

# The Write Line

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The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

## Regional Executive Views

As I sit here in front of my wood-burning stove and feel the heat and watch the flames dance, I also see the snow blowing from the roof of the house. Seeing the nine degrees below zero this morning on the outdoor thermometer it seems unreasonable that our first event is only one month away. A lot must change before that is going to happen but have faith. Stranger things have happened and that may happen sooner than you would think.

The first three events are posted on [motorsportsreg.com](http://motorsportsreg.com) now for your convenience. The first will be our Test & Tune March 20. The plan is to hand out our 2020 awards there – championship and Year-at-a-Glance awards during registration, and our top awards during the driver's meeting. But no food. Because of COVID restrictions we thought it best to avoid any possibility of spreading and any issues with the city.

Sunday, March 21, is our first full Solo event of the Year. Is your car ready? (Okay, maybe next week!)

Just like last year we will be under scrutiny by all residents of Salina that happen to pass by while we are there so be diligent. The same restrictions apply as did last year so come prepared. If anything, masks and distancing are becoming even more urgent.

This brings up another point. East Crawford Recreational Area is now the Berkley Family Recreational

Area (BFRA) so just come to the same old site as always. It just has a new name.

Our first face-to-face board meeting is scheduled for Saturday after the TnT, location TBA based upon the weather and places where we can congregate in groups large enough to facilitate us. Meetings are open to all members and guests.

Our April event is the annual dual event, normally run in conjunction with the Evolution School but because of COVID restrictions the school cannot be held this year. Which means we have the full site for courses instead of sharing space with the schools. The May event is the Mother's Day weekend, on Saturday. It'll be the third time we've run on the Saturday before Mother's Day. Last year a few people missed it assuming it to be on Sunday, so watch your calendar.

There will be a total of nine events at BFRA this year plus the two Sunflower Solo Showdowns hosted at Topeka and Wichita for a total of 11 events for the season. Full schedule is on Page 2. Watch for all these events to show up on MSR soon.

Dennis Smith, our Solo Chair, usually signs up event chairs during our annual banquet, but no banquet this year so he still needs people to step up to take charge of them. Give him a call or send an e-mail. His contact info is on Page 2.

We will be racing soon, fingers crossed!!! See you on course!

—Monte Rans, RE, Salina Region

### ► Next Events ◀

*Test & Tune - March 20*

*First Solo - March 21*

*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 Berkley Family Recreational Area**

**Pre-register (save \$5) – use link at [www.salinascca.org](http://www.salinascca.org)**

**Next  
Business Meeting**

**Saturday March 20  
Location TBA**

*Business meetings  
are open to all  
members and guests*



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## Salina Region Schedule ~ 2021

All events at Berkley Family Recreational Area unless noted otherwise

<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>
March 20 – Test & Tune / 2020 Awards Presentation	Rocky Entriem
March 21 – Solo	Rocky Entriem
April 17 – Double Solo #1	—
April 18 – Double Solo #2	—
May 8 – Solo (Saturday)	—
June 20 – Solo	—
July 11 – Sunflower Showdown 21.1 (Topeka)	—
August 1 – Sunflower Showdown 21.2 (Yoder)	—
September 12 – Sunflower Showdown 21.3 (Salina)	—
October 10 – Solo	—
October 24 – Octoberfest 32	—
November 7 – Solo	—

**Want to chair an event? Contact Dennis Smith!**

*A Salina Divisional (if held) and Solo Nationals (Sep. 6-10) also score in the Salina Region championship, with bonus points. Lowest four scores are thrown out.*

### MiDiv



### SPS/R&S MiDiv Solo Series – 2021

April 24-25 – Kansas @ Topeka (Heartland Park)  
 June 5-6 – Wichita @ Yoder (Sunflower Aerodrome)  
 June 26-27 – St. Louis @ St. Charles (Family Arena)  
 Jul 17-18 – NeOkla @ Muskogee (Davis Field)  
 Aug. 14-15 – Nebraska @ Lincoln (Lincoln Airpark)

**SCCA 2021 Solo Nationals ~ Sep. 6-10 ~ Lincoln, NE**

## MEETING MINUTES

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

The Salina Region SCCA board did not meet in February. However, in an e-mail discussion in late January the board reconsidered the intended pizza party awards presentation at the March Test & Tune. It was determined such a buffet-style feed did not meet SCCA guidelines. Awards will be presented Saturday morning March 20 (and possibly Sunday) when drivers appear at registration with some key awards presented at the driver's meeting.

