

The Write Line

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Philip Meredith, GS Volkswagen GTI (Lizzie Enlow-Brown Photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

Regional Executive Views

“Regional Executive Views.” That is what REV stands for and now I’m getting into the swing of things. I have to say that it takes everyone’s participation and help to make events happen. I would like to thank everyone that has helped before during and after the events to make things run smoothly.

This past event I rode with a few novices and after riding with them I realized I still had things to learn. Things to learn so I can pass along to help others be faster as well. Unlike trying out my four-wheel-drive going into the grass like at test and tune.

It’s getting to that time of year that events are going to be hot. Be prepared and bring refreshments and good headwear. Not all of us can be fortunate and have working air conditioning in our cars during break. Ha-ha. We usually have bottled water available, free for anyone who needs it.

Keep an eye out on the website and MotorsportReg. We have some changes coming in October which will give everyone a opportunity to capture more points. I know October is far away but what’s the saying we always hear in autocross? Looking ahead.

So what’s going to happen in October? We’re going to co-host a Divisional Championship event!

You may have heard, Kansas Region (based in Topeka) lost their contract to do solo events on the Heartland Motorsports Park pad, which is deteriorating. They had a Divisional scheduled in early October, not to mention a Sunflower Showdown next month which would have counted as a Salina Region points event – both gone (Our local event June 19 is still on).

We have events scheduled Oct 9 – originally intended to be Octoberfast – and Oct. 23.

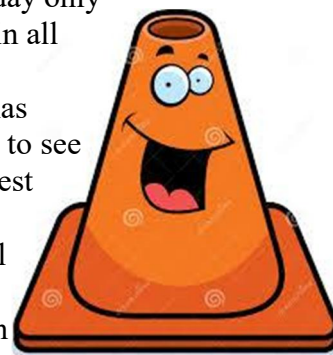
The Salina Region board voted to invite Kansas Region to do their Divisional here, on our site, Oct. 8-9. It’s been accepted and is now on the Midwest Division calendar. Octoberfast has been shifted to Oct. 23.

Kansas Region will take the organizational lead, we’ll provide site, sanction and equipment. Each day counts as a separate event for Salina Region points (we get back the date we lost). Kansas Region will score it in their regional championship. The MiDiv series is back to five weekends. You can enter one day only or both days. It’s a win-win-win all around!

I appreciate everyone who has made it to our events and hope to see everyone at all the events the rest of the season

Help others win. So you will win.

—Andlee, RE Salina Region



► Next Event ◀

Solo - June 19

(yes, it's Father'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

June 19
Following the event
Mokas Café
902 E. Crawford

*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>
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 8 – Solo (Divisional Championship)	Brian Tefft Jr.	
October 9 – Solo (Divisional Championship)	Brian Tefft Jr.	
October 23 – Solo, Octoberfast 33	Salina Region Board	
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 8-9 – Kansas/Salina @ Salina (BFRA)

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 at 7:05 pm May 10, 2022, by RE Andlee Phengphachanh via Zoom call. Also present were Chandler Brown, Rocky Entriken, Aaron Loggan, Artt Mann, Monte Rans, Jason Rash, Dennis & Nancy Smith.

Minutes from the previous three meetings were reviewed. Motion to approve was seconded and passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report – No treasurers report available at this time.

New Business – Kansas Region lost their contact with Heartland Motorsports Topeka, which included their Sunflower Showdown date (Jun 12, was to be a Salina points event) and their Divisional Championship event Oct. 1-2. Discussed co-hosting event with Kansas Region on Oct. 8-9 at Salina. Would bump Octoberfast to the 23rd. This would result in the opportunity to race one additional day on the 8th, and each day would be a points event for Salina. Kansas Region would provide primary chair and organization. Salina region would provide the location, permits, equipment, etc. Rocky verified with the City that the 8th was available (the 9th was already on our calendar), so this aspect is taken care of. Andlee would be primary point of contact with Kansas Region. Additional details to be worked out in the coming months. Motion by Rocky to co-host the Divisional Championship event with the Kansas Region was seconded by Artt and passed unanimously.

Motorsports Reg – Two credit cards were declined for banquet, two more were declined for the March event, one declined for the May event. Brogan Willich and Nathan Drouin (both from March), have not yet been resolved. Past due accounts can be reported on a shared log on MSR or could be blacklisted for our events and require payment up front as well as past due amounts. SCCA Bylaws state that any account that is over 60 days past due will forfeit membership. Monte stated that cards had been declined a couple of times in 2021 but these were resolved by MotorsportReg. Nancy will work on determining the best course of action moving forward for discussion at a later date.

Informational – Rocky has the new Salina Region SCCA charter in hand and will get that to Andlee.

Cars and Coffee at Long McArthur on June 4 for anyone who wishes to attend and represent the club.

Work a race!

Two nearby SCCA race weekends are coming up soon. It's a great opportunity to try another aspect of SCCA. While there is a number of specialties you could try, working corners (Flagging and Communications) is arguably the most popular.

The upcoming races, both of them Majors which is the top tier of SCCA road racing, are **May 21-22 at Heartland Motorsports Park** in Topeka, and **June 4-5 at the new Ozarks International Speedway** in Gravois Mills, MO.

