

The Write Line

~ March 2020 ~



Tyler Naden, Most Improved/PAX Champion, STO4 Mazda Miata (Lizzie Enlow-Brown Photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

Regional Executive Views

Well, this is not how I expected the 2020 season to start! First event cancelled due to the weather and the nasty Coronavirus going around. Both Wichita and Oklahoma Regions followed suit with their events this coming weekend. Kansas Region is pressing on March 28-29 (Saturday's Starting Line school cancelled, replaced with a Test & Tune).

Our next event is scheduled April 4-5 – still a Test & Tune Saturday, Solo on Sunday – and hopefully all this will be behind us. Also remember – **everyone still needs a new annual tech**. So come early on Saturday. Hank and Kale will get it done for you!

I can understand the cancelling of the big events like NCAA basketball, concerts, and the like but having an issue with people outside and not have to be close to one another seems a little extreme to me. I appreciate the concern but let's be diligent (actively doing what we know is prudent and responsible), but not paranoid (passively waiting for something to get us).

Don't let what you can't do limit you from doing what you can do. One thing being discussed is limiting loaner helmets to one user, at least for now. All it would take is someone to sneeze or cough in a helmet, the next person to wear the same helmet is now very exposed.

Depending when we get to start up again this may become an issue for first time drivers who do not have their own helmets.

As I mentioned last month, we have some changes to the pre-registration process. Along with pre-registration open until the event starts, Weekend Memberships will be obtained during pre-registration or during on-site registration the day of the event. Ride-alongs will now get a different Trial Membership, a slightly easier process and still no cost. Pre-pay may also be required, so as to eliminate handling money.

All this is to eliminate time and close contact and exposure during the registration process at the event and allow more time for preparation for competition. It also saves you \$5.00 so please, pre-register. If not pre-registered, we will have electronic registration at the site as well but pre-registering is preferred.

If you'd already registered for April 5, please go to MotorsportReg.com and re-register. With the added April 4 event, the original registration page was deleted and a new one created.

One request I would have is if you do not feel your old self please stay home. This will be the most respectful to your fellow drivers and help to not spread what you may be carrying. As you probably have heard we are all in this together so do your due diligence.

See you on course,

—Monte Rans, RE, Salina Region

► Next Events ◀

Test 'n Tune - April 4

Free to all Sunday entrants, \$15 Saturday-only

Registration opens 8:00, closes 10:30. Cars on course 11:30

Annual tech begins 8:00 – drivers wanting annual tech should arrive early

Solo Season Opener - April 5

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

Evolution Schools / Twin Solos - Apr. 24-26

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Next Business Meeting

Saturday, April 4
After the event

Mokas Coffee
902 E. Crawford, Salina

*Business meetings
are open to all
members and guests*



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Salina Region Schedule ~ 2020

All at East Crawford Recreation Area unless noted otherwise

Event

Apr 4 – Test & Tune
Apr 5 – Solo
Apr 24-25-26 – Evo Schools
Apr 25-26 – Twin Solos
May 9 – Saturday Solo (Sunday is Mother's Day)
July 19 – Sunflower Showdown Solo Series – Topeka
Aug 2 – Sunflower Showdown Solo Series – Yoder
Aug 23 – Sunflower Showdown Solo Series – Salina
Sep 13 – Solo
Oct 11 – Solo
Oct 25 – Solo, Octoberfest 31
Nov 8 – Solo

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The Salina Divisional (June 6-7) and Solo Nationals (Sep. 7-11) also score in the Salina Region championship, with bonus points. Lowest four scores are thrown out.

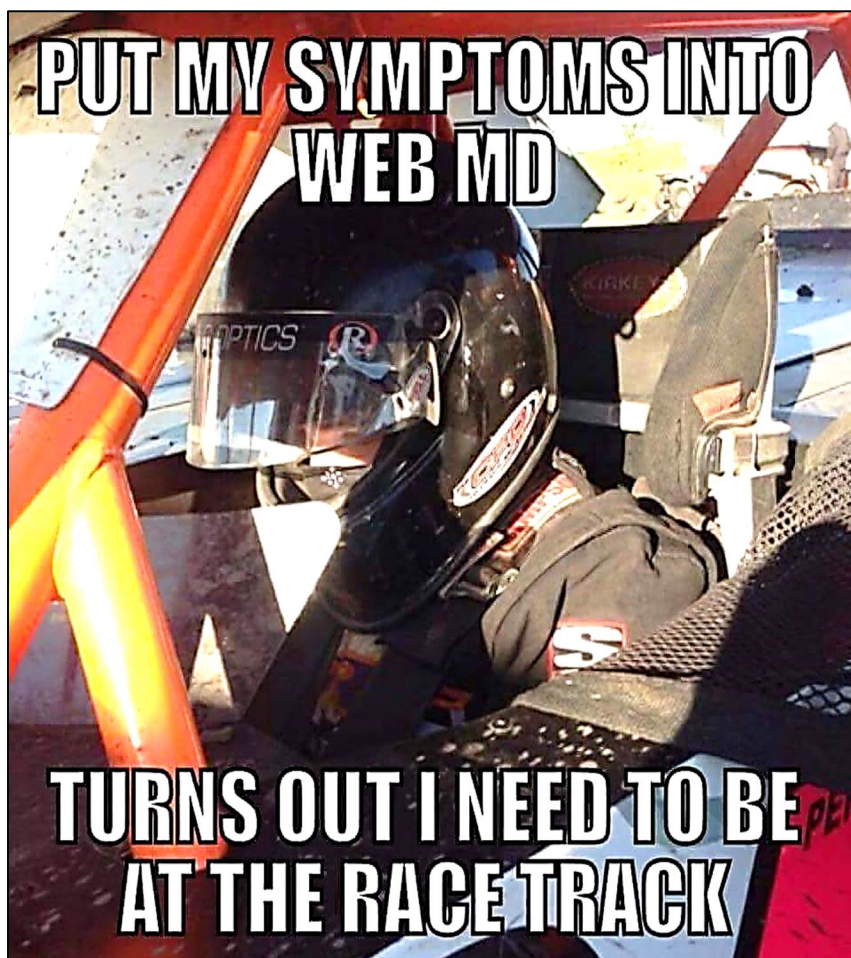
MiDiv



SPS/R&S MiDiv Solo Series – 2020

May 16-17 — Topeka (Heartland Motorsports Park)
June 6-7 — Salina (East Crawford Rec. Area)
June 20-21 — Neosho, Mo. (Crowder College)
July 11-12 – St. Charles, Mo. (Family Arena)
Aug 8-9 — Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln Airpark)

SCCA 2020 Solo Nationals ~ Sep. 7-11 ~ Lincoln. Neb.





Time to sign up for this year's Evolution schools April 24-26. Ask anyone who's done one, it's the best bang for the buck you can do to make your car faster.

Each of the three schools already has 13-14 drivers signed up but there's room for more. If the classes get bigger, Evolution just sends more instructors.

Expect a day of constant activity. You'll make more runs in a day than you may get during the rest of the season. Mount up the old tires. No need to wear out the really good rubber. And there's an adage that the not-so-good tires will magnify your mistakes, and in this context that's a good thing. You'll have national champion-caliber instructors guiding you through the nuances that clip full seconds off your times reliably.

I'd been autocrossing 20 years when I took Phase 1. Jim McKamey improved my seating position, Steve Tamandli made me take slaloms tighter, Jean Kinser (teaching from a wheelchair!) gave me the best line through 180° turns.

Phase 1 (Friday) is the basics. No matter how experienced you are, you may learn new things and likely will begin to break bad habits.

Phase 2 (Saturday) is the advanced course. You need P1 first, but now you get new exercises to help you shave seconds off a run.

Challenge (Sunday) builds on the lessons of P1 and P2, giving you more new ways to attack a course. At the end, a one-on-one showdown with your instructor. Can you beat his time? He's given you the tools to do it.

