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Artt Mann, AM Dwarfmann - '39 Ford Victoria Dwarf Car (Diane Dowell Photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

Regional Executive Views

Double or nothing. That's what everyone says and that's what happened at the last event. I designed both courses and still didn't get fastest time of the day. I even had a DNF on not just one, but both of the courses. I might have to step back and reassess my situation. 😊 I can blame my car and tire pressures but I think my problem is I tend to stare at cones, instead of looking ahead.

It was my first time ever being event chair and making a course. I got a lot of positive feedback even though it was a shorter course but I'm glad everyone had good time. I tend to like longer sweeps, it makes it feel more like a road course which I will try to put in future courses.

Speaking about events, the next one will be on May 7th. Which is the Saturday of Mother's day weekend. It should be the last Saturday event of the year, but I bring that up because sometimes not everyone can make it to a Saturday event. That is OK because I call it MTL, More To Life. Some of us have full time jobs, families, other obligations or even other hobbies (shame on you; haha). Trying to juggle it all and add more to it can be a struggle.

For some, this sport is just a hobby but for others it's a

way of life. If you can't make it out to all the events I respect that because life happens.

Now that you have read my philosophy paragraph I will get back to Autocross. I have seen some new faces at events which is great to see. If you have a friend, family member or co-worker you think would like to autocross. Help them out to register or even come out and just ride along to get a feel for it.

Thank you everyone who has helped this year in making the events run without a hitch. See you all at the next event and Happy early Mothers Day.

—Andlee, RE Salina Region



► Next Event ◀

Solo - May 7
Saturday before Mother's Day
Entry fee \$25 (non-members +\$15)

On-site registration/tech 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

Pre-register on motorsportsreg.com ~ link at salinascca.org

CC is not charged until after the event ~ \$5 surcharge for walk-in registrations

Next Business Meeting

May 7
Following the event
Location TBA

*Business meetings
are open to all
members and guests*



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Salina Region Schedule ~ 2022

All events at Berkley Family Recreational Area unless noted otherwise

<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>	<u>Safety</u>
May 7 – Saturday Solo		
June 12 – Sunflower Solo Showdown – Topeka	Kansas Region	
June 19 – Solo	Kale Morris	
July 10 – Sunflower Solo Showdown – Yoder	Wichita Region	
August 14 – Sunflower Solo Showdown – Salina		
September 11 – Solo	Jason Rash	
October 9 – Solo, Octoberfest 33	Salina Region Board	
October 23 – Solo		
November 6 – Solo	Kale Morris	

Would you chair an event? Contact Kale Morris!

A Salina Divisional (if held) and Solo Nationals (Sep. 5-9) also score in Salina Region's Championship, with bonus points. Lowest three scores are thrown out, four if we do a Divisional

MiDiv



SPS/R&S MiDiv Solo Series – 2022 (Tent.)

Apr 30-May 1 – Wichita @ Yoder (Sunflower Aerodrome)
June 11-12 – Ozark Mountain @ Neosho (Crowder College)
June 25-26 – NeOkla @ Muskogee (Davis Field)
July 30-31 – Nebraska @ Lincoln (Lincoln Airpark)
October 1-2 – Kansas @ Topeka (Heartland Park)

SCCA 2022 Solo Nationals ~ Sep. 5-9 ~ Lincoln, NE

MEETING MINUTES

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

The board meeting of the Salina Region SCCA was called to order on April 10, 2022, by RE Andlee Phengphachanh at the Berkley Family Recreation Area following Saturday's event. Also were Hank & Sharon Brillhart, Chandler Brown, Rocky Entriken, Dennis & Nancy Smith.

Minutes from the previous meeting were not readily available.

Treasurers Report – Sharon reported the treasurers report. Motion to accept, seconded and approved.

Old Business – Dennis has made a few additional wiring improvements to the trailer. His hard work is very appreciated.

Dennis and Chandler have both started checking on trailer insurance. Dennis's agent stated that it would be very expensive. Chandler's agent wanted more information on contents and value of the trailer. Existing inventory list is outdated. Andlee to update inventory list on after the second day of the Twin Solos.