That one is SCCA's first-ever event at Ozarks, so already attracting a large entry.

The easiest way to sign up is to "enter" just like you do for an autocross. Go to MotorsportsReg.com (search under "Club Racing;"

registration is open for both events), except the "entry fee" for race workers is \$0.00. *In fact, KVRG will pay YOU \$50/day!* Once at the track, you check in at a window near the track entrance.

If this is your first time as a corner worker, don't worry. They'll put you with experienced flaggers who will tell you all you need to know. *Really, they want you on the crew!*

But in preparation, here's a handy guide:

- Flagging and Communications is the backbone of motorsports. We get the best seats in the house but it does come at a small price.
- You will have fun out there and that is why we do it, but this is not a spectator sport. It is a participation sport.
- We are out in the elements in all types of weather and must be prepared accordingly.
- Sunscreen and lip balm are a prerequisite as is waterproof clothing of some kind and ear protection as some of the racecars can be very loud.
- Clothing: Most workers wear white from top to toe, however, to start a white T-shirt and jeans is just fine. Have a jacket handy, but avoid attire in red or yellow (the colors of two very important flags!). Closed-toe shoes such as boots or sneakers are a must however.
- Keep hydrated. Water is provided. Bring your own pop if you want that. Snacks are also a good idea. However, they'll provide lunch both days and dinner on Saturday.
- When on a corner you must stow phones and cameras away as they are not permitted while on duty.
- Your safety is your primary focus at all times, if someone asks you to do something you are not comfortable with you owe it to yourself to say so. Your secondary focus is the safety of your fellow workers and so you must be aware at all times of your location in relation to the activities (cars going by! Fast!) around you.
- Try to arrive at the track 10-15 minutes ahead of registration (usually around 7am) so you can get signed up and get to the flag meeting where you will be assigned a position.
- If you are not sure where to go, just ask. Most people at the track are able and willing to assist.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- **Joshua Huff**, Kansas City, MO, is the other driver in that olive green Volkswagen GTI in Street Touring Hatch, co-driving Jacob Orlowski who joined last month.

Autocross: More intense than F1 Wikipedia says so!

"Due to the nature of a typical track, speeds can be slower when compared to other forms of motorsports, usually not exceeding highway speeds, but the activity level (measured in discrete turns per minute) can be higher than even Formula One due to the large number of elements packed into each course."

Wikipedia entry under "Autocross"



WIKIPEDIA
The Free Encyclopedia

What helmet labels mean



This is a helmet whose design has passed the most rigorous recent testing standards and has been accepted by numerous sanctioning bodies for use in competition



This is a helmet

Up the Middle

A fast slalom! *Another slalom, both ways!* AND STILL ONE MORE SLALOM!! Mostly it was Dennis Smith's course, with a little help from Chandler Brown who put down the finishing slalom. The opener was a 70-footer, able to accelerate all the way through for most cars. That meant even though the cones were evenly spaced, it drove like one that grew tighter at the end.

A huge sweep across the pavement to the one up the middle, a skidpad turnaround that was a tad tricky because of the crown, the downhill did not drive like the uphill did with its fast exit to another big sweeper into the curvy slalom for the finish, with a strategic gap that made it flow well. Only six major elements but still a 50/60-second course.

We had 29 cars for what has become our annual day-before-Mother's-Day event; the fourth consecutive year we've done it – mostly because on a crowded May calendar it's the only date left.

There were 3-car classes in DS, ES, FS and GS. Closest was ES with Henry Brillhart and Rocky Entriiken continuing their duel. Henry was leading after three runs, Rocky took over on the fourth and knocked off a couple more tenths on fifth but DNF'd his final try. Henry was the first car out in the heat but a rerun meant he was also the last car in the heat and came home just 0.163 sec slower. So far this year, their record in six meetings is 3-3.

Even closer were the contests for Fast Fender and Top PAX. With Brad Smith taking FTD at 44.920 sec in his newest F Mod Doofwagon (5½ sec faster than the quickest doorslammer), FDTD was an all-Herrick battle between father Mike and son Mason. When the smoke settled, it was Mason's 50.393 quickest by 0.075 sec. Mason also topped Smith on the PAX chart by 0.020 sec. Sharon Brillhart again won Fast Lady with a 55.231 clocking

~~ Up the Middle • PAX Rankings ~~

Driver	Class	Time	Index	PAX
Mason Herrick	SSC	50.393	0.809	40.767
Brad Smith	FM	44.920	0.908	40.787
Mike Herrick	STS	50.468	0.813	41.030
Dan Wheeler	FM	46.278	0.908	42.020
Mike Alberding	SST	51.291	0.841	43.135
Tim Nicholson	DS	53.581	0.807	43.239
Phillip Meredith	GS	54.958	0.794	43.636
Sharon Brillhart	ESL	55.231	0.792	43.743
Aaron Loggan	XSA	52.481	0.842	44.189
Don Herrick	HS	56.346	0.786	44.290
Dennis Smith	GS	56.282	0.794	44.687
Rocky Entriiken	ES	56.578	0.792	44.809
Henry Brillhart	ES	56.741	0.792	44.938
Andlee Phengphachnnