	• Timothy Thompson	63	Ford Focus RS	53.300	52.857	53.312	51.856	51.863	51.830	51.830
DS	Jeremiah Abbey	00	Hyundai Veloster	D.N.F.	69.549	59.918	59.062	59.895	59.038	59.038
ES	• Brian Tefft Jr.	191	Toyota MR2 Spyder	51.895	52.360	51.241	50.799+2	51.155	51.215+1	51.155
ES	• Rocky Entriiken	4	Mazda Miata	55.720	55.337	55.791	54.953	54.335	53.842	53.842
ES	Brian Tefft Sr.	91	Toyota MR2 Spyder	54.470+2	55.744+3	55.793	54.785	54.098	53.854	53.854
ES	Colton Maxwell	42	Mazda Miata	63.823+3	57.132	55.296	55.268+2	55.203+1	55.181	55.181
ES	Henry Brillhart	48	Mazda Miata	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	55.420	54.671+1	55.420
ESL	• Sharon Brillhart	28	Mazda Miata	55.292	55.405	55.180	55.183	54.651	54.107	54.107
ESL	Connie Preheim	48	Mazda Miata	67.442	65.297	64.685	63.796	61.919	63.261	61.919
ESL	Bailey Martin	142	Mazda Miata	79.360	67.676	66.222	62.857	62.430	77.777	62.430
FS	• John LaRondeau	92	Mustang GT	D.N.F.	53.656	53.589	52.820	53.014	52.777	52.777
FSL	• Ann LaRondeau	92	Mustang GT	D.N.F.	56.990	55.794	55.653	55.934	54.441	54.441
GS	• Phillip Meredith	66	Volkswagen GTI	D.N.F.	55.758+1	57.189	56.711	56.365	55.668	55.668
HS	• Monte Rans	52	Mini Cooper	76.884+2	53.655	53.146	53.225	53.477	53.237	53.146
HS	Don Herrick	8	Ford Fiesta ST	56.128	55.684	D.N.F.	55.001	54.971	55.933	54.971
HS	Brett Grier	11	Ford Fiesta	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	58.564	56.330	57.862+1	57.117	56.330
STO4	• Tyler Naden	67	Mazda MX5	53.981	53.492	53.106	52.484	52.551	51.868	51.868
STO6	• Brian Hardeman	41	BMW Z3	60.513	59.649	75.388	59.509	59.081	58.370	58.370
STO6	Trenton Kent-Hardeman	14	BMW Z3	63.247	D.N.F.	60.608	59.818	59.247	58.923	58.923
CAM-C	• Dennis Smith	6	Mustang Cobra	56.033+2	54.075	55.907	54.689	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	54.075
CAM-C	James Stephens	98	Mustang	58.226+1	58.176	57.885	57.094	56.821	56.299	56.299
CAM-CL	• Nancy Smith	9	Mustang Cobra	59.165	56.433	55.100	55.414	55.181	55.293	55.100
CAM-T	• Ken Kennedy	80	Camaro	59.427+1	57.073+1	56.244	56.300+2	55.831+2	56.257+1	56.244

• = Trophy FTD - Fast Time Of Day FL - Fast Lady PAX - Top PAX

SALINA REGION SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP • 2019

• SALINA REGION MEMBER Points following The Course To Come * HAS RUN THE MINIMUM 4 LOCAL EVENTS

SS-R	Frank Wietharn	12							JC	Paxton Cowden*	24
SS-RL	Deborah Jarboe	12							Wild	Michael Mace*	†63
AS	Guy Roberts	12								Abner Perney*	†50
BS	Jim Gillett*	*66								Jeremy Spink*	48
	Randy Puls*	13								Connie Preheim	33
	Michael Mace*	12								James Green*	28
	John Mace*	7								Randy Puls*	22
BSL	Susan Puls*	37								Joey Green	21
	Marcia Haynes	9								† has run three classes	
CS	Doug Gill	24									
	Michael Mace*	24	ESL	Sharon Brillhart*	*73						
	Lori Gill	18		Theresa Walton	27						
DS	Timothy Thompson*	49		Connie Preheim*	9	STO8	Abner Perney*	24	CSP	Sean Dudgeon	12
	Jeremiah Abbey	9		Bailey Martin*	7		John Mace*	12	ESP	Jeremy Spink*	12
	James Hood	9	FS	John LaRondeau*	*60		Michael Mace*	9	FSP	Bill Preheim*	21
	Jacob Lynn	9	FSL	Ann LaRondeau*	*60		Luke Rosebraugh	7		Abner Perney*	12
	Crissanne Thompson*	9	GS	Phillip Meredith	10	STO6	Simon Crowder	12	FSPL	Connie Preheim*	24
ES	Brian Tefft Jr.	55		Abner Perney*	7		Brian Hardeman*	9	SM	Connor Pruitt	13
	Rocky Entriiken*	*44		Monte Rans*	*72	STO4	Trenton Kent-Hardeman	7		Bill McCreight	9
	Henry Brillhart*	*37	HS	Don Herrick*	*50		Michael Mace	18	CP	Albert Hermans	14
	Brian Tefft Sr	28		Laney Blume	8	CAM-C	Dennis Smith*	*73		Rodney Walters*	12
	Mason Smith*	19		Brett Grier	7		Matthew Polzin*	36		Travis Durant	10
	Kale Morris*	16		Abner Perney*	7		James Stephens	9	EP	Dave Zitzlsperger	7
	Pax Rolfe	15		Russell Blume	6	CAM-CL	Nancy Smith*	*72	JA	Zack Kimble	12
	Nick Hudec	12		Mark Hill*	12	CAM-S	James Green*	22		Mason Herrick*	37
	Joey Green	9	STU							Conner Herrick*	27

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, and run at least four local events. As of Oct. 1 all non-member points are stripped. Associate Memberships received Oct. 1 or later are good for the following year.

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

♦ PAX - Top 10 ♦

ES	Brian Tefft Jr	300
STO4	Tyler Naden	297
HS	Monte Rans	293
DS	Timothy Thompson	288
FS	John LaRondeau	285
4 class	Michael Mace	284
ES	Rocky Entriiken	283
ES	Brian Tefft Sr.	280
ESL	Sharon Brillhart	278
HS	Don Herrick	277

"The problem with the world is that the intelligent people are full of doubts while the stupid ones are full of confidence." —Charles Bukowski



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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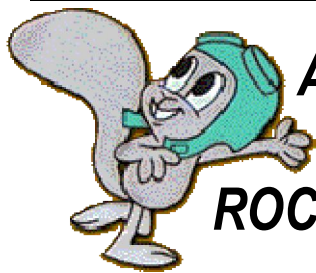
Military Discount

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:

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.



ASSORTED NUTS FROM ROCKET J. SQUIRREL

—ROCKY ENTRIKEN

As I sit here putting this newsletter together, it's almost 11 pm Monday night, July 1. Registration for the Solo Nationals re-opened five hours ago. As of right now there are 28 spaces left. The entry this year is capped at 1325 drivers.

A week ago the "Tier 2" entry officially opened, but when the entry reached exactly 400 (plus 3 junior karts) the MotorsportsReg system crashed. It can happen when nearly 1000 hopefuls try to access a site at the same moment.

"Tier 1," if you're curious, was an early entry for event chiefs, key officials, last year's champions and runners-up, and members of the Silver Circle (those who have run at least 25 Nationals). About 200 total.

I got my brother in about 7 pm. He's on the road and can't get to a computer tonight. Good thing, because we're driving his car this year. When I got him signed in the entry was already past 1100 – leaving fewer places than was the total entry for the first Solo Nationals (it was Solo II then) in 1973 at Mid-America Raceway, Wentzville, Mo. (224 cars).

Today's autocrossers probably could not imagine a Nationals like that one. They'd bring out the torches and pitchforks. Imagine a gravel paddock! Imagine a course on a narrow racetrack that only permitted slaloms. Imagine an afterthought second course that ran about 30 seconds! Imagine just 15 classes! Imagine all the female drivers in one Ladies class, indexed against the "men's class" top times.

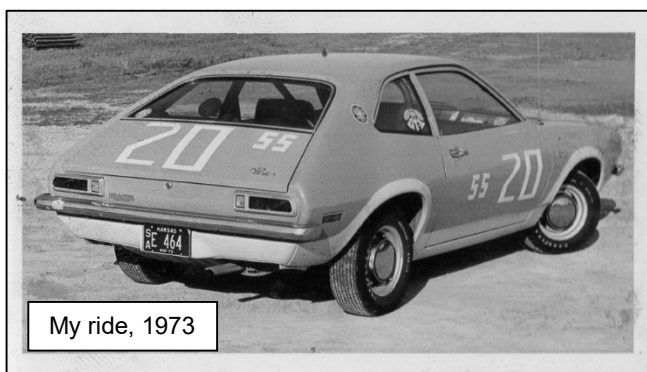
But viewing a 1973 event through a 2019 prism carries the same flaw as assessing anything historic by the standards of modern times. We learn things. We do things better next time. And after 46 years of next times we've figured out how to do this thing really well.

In 1973 the largest class was C Stock, 20 cars, won by a Porsche 914 with a trio of Datsun 240Zs chasing. This year, so far, the largest classes – Open and Ladies

combined – are A Street and D Street at 72 cars each. Not one Street or Street Touring class has fewer than the largest class of 1973.

In 1973 my ride was a 1971 Ford Pinto, first car I ever bought new, which I had "converted" into a racecar while it was still my daily driver. SCCA had invented the Showroom Stock category for road racing in 1972 (which has since morphed into Touring and Super Touring), and the Pinto in my driveway just happened to match the specs. Slap in a rollbar, 5-point harness and fire bottle and it was a racecar.

At the '73 Solo Nationals I was 9th out of 18 in G Stock. I might have done better but I bogged the start on both runs. Yes both. Things got so behind schedule we only got two runs on the long course.



Imagine a timing system where the starter shouts "3-2-1-GO!" at you and into a radio. A timer at the finish, almost a mile away, is listening and punches a stopwatch when he hears "GO." Yeah, none of this 15-foot minimum launch business then. We learned.

Through the '70s we learned, made mistakes, fixed them, made new ones. We grew from a weekend two-day event to a brief spate with a 3-day format – run one course in the morning, the other in the afternoon – to what is now a four-day extravaganza. Five days if you count the Monday devoted to coursewalking, eight when you add in the ProSolo Finale. The Nationals' run days could conceivably grow to six days if they need to accommodate an even larger entry.

Nationals came to Salina in 1975 at our East Crawford site – called Airport Park then, just an empty slab of concrete. No ballyards. No Markley Road. The event ran there six times, then nine more at the Municipal Airport on the west side of town in front of the Big Bertha hangar.

After 15 years here, with an entry now beyond 700, the Nationals outgrew Salina, went to Topeka for 14 years, then to Lincoln. Salina still holds the record for most Nationals. There's no reason not to expect Lincoln will match it in 2023 one year after the 50th Anniversary event.

It's midnight now and I'm done with this column. The 2019 Solo Nationals entry is at 1305. Somebody is going to wake up in the morning and find those last 20 entry slots are gone! Probably a lot of somebodies.

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