At evoschool.com, scroll down the calendar to "Evolution Weekend with Salina Region SCCA." That's a link to the MotorsportsReg.com signup page.

There's discount pricing – one school \$265, two schools \$500, all three \$730.

2020 Run Groups for Salina Region Solo Events

Run Group A	Run Group B
SSL / SSRL	SS / SSR
ASL	AS
BS	BSL
CSL	CS
DSL	DS
ES	ESL
FSL	FS
GSL	GS
HSL	HS
SSCL	SSC
STS	STSL
STRL	STR
STX	STXL
STUL	STU
STHL	STH
CAM-CL / CAM-SL	CAM-C / CAM-S
CAM-T	CAM-TL
EVX	EVXL
XS-A	XS-AL
XS-BL	XS-B
All Street Prepared Open	All Street Prepared Ladies
All Street Mod Ladies	All Street Mod Open
All Prepared Open	All Prepared Ladies
All Modified Ladies	All Modified Open
All Heritage Classic Open	All Heritage Classic Ladies
FSAE	FSAEL
KM / KML	Junior Karts Open/Ladies



Found this on NASCAR.com, illustrating a promo for the races at Phoenix.
In the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic, make of it what you will.

Events Elsewhere - 2020

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

Mar 28..... Kansas @ Heartland, Topeka (Test & Tune)
 Mar 29..... Kansas @ Heartland, Topeka
 Apr 4..... Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Independence, Mo (T&T)
 Apr 5..... * Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Independence, Mo
 Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
 Oklahoma @ Remington Park, OKC
 Apr 18-19... NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa (double solo)
 Apr 18..... Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder (Novice school)
 Apr 19..... Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder
 Apr 25..... * Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Indep., Mo (Novice school)
 Apr 26..... * Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Independence, Mo
 Oklahoma @ Remington Park, OKC
 May 3..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
 NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa
 Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder
 May 17..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park, OKC
 May 23-24... Solo Spring Nationals Pro/Tour @ Lincoln Airpark
 May 24..... Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder
 May 31..... Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Independence, Mo
 Jun 7..... * Oklahoma @ Remington Park, OKC
 Jun 14..... Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder
 Jun 21..... Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Independence, Mo
 Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
 Jun 27-28... ProSolo/CAM Chall. @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
 Jun 28..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park, OKC
 Jul 5..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
 Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder
 Jul 12..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park, OKC
 Jul 19..... Kansas @ Heartland, Topeka (**Sunflower Showdown 20.1**)
 Jul 25..... Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Indep, Mo (Starting Line)
 Jul 26..... Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Independence, Mo
 Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
 Aug 2..... Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder (**Sunflower Showdown 20.2**)
 Aug 15..... Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Indep, Mo (Solo school)
 Aug 16..... Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Independence, Mo
 Aug 23..... * Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
 NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa
 Aug 29-30... Oklahoma @ Remington Park, OKC (double solo)
 Sep 4-6..... ProSolo/CAM Finale @ Lincoln Airpark
 Sep 13..... * NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa
 Sep 20..... Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Independence, Mo
 Oklahoma/NeOkla @ Tanger Mall, Stroud (Turnpike Showdown)
 Sep 26..... Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder (Street Survival)
 Sep 27..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
 Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder
 Oct 3-4..... Kansas @ Heartland, Topeka (Double Solo)
 Oct 11..... * Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Independence, Mo
 Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
 Oct 18..... Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder (Endurocross)



Because of the Coronavirus outbreak, it would be wise to confirm any event before leaving on a trip to participate in it.

Oct 25..... * Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Indep, Mo (Halloweenie)
 Nov 1..... Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder

RALLYCROSS

Mar 29..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.
 Apr 19..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.
 May 3..... Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Winston, Mo.
 May 31..... Wichita @ 81 Speedway, Park City
 Jun 7..... * Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.
 Jun 14..... Kansas City @ TBA
 Jul 10-12... Kansas City @ TBA
 Jul 19..... * Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.
 Jul 26..... Wichita @ TBA
 Aug 8..... Kansas City @ TBA (Test & Tune)
 Aug 15-16... **RallyCross Nat's @ Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisc**
 Aug 30..... Wichita @ TBA
 Sep 6..... Kansas City @ TBA
 Sep 20..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.
 Wichita @ TBA
 Oct 18..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.
 Oct 24..... Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley, Mo

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

Apr 4-5..... * Super Tour @ Hallett MRC, Hallett, Okla
 Apr 18-19..... Majors @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
 Jul 18-19..... * MidAm @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
 Oct 5-11..... **The Runoffs @ Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisc.**

MIDWINTER TRIALS SERIES

Apr 18-19..... Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
 Jul 18-19..... * Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
 Sep 25-27..... Time Trial Nat's @ NCM Mspts Park, Bowling Green, Ky.

TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA

Apr 23..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
 May 12..... @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail, Colo
 May 14..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
 Jun 9..... @ Pikes Peak Int'l Raceway, Fountain, Colo
 Jun 18..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
 Jul 14..... @ Pikes Peak Int'l Raceway, Fountain, Colo
 Jul 17..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
 Aug 11..... @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail, Colo
 Aug 18..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
 Sep 15..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
 Oct 15..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka

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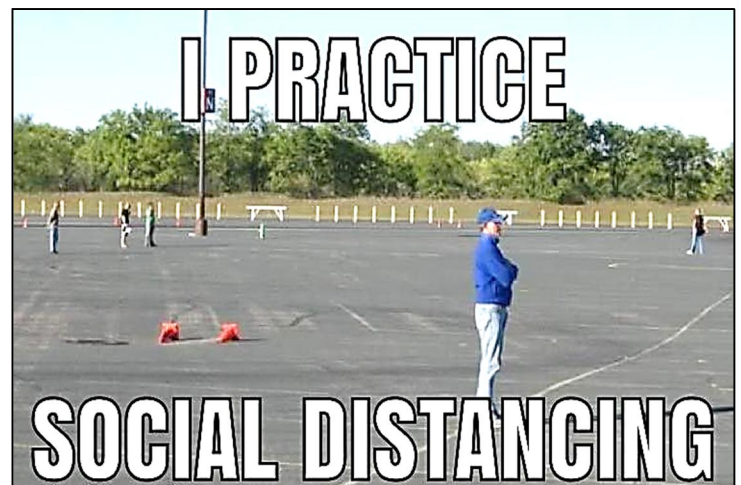
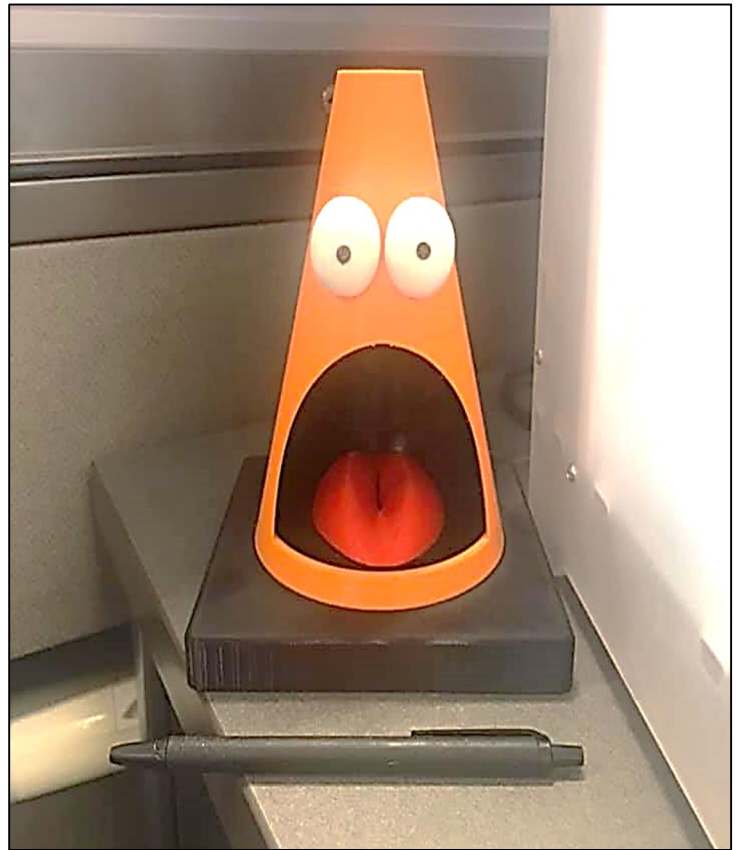
Racer Edition



Wash your hands
like you just got
done changing the
oil and have to put
the decals on.