## Event Chairs Needed!

We need event chairs for our 2021 season! It's easy. You're in charge of the event, but we have board members and experienced people on hand to help.

The fun part is you design a course. Some people plot out a meticulous course on a map (we have a site mockup available). Some people study Roger Johnson's course design guides. Some people just throw cones, creating devices here and there.

Key point: set up the finish first, then the start, then all the stuff that comes in between. The only real caution, get the course past the dog park cleanly and easily, no abrupt maneuvers.

Check the schedule above. Pick a date you'd like to try one (not the Topeka or Yoder dates) and contact Solo Chair Dennis Smith – 785-243-6753 or smnck@att.net.

We're always on the lookout for fresh ideas. 😊

# Getting started: The 2021 Salina Region season

What is a Test & Tune? Mainly it's whatever you want it to be. Got new pieces on the car? Check them out. Feeling rusty? Get back in the groove.

The course is intentionally short. Maybe 20 sec or so. It's not meant to be an autocrossing challenge, 4-5 runs to do your best. It's meant as a test layout, simple, basic maneuvers where you can repeat them 10-12 times and learn what the car does, or wants.

A sweeper, a slalom, an acceleration run, hard brake. Want to play with tire pressures? Shock settings? Try a different line in that turn?

You'll get a 50-minute session, as many runs as you can get in. No more than 10 cars per session to ensure everyone gets as much time as possible. Co-drivers should run in

different sessions so each driver gets a full share of time.

You work the session after you run. (Board members work session 1; not the one after they run.)

We *might* also set up a skidpad. Great place to play with tire pressures. How do you use a skidpad? Drive one direction, gradually increasing speed, until one end of the car wants to push out. Front push = understeer, rear loose = oversteer. Then turn around and do it the opposite direction. Dial in air pressure, shock or suspension settings to bring it to neutral (or to whatever handling characteristic you like).

Sunday is Round #1 of the 2021 Salina Region Solo Series. A full competition course, possibly using the start & finish of the T&T but with a lot of other typical autocross elements. You'll find out if you learned anything!

## Run Groups • 2021

• **HEATS WILL BE RUN BY GROUP!** This means you will not have a heat selection option, our base heat groups are listed below. These are subject to change to allow heat balancing, but a single class will always be in the same heat group. The first few grid slots are reserved for 2-driver cars.

• At the first event (March 21) Group A will run heat 1, work heat 2 and Group B will run heat 2 and work heat 1. At following events, the groups will alternate heats every event. See each event's MSR information. Balancing may be required the day of the event based on number of entrants.

### Run Group A

(East grid, odd-numbered slots)

SSL / SSRL

AS

BS

CSL

DS

ES

FSL

GS

HSL

SSCL

STSL

STR

STXL

STU

STHL

CAM-C / CAM-S

CAM-T

XA

XB

EVX

Street Prepared Ladies, all

Street Mod Ladies, all

Prepared Open, all

FSAEL

KM

Modified Ladies, all other

Heritage Classic Ladies

### Run Group B

(West grid, even-numbered slots)

SS / SSR

ASL

BSL

CS

DSL

ESL

FS

GSL

HS

SSC

STS

STRL

STX

STUL

STH

CAM-CL / CAM-SL

CAM-TL

XAL

XBL

EVXL

Street Prepared Open, all

Street Mod Open, all

Prepared Ladies, all

FSAE

KML

Modified Open, all other

Heritage Classic Open



## ROCKY ENTRIKEN

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- **Greg & Doris Gent**, Bel Aire – Were SCCA members many years ago. Just rejoined, region-of-record in Salina
- **Samantha Gent**, Bel Aire – Their adult daughter.
- **Jeremy Scotton**, Olathe – Ran several events with us last year in a CAM-T Mustang.

## I LOVE BEING A CAR ENTHUSIAST

Some people question why I put so much money into my car... The simple fact is- it's what makes me happy. I'm spending my money on my passion. I'd rather spend my money and time on something I can show for, something I can enjoy, admire and hold on to, not drugs and alcohol. I don't care about what it's worth in financial terms because, to me, it's worth so much more than the resell value. Everyone should have something they can turn to when they're down and out. Something they can enjoy at any time. My car is mine. It's a bond only another enthusiast can understand.





## 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](https://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>.

# Events .... Elsewhere - 2021



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 13.....Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder (Test & Tune)  
 Mar 14.....Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder  
 Mar 20.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Okla.City (Test & Tune)  
 Mar 21.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK  
 Mar 27.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE  
 Mar 28.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE  
 Apr 4.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK  
 Apr 10.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE  
 Apr 11.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE  
 Apr 24-25....Kansas @ Heartland Mspts Park, Topeka (Double Solo)  
 Apr 25.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK  
 May 1.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE  
 May 2.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE  
 .....Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder  
 May 15-16...ProSolo @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka  
 May 16.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK  
 May 23.....Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder  
 May 27-29...Summernationals @ Lincoln Airpark (ProSolo)  
 May 29-31...Summernationals @ Lincoln Airpark (ChampTour)  
 Jun 12.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (Test & Tune)  
 Jun 13.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE  
 .....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK  
 Jun 27.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK  
 Jul 10-11....Kansas @ Heartland Mspts Park, Topeka (Double Solo)  
 Jul 11.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK  
 Jul 24.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (Starting Line Sch)  
 Jul 25.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE  
 Aug 1.....Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder  
 Aug 28.....Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder (Test & Tune)  
 Aug 29.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK  
 .....Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder  
 Sep 3-5.....ProSolo Finale @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE  
 Sep 19.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK  
 Sep 26.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE  
 .....Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder  
 Oct 2-3.....Kansas @ Heartland Mspts Park, Topeka (Double Solo)  
 .....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK (Dbl Solo)  
 Oct 9.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE  
 Oct 10.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE  
 Oct 17.....Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder (Endurocross)  
 Nov 6.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE  
 Nov 7.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE  
 Nov 14.....Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder



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

## RALLYCROSS

Feb 21 ..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood NE  
 Feb 28 ..... Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Winston MO  
 Mar 14 ..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood NE  
 Mar 28 ..... Kansas City @ end of NW Canal St, Riverside MO  
 April 18..... Kansas/Kansas City @ TBA  
 Apr 25 ..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood NE  
 May 2..... Kansas City @ TBA  
 May 16..... Nebraska @ 527 Masters Drive Nebraska City NE  
 Jun 12 ..... Kansas City @ end of NW Canal St, Riverside MO  
 Jul 18 ..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood NE  
 Jul 25 ..... Kansas City @ end of NW Canal St, Riverside MO  
 Aug 15..... Kansas City @ end of NW Canal St, Riverside MO  
 Sep 19..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood NE  
 Oct 2..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood NE (Test & Tune)  
 Oct 3..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood NE  
 Oct 17..... Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley MO  
 Nov 7 or 21. Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley MO  
 Nov 14..... Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood NE  
 Dec 5..... Kansas City @ end of NW Canal St, Riverside 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 of Midlands, Pacific Jct. Iowa

## ROAD RACING

Apr 17-18 ... Super Tour - AVR @ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, OK  
 May 15-16... Majors - KVRG @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka  
 Jul 10-11 ... MidAm - KVRG @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka  
 Jul 24-25 ... MidAm - AVR @ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, OK  
 Sep 25-Oct 3 . The Runoffs @ Indianapolis Motor Speedway

## MIDWINTER TRIALS SERIES

May 15-16... KVRG @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka  
 Jun 9-13 .... Time Trial Nat'l's @ NCM Mspts Park, Bowling Green, KY  
 Jul 10-11 .... KVRG @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka  
 Jul 24-25 .... AVR @ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, OK

## TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA

Apr 22 ..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka  
 May 14..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka  
 Jun 17 ..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka  
 Jun 23 ..... @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail CO  
 Jul 9 ..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka  
 Aug 19..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka  
 Sep 14..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka  
 Oct 14..... @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka

**SCCA Membership notes •••**

If you are a Region-of-Record member of Salina Region, the code on your mailing label (such as RR 02-21) is your expiration date.

National membership 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 (coded A or FA). 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 (free) and Weekend (\$15) Memberships. More information is available at [www.salinasc.ca.org](http://www.salinasc.ca.org), [www.scca.com](http://www.scca.com), or call Salina Region membership chair Rocky Entriken at 785-827-5143 or e-mail [rocky@spitfire4.com](mailto:rocky@spitfire4.com).**

**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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