Andlee, Dennis, Kale, and Rick completed Safety Steward training on March 1 and have started shadowing experienced Safety Stewards.

We will not be purchasing a hot spot for live timing this year. We will work on live timing with individual cell phones for the foreseeable future (when we can).

New Business – Dennis and Rick are now officially fully licensed three-year Safety Stewards. Thanks to both of them. Safety Stewards are crucial for upcoming events.

Club will purchase more loaner helmets to replace helmets that are aging out through SCCA.

Some proposed T-Shirt designs for the club will be published for member feedback/voting.

Rocky gave Sharon receipts for sandwiches and ice for the Evolution schools. Club will be reimbursed for these expenses from the Evo School.

Submitted, Chandler Brown, Secretary.

HELMETS FOR 2022

When the calendar rolls over to a new year, many other things roll with it. Among the most important is the legality and safety of your helmet. 2022 is no different.

As of January 1, 2022, all 2005-rated helmets from Snell and SFI (SA2005, M2005 or K2005; SFI 31.1/2005 or 41.1.2005 etc.) as well as BSI are no longer allowed in SCCA activities – that includes Solo, RallyCross, Time Trials and Track Events. For the Road Racing program, SA2010 and FIA 8860-2004-certified helmets have also reached the end of their eligibility.

This year, there's an additional important change to keep in mind – *for the end of 2022*. As of December 31 of this year, no ECE-rated helmets will be accepted in any SCCA program. It's likely this change matters only to a few, but here's why these will not be allowed starting in 2023.

The reason for the disqualification of ECE-rated helmets is that the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) – similar to the U.S. Department of Transportation – does not require their certification labels to include a build date range, which helps users and tech inspectors minimize participants using helmets with the natural – but unseen – performance degradation experienced over time. While Snell/FIA/SFI helmets display a manufacture date range on their certification labels and “age out” after 10 or 15 years (depending on the program in which they're used), ECE helmets with the currently accepted label may be more than 20 years old. There's simply no foolproof way to ensure the age of these helmets, making the safety of the equipment questionable. For this reason, they will not be allowed for use in any SCCA event beginning in 2023.

Is your helmet is good to go for 2022 and beyond? You can find program-specific helmet certification requirements at the links below. It never hurts to be 100 percent certain before you arrive, and it's always a good idea to have the top safety-rated helmet you can get your hands on!

Look in www.scca.com, under “Programs” for the following:

- Solo & RallyCross (*under Autocross, click “Rules” to get to the Solo Rules page.*)
- Track Days/Track Night in America (*same rules as Solo/RallyCross.*)
- Time Trials (*under “What is TT?” click “Safety Rules.”*)
- Road Racing (*Section 9.3.19 of the GCR, “Driver's Safety Equipment.”*)

So why isn't DOT certification acceptable?

From Chronix Motorbike Accessories (Chronix.com)

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), sets a minimum standard for testing before a helmet can be sold. This DOT sticker is the most commonly seen sticker on helmets in the US.

The problem(s)? First off, the standard hasn't had a significant overhaul since 1972. Many believe it should be updated to meet more rigorous safety standards. Second, the DOT system is an honor system. Helmet manufactures self-determine if their helmets meet these standards and add the DOT sticker. DOT then chooses helmets at random from store shelves for testing to see if they, in fact, do meet the requirements. All DOT helmets are innocent until proven guilty.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

• **Jacob Orlowski**, Kansas City, MO, runs that olive green Volkswagen GTI in Street Touring Hatch. He was Top PAX at our first event.

MiDiv Solo Series Begins in Yoder

The 2022 Midwest Division Solo Series kicks off April 30-May 1 at the Road Yoder Solo Site, Wichita Region's playground south of Hutchinson.

Registration is open on MotorsportsReg.com.

The series, sponsored by Solo Performance Specialties and R&S Racing, visits five locales this year. After the opener, there will be two dates in June at Crowder College, Neosho, MO, by Ozark Mountain Region, and Davis Field, Muskogee, OK, by Northeast Oklahoma Region.

The end of July is the annual return to the Lincoln Airpark by Nebraska Region, the site of the SCCA Tire Rack Solo Nationals a month later. The courses at Lincoln are often a rerun of last year's Nationals.

The 2022 finale must wait for early October, Kansas Region's round at Heartland Motorsports Park in Topeka.

The schedule and dates are found on Page 2.

MiDiv was the first division in SCCA to conduct a divisional championship event in the late 1960s, even before SCCA began to embrace Autocross as a national program. The two-day, two course format became the blueprint for the Solo Nationals which began in 1973.

MiDiv's event morphed into a series in 1989 and has continued ever since. Divisional championships are offered in all the rulebook classes, including supplementals. Under current rules, each day is a separate competition for points, although most host regions combine the best times from each day for event trophies.

To qualify for a championship a driver must compete at a minimum of two of the five weekends, a single day meeting the requirement. With 10 events over five weekends this year, a driver may score his best five events.



Old Dominion

R.E. Andlee Phengphachanh took on the task of our annual doubleheader event, but he wasn't even a member last time we did it in conjunction with the Evo School so did not have the background of how the two simultaneous events dovetailed.

A few days earlier a course map for an event by the Old Dominion Region in Virginia showed up on Facebook. They have a tiny site (see Page 7) and their clever 2-lap course design was exactly the example Andlee needed.

We hadn't done an Evo since 2019 because of COVID protocols, so it was good to have it back with our usual three-day format. Saturday's turnout for the autocross was minimal – we actually had as many competitors in the school as in the event – 11 each. Those who didn't come missed a fun event! One tricky thing about the BFRA site in this format is the downhill that is actually steeper driving it than it looks walking it. With a fast approach to the turnaround, getting the car slowed down and turned is a real challenge.

Dennis Smith solved it best, taking both FTD at 47.898 sec and Top PAX. He topped Andlee for FTD by just 0.268 sec. Third-quick was Fast Lady Sharon Brillhart, another 0.321 back.

Only two classes had multiple entries, but Hank Brillhart and Rocky Entriken had a fun duel in ES. Rocky led the first three runs after two DNFs by Hank, but then he came back for a 0.005 sec lead on the fourth runs. Both drivers dropped into the 49s on their 5th runs when Hank opened up the winning margin of 0.364 sec.

~~ Old Dominion • PAX Rankings ~~

Driver	Class	Time	Index	PAX
Dennis Smith	GS	47.898	*0.794	38.031
Sharon Brillhart	ESL	48.487	*0.792	38.401
Nancy Smith	GSL	48.705	*0.794	38.671
Henry Brillhart	ES	49.436	*0.792	39.153
Rocky Entriken	ES	49.800	*0.792	39.441
Chandler Brown	CS	48.867	*0.810	39.582
Andlee Phengphachanh	STU	48.166	*0.829	39.929
Logan McNett	CAMT	50.693	*0.816	41.365
Ashton King	DS	52.887	*0.807	42.679
Aaron Alnutt	FS	53.149	*0.814	43.263
Rick Nicholson	DS	54.376	*0.807	43.881

Andlee's Alley

For Sunday's event Andlee modified the Saturday course, starting this time from the west side and finishing on the east. A much better turnout saw two dozen drivers take to the course.

There was little agreement on how to take the finishing 4-cone uphill slalom. Start on the left or the right? Several drivers went both ways, going left on the first lap to set up the turn for Lap 2, then choosing the right side on the second lap to aim into the finish chute. But some took the same side on both laps and there did not seem a definite proof as to which choice was quicker.

FTD again was a close duel, this time between the two Xtreme drivers – Aaron Loggan in his XSA Mercedes clocking 45.123, which was 0.996 quicker than Kale Morris's XSB Miata. Third-quick was Tim Nicholson's DS Subaru, which was good for Top PAX at 46.436 sec.

Sharon Brillhart again collected Fast Lady, turning 48.658 sec.

The only single-class contest with less than a one-second spread was C Prepared, Art and Jason Martinez sharing Art's John Mecum special Pontiac Trans-Am. On their final runs both drivers posted 48-sec runs, with Art's 0.619 sec quicker.

~~ Andlee's Alley • PAX Rankings ~~

Driver	Class	Time	Index	PAX
Tim Nicholson	DS	46.436	*0.807	37.473
Dennis Smith	GS	47.682	*0.794	37.859
Don Herrick	HS	48.317	*0.786	37.977
Aaron Loggan	XA	45.123	*0.842	37.993
Sharon Brillhart	ESL	48.658	*0.792	38.537
Chandler Brown	CS	47.691	*0.810	38.629
Henry Brillhart	ES	48.992	*0.792	38.801
Kale Morris	XB	46.119	*0.851	39.247
Dylan White	DS	48.675	*0.807	39.280
Luke Scott	STR	47.885	*0.828	39.648
Nancy Smith	GSL	49.981	*0.794	39.684
Rocky Entriken	ES	50.286	*0.792	39.826
Andlee Phengphachanh	STU	48.272	*0.829	40.017
Art Martinez	CP	48.255	*0.854	41.209
Adam Winter	FS	50.894	*0.814	41.427
Rick Nicholson	DS	51.361	*0.807	41.448
Jason Martinez	CP	48.868	*0.854	41.733
Connor Davis	CAMC	51.894	*0.819	42.501
Aaron Alnutt	FS	53.007	*0.814	43.147
Ethan Gibbs	CAMC	53.295	*0.819	43.648
R Abner Perney	FSP	53.511	*0.824	44.093
Joel Thompson	BSP	52.123	*0.852	44.408
Tyler Lamia	HS	57.012	*0.786	44.811
Kaitlyn Loggan	CSL	55.445	*0.810	44.910

A Region Tee – YES!

So the board decided we need a new Salina Region T-shirt. Watch your e-mailbox because in a short while we're gonna send you some designs.

It's a membership vote. Choose the one you like and the one with the most votes will be the one we make. There'll be a separate vote for what clever bit of doggerel extolling the virtues of autocross will appear on the back.

It'll be what the well-dressed autocrosser will be wearing this season.

The email may also include an order form. So you can get whatever design is chosen. Hoping we can get them all done to be picked up at an upcoming event. Still working out the price and how to pay for them.



Old Dominion

Salina Region SCCA ~ April 9, 2022 ~ Berkley Family Recreational Area, Salina

Class	Driver	No.	Car	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6	Best
CS	• Chandler Brown	19	1998 BMW M Roadster	59.853	51.156	54.875	49.435	48.867	49.232	48.867
DS	• Ashton King	20	Subaru	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	54.635	53.691	54.461+1	52.887	52.887
DS	Rick Nicholson	26	2020 Subaru WRX	63.312	56.722+1	54.008+1	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	54.376	54.376
ES	• Henry Brillhart	48	1999 Mazda Miata	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	50.981	50.328	49.436	49.688	49.436
ES	Rocky Entriaken	4	2000 Mazda Miata	51.287	51.200	50.078	50.333	49.800	50.321	49.800
ESL	• Sharon Brillhart	28	2003 Toyota MR2	49.864+1	49.611	49.491	48.487	49.037+1	48.767	48.487 FL
FS	• Aaron Alnutt	32	2003 Mercedes-Benz E320	60.874	56.976	56.485	54.025	53.631	53.149	53.149
GS	• Dennis Smith	77	2015 Ford Focus ST	47.532+2	48.710	D.N.F.	48.114	47.905+3	47.898	47.898 FTD/PAX
GSL	• Nancy Smith	77	2015 Ford Focus ST	53.908	50.180+1	49.174+1	49.816	48.705	48.961	48.705
STU	• Andlee Phengphachanh	23	1988 Toyota Celica Alltrac	50.473	D.N.F.	49.750	48.981	48.166	48.062+1	48.166
CAMT	• Logan McNett	96	Camaro	D.N.F.	54.012+1	53.633	59.881+1	52.860	50.693	50.693

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



Andlee's Alley



Salina Region SCCA ~ April 10, 2022 ~ Berkley Family Recreational Area, Salina

Class	Driver	No.	Car	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6	Best
CS	• Chandler Brown	19	1998 BMW M Roadster	D.N.F.	48.739	50.119+1	54.232+1	48.549	47.691	47.691
CSL	• Kaitlyn Loggan	43	2001 Mercedes-Benz SLK320	57.527	56.093	55.445	56.212	56.467	55.598	55.445
DS	• Tim Nicholson	189	2019 Subaru WRX STi	49.757	48.567	48.335	46.713	47.409+1	46.436	46.436 PAX
DS	Dylan White	32	2011 Mini Cooper S	50.016	50.777+6	49.276	48.675	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	48.675
DS	Rick Nicholson	26	2020 Subaru WRX	54.472	52.750	53.564+1	52.886	58.489	51.361	51.361
ES	• Henry Brillhart	48	1999 Mazda Miata	50.077	50.208+1	49.582	49.483+2	48.992	D.N.F.	48.992
ES	Rocky Entriaken	4	2000 Mazda Miata	51.933	51.828	51.940	51.536	50.286	51.681	50.286
ESL	• Sharon Brillhart	28	2003 Toyota MR2	49.677+1	D.N.F.	50.030	49.046	48.882	48.658	48.658 FL
FS	• Adam Winter	7	2020 Ford Mustang GT	52.983	51.530	49.888+1	48.894+1	51.251	48.155+2	50.894
FS	Aaron Alnutt	32	2003 Mercedes-Benz E320	56.263	54.387	52.692+1	54.195	53.629+1	53.007	53.007
GS	• Dennis Smith	77	2015 Ford Focus ST	48.024+1	49.057	48.632	50.074	48.113	47.682	47.682
GSL	Nancy Smith	77	2015 Ford Focus ST	50.149	51.804+2	50.468	49.981	50.211	51.283+2	49.981
HS	• Don Herrick	8	2015 Ford Fiesta ST	48.755	D.N.F.	49.067	48.392	48.353	48.317	48.317
HS	Tyler Lamia	9	2000 Ford Mustang	66.309+1	60.539	58.809+1	57.300+1	57.012	57.499	57.012
STU	• Andlee Phengphachanh	23	1988 Toyota Celica Alltrac	49.381	D.N.F.	48.620+1	48.598	48.272	48.816+1	48.272
STR	• Luke Scott	12	2002 Mazda Miata	49.358	48.913	47.885	47.908	47.631+2	D.N.F.	47.885
CAMC	• Connor Davis	44	2001 Ford Mustang Bullitt	D.N.F.	56.059	52.597	52.198	51.894	52.226	51.894
CAMC	Ethan Gibbs	6	2005 Ford Mustang GT	58.515	56.467	53.943	55.534	53.295	54.318	53.295
XSA	• Aaron Loggan	55	1999 Mercedes-Benz SLK55	46.886	46.732	D.N.F.	45.707	46.637	45.123	45.123 FTD
XSB	• Kale Morris	24	2001 Mazda Miata	47.922	48.526	47.437	47.067	46.168	46.119	46.119
BSP	• Joel Thompson	9	2000 Honda S2000	59.424+1	54.839+1	53.708+2	53.698+1	D.N.F.	52.123	52.123
FSP	• R Abner Perney	62	2001 Mazda Protege MP3	55.088+1	54.312	53.511	54.183	53.871	56.011	53.511
CP	• Art Martinez	34	1982 Pontiac MSE TA	50.089	50.926+1	49.439+1	48.666+1	48.444	48.255	48.255
CP	Jason Martinez	134	1982 Pontiac MSE TA	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	52.421+4	50.808+1	50.720	48.868	48.868

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SALINA REGION SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP • 2022

• SALINA REGION MEMBER

Points after Andlee's Alley

* QUALIFIED FOR AWARDS (MIN. 4 LOCAL EVENTS)

CS	Chandler Brown*	36	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.										David Tackett	5
CSL	Kaitlyn Loggan*	24											CAM-T Logan McNett	12
DS	Rick Nicholson*	23											XSA Aaron Loggan*	12
	Tim Nicholson*	21											Conner Herrick*	9
	Ashton King*	12											XSB Kale Morris	12
	John LaRondeau*	12	FS	Aaron Alnutt	21	SST	Mike Alberding*	12	Clinton Boling*	7	BSP Joel Thompson	12		
	Dylan White	9		Adam Winter	12	STU	Andlee Phengphachanh*	36	CAM-C Connor Davis	12	FSP R.Abner Perney	12		
	Brogen Willich	6	GS	Dennis Smith*	36	STR	Luke Scott	12	Justin Gagna*	12	CP Art Martinez	12		
DSL	Ann LaRondeau*	12	GSL	Nancy Smith*	36		Allan Unruh	12	Ethan Gibbs	9		Jason Martinez	12	
ES	Henry Brillhart*	33	HS	Don Herrick*	24	STS	Jason Rash*	12	Steve Schrag*	9				
	Rocky Entriaken*	30		Tyler Lamia	9	STH	Jacob Orlovski	12	Chase Kaiser	7				
ESL	Sharon Brillhart*	36	HCS	Nathan Drouin	12		Joshua Huff	9	Michael Appley	6				