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Join the SCCA at <https://join.scca.com> on any mobile device or complete the form below and return with payment, to SCCA Member Services, P.O. Box 299, Topeka, KS 66601-0299. Dues include payment for monthly subscription to SportsCar magazine (\$24 value). Dues are not deductible as charitable contributions. All membership dues are non-transferable and non-refundable.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____ Birthdate _____
Address _____ Telephone _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
E-mail _____

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

NATIONAL DUES ☐ INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$70.00
REGIONAL DUES ☐ SALINA REGION \$15.00 (VARIES BY REGION)
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP – Go online to scca.com, click on “JOIN SCCA” – Dues \$90 National, \$15 Salina

Sign up online to get an immediate Member ID and to apply credits and discounts.

DISCOUNTS (OFF NATIONAL DUES)

- ☐ 24 years of age or younger; eligible for \$30.00 discount until age 25.
☐ Active duty or a veteran of the United States Military; eligible for 20% Discount.

The above information regarding discount qualifications will be verified and applied if appropriate.

*I hereby certify that the information above is correct. I realize any falsification may result in the loss of a discount and/or membership. By accepting membership in the SCCA and SCCA Region **II0 - Salina**. 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. I will abide by the Code of Member Conduct both at SCCA-sanctioned events and away and will strive to uphold the SCCA Mission, Vision and Values and the Welcoming Environment.*

Applicant's Name (Signature Required)

Date (Required)

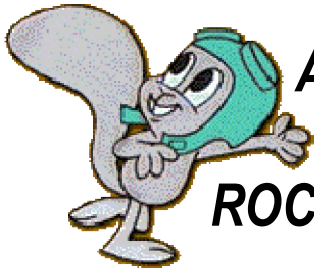
PAYMENT METHOD

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card Amount Paid \$ _____

Credit Card _____ Exp. _____ CVV# _____

Payment Signature _____ Date _____

☐ **Auto-Renew** I understand this credit card will be charged prior to my membership expiration date for my membership dues. Manage your SCCA Membership account at <https://my.scca.com>.



ASSORTED NUTS FROM ROCKET J. SQUIRREL

—ROCKY ENTRIEN

So basically, Planet Earth is closed for business.

Coronavirus. We've never seen the like of it. I've learned that "Coronavirus" is a generic term. Versions of it have been around for years. "Novel COVID-19" is unique and specific, the bad bug that came out of China. The word "novel" in this context means the medical profession has never seen this mutant before, so they have no tools, no vaccines, to fight it. That's the difficulty.

So we cancelled our March 14-15 weekend. I began the discussion suggesting to the Salina Region board we should cancel after seeing virtually the entire sports world shut down, and we are a tiny part of that world. My suggestion did not meet immediate agreement from the board, but eventually Monte pulled the plug (the frigid weather forecast played a part as well).

Right now – tentatively – the plan is to do our Test & Tune weekend April 4-5. But everything is still very much in flux. Stay tuned.

The progression of decisions through the second week of March was startling. The week began with a few cases reported. Tuesday various sporting authorities – you've all seen the exhaustive lists by now – were saying we'll continue as usual. Wednesday it was we'll press on but without fans. Thursday it was full stop, everything's cancelled. NASCAR and IndyCar were among the last holdouts, and they cancelled on Friday.

SCCA has cancelled all National events scheduled for the month of March – A RoadRace Super Tour at Road Atlanta and a Majors at Willow Springs, two ProSolos, two Starting Line schools, a Time Trials National Tour and three Track Night in America events. One Starting Line School was to be at Heartland Park. Kansas Region now plans a Test & Tune Saturday, Solo Sunday.

Prowling the internet I stumbled across the statement in the box above from 24 hours of LeMons, a popular crapcan series, which succinctly stated what I felt and I'm sure all of you as well. We want to be racing. And

very likely we could have held our outdoor weekend. But beyond just the odds of catching the bug there is the responsibility that we not ignore the potential impact.

A Salina Region autocross is not just a few dozen Salina people collecting. We had 42 pre-entries, 32 of them traveling from an hour or more away, some from the KC hotspot. And unnecessary travel is one of the primary things authorities are trying to limit just now.

Just my opinion, but it seemed to me there would be a certain arrogance to hold a local little autocross in the face of a situation deemed (finally!) to be a national emergency. We did not need to contribute to the

problem, but maybe we could be part of the solution?

I was/am scheduled to be the chair of the Test & Tune weekend. I told the board that had they decided to go ahead I'd be out there Saturday morning setting up a course. I already had acquired Clorox and Lysol spray and wipes. I went to six stores on Thursday. Not a bottle of hand sanitizer to be found.

When I got home and read the latest statement and suggestions from SCCA, they had one other good idea: gloves. I now have

two boxes of nitrile gloves on order from Amazon. I intend course workers will be gloved since multiple people will be handling the pylons.

Also on order: face masks, disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer. And we plan that loaner helmets will be single-user for the weekend. The first user is not a problem (the helmet was last worn back in November, if then), it's the second guy that would be a concern.

We do not yet know what April will bring. IndyCar, NASCAR and Formula 1 have already postponed or cancelled their April schedules. The NCAA shutdown of all its championships extends into April and even May.

Very likely the Coronavirus pandemic will be getting worse, but then we may also have a better handle on it. As far as SCCA's position goes, we may have a clue if any announcement – go or no-go – is made about the Majors races at Hallett, near Tulsa, scheduled for the same April 4-5 weekend we now hope to be our season opener.

As I write this on a Sunday morning when I should be slapping numbers on my Miata, but instead I'm watching ESPN scramble for anything to fill airtime, the only thing I am confident about is that Salina Region will do its very best to bring you a season. What form it may take is yet to be known.

"Just like you, we've watched COVID-19 hit American cities and med centers all week. So while we still think outdoor car racing is probably not a big vector, that's really no longer the point."

"We want to be racing. But we also need to accept our responsibility, and right now it appears that means keeping people distanced so that med workers, first responders, test kits, and other resources have a chance to keep up (with) the crisis. I don't wanna get sick, and you don't wanna get sick, but what we really don't want is everyone else getting sick and then not having the resources they need to get better."

—24 Hours of LeMons website

SCCA Membership notes:

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 RoR 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 and participating in their programs. These are "Associate" or "Dual Region" memberships. Salina Region's Associate Members are fully-vested members eligible for all our championships, voting rights, region offices and other member benefits. Associate membership only means region-of-record is elsewhere.

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 Trial and Weekend Memberships (we charge \$10, the minimum amount). More information is available at www.salinascga.org, www.scca.com, or call Salina Region membership chair Rocky Entriiken at 785-827-5143 or e-mail rocky@spitfire4.com.

Associate memberships • • •

- Associate Memberships in Salina Region expire concurrent with National and Region-of-Record memberships. All Associate memberships paid direct to Salina Region are notified to SCCA Membership and expire on their National expiration date. Associate members are fully-vested members of Salina Region, although their Region-of-Record is elsewhere.

- Annual dues are \$15.00 both for single memberships and for family memberships (which includes spouse).

- To become an Associate Member of Salina Region, contact SCCA Membership (call 1-800-770-2055) and ask to be included as a member in Salina Region. The Region's dues will be paid at that time and added to your renewal fees.

- Or, at renewal time, renew online and you will find an option to "Add Region." Scroll down to find Salina Region in the drop-down menu.

- If you choose to pay dues direct to Salina Region (for example, at an event), we will notify SCCA and your Salina Region membership will become part of your National membership renewal.

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