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Events

.... Elsewhere - 2022

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 autocross on this date)

AUTOCROSS

April 30 Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Indep.MO (school)
 Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (school)
May 1 Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
 Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
May 8 NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa OK
May 14 Kansas @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
May 15 Kansas @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
 Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
May 21 Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS (Novice event)
May 22 Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
May 26-28 ... **ProSolo @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE**
May 29-30 ... **National Tour @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE**
June 5 NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
June 18 Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
June 19 * Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
 Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
June 25 Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (Test & Tune)
June 26 Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
July 9 Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
 Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
July 10 * Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
July 16 Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Indep.MO (school)
July 17 Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
 NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
July 23 Kansas @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
July 24 Kansas @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
Aug 7 Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
Aug 20 Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (Test & Tune)
Aug 21 Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
 Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (Test & Tune)
 NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa OK
Aug 27 Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS (Test & Tune)
Aug 28 Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
 Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
Sep 2-4 **ProSolo Finale @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE**
Sep 17 Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
Sep 18 Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
 Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
Sep 24 Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (Test & Tune)
Sep 25 NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
 Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
 Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
Oct 8 Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (Test & Tune)
Oct 9 * Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
Oct 16 Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
 Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
Oct 23 * NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
Oct 30 Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS



RALLYCROSS

Apr 24 Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood NE
May 8 Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
May 15 Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Weston MO
 Nebraska @ Nebraska City, NE
May 22 NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
Jun 19 * Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
Jun 26 Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley MO
Jul 9 Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood NE (T&T/School)
Jul 10 * Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Weston MO
 Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood NE
 NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
Jul 24 Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
Aug 7 Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
Aug 28 Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley MO
 NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
Sep 11 * NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
Sep 18 Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood NE
 Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
Sep 24 Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley MO
Oct 9 * NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
Oct 16 Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
Oct 22 Kansas City @ TBD
Oct 23 * Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood NE

Go

Racing!



Five road course tracks are within a 5-hour drive of Salina. Be part of the action as a race worker -- flagging on corners timing grid tech etc. Or be a driver?

• Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett OK • Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
 • Motorsports Park Hastings, Hastings NE • Ozarks International Raceway, Gravois Mills MO
 • Raceway Park of the Midlands, Pacific Junction. IA

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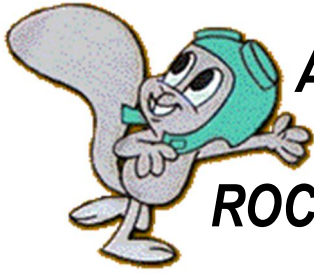
Apr 23-24 ... Super Tour @ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit
May 21-22 ... Majors @ Heartland Motorsports Park
June 4-5 Majors @ Ozarks Int'l Raceway
Sep 24-Oct 2 . The Runoffs @ VIRginia International Raceway

MIDWINTER TRIALS SERIES

May 14-15 ... Time Trials Nationals @ NCM Motorsports Park
May 21-22 ... KVRG @ Heartland Motorsports Park
June 4-5 KVRG @ Ozarks Int'l Raceway
Aug 13 Nebraska/DMV @ Hastings
Oct 15 Nebraska/DMV @ Midlands

TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA

Apr 28 @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
May 20 @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
Jun 16 @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
Jun 22 @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail CO
Jul 21 @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
Jul 29 @ Pikes Peak Int'l Raceway, Fountain CO
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Oct 13 @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS



ASSORTED NUTS FROM ROCKET J. SQUIRREL

—ROCKY ENTRIKEN

We have a wonderful site at the Berkley Family Recreation Area. It's been called the "Best Concrete in Kansas." At the first (of six) SCCA Solo Nationals held here, in 1975 decades before the advent of R-comp tires, one driver commented. "I could find grip here on snow tires!"

It's not perfect. The long but narrow aspect makes for "wiggle down, wiggle back" courses and it takes an inventive course designer to create something different. It also tends to faster courses. It's not uncommon to find 3rd gear in my Miata. Compare that to the massive expanse of the Lincoln Airpark, and yet I can't remember grabbing 3rd on any of the recent Solo Nationals courses there.

But then we have our annual April doubleheader, in conjunction with the Evolution Schools. The school courses take up the larger portion of our site and so we run on what's left at the south end.

I just wish people would quit calling it a "small" course. It isn't. It's a smaller site, but the events we do there, a 2-lap run, are still in the 50-second range. Other autocrossers around the USA would give their firstborn to have just that patch of pavement to play on.

Our Saturday course this year was based on a design used by the Old Dominion Region just a week earlier. They run at the Pungo Airfield in Virginia Beach. That's in the Tidewater area of coastal southeast Virginia. Not much airfield left (like ours, what used to be our muni airport). It's the photo. You can see the area they get to use for autocross, and their course map showing a two-lap run. I marked the course map with *our* course exit because we have the pavement to do it. They don't.

I've been autocrossing in Salina since I arrived here in 1969, including many much smaller sites. I had a hand in resurrecting the Squires of Salina Sports Car Club,

which disbanded some years later after the board realized every one of us were also Wichita Region members.

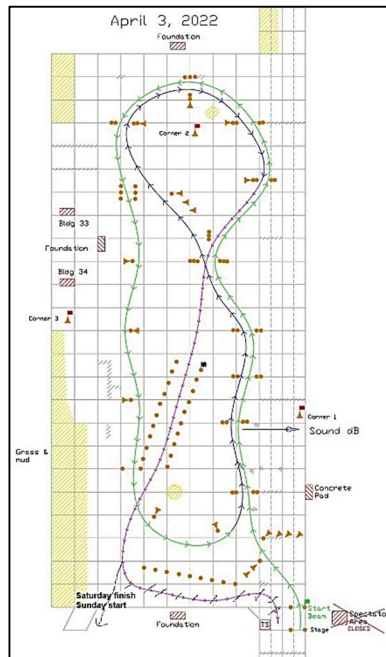
But the Squires put on events at several Salina sites smaller than even Pungo. Or our south end at BFRA.

Southgate Shopping Center, in the early '70s, had a large Dillons store (now the Ark Church), and a few other storefronts which closed on Sunday. Speakeasy did not exist then so our course area was the south end of the parking lot. And worse, it was polished concrete! No grip! I once put on an event there based on the 24 Hours of Le Mans circuit (when the Steve McQueen movie was playing here). The lap it takes 3½ minutes to drive in a 200 mph Porsche took about 20 seconds in my G Stock Pinto. My event that day was an Endurokhana, most laps in 3 minutes.

The Squires club also did events at both Central High School (south lot) and South High (west lot). Salina Region has done events on the back lots of Central Mall.

My first win was on a lot in Topeka, Holiday Square, not only smaller than our south end of

BFRA but on a steeper hillside. We had about a third of that lot to use, and it was pouring rain to boot! A downhill run went to a 90° left. In the rain everyone kept sliding past the turn. I turned early, ended up aimed right at the gate.



In college at KU, I'd run to Kansas City every weekend for events, mostly held on a variety of shopping center lots. Nearly all of them tiny. It was the days of the Blue Laws, no shopping allowed on Sundays, so the parking lots were available.

I recall one where, to stretch the course, it ran through this alley to the backside of the building, a simple 180° turnaround and back through the alley.

Back then you ran on whatever patch of pavement you could find, whose owners would allow it. Quite often rent-free. If the sites were small, so were the courses of the day. Gates 10-12 feet wide were common. Try a slalom on 25-foot centers! A 60-foot slalom was wicked fast (that's just common today). But events were out where the public could see them. When Blue Laws went away we were pushed onto airports – better grip and larger acreage, but we lost a lot of that public contact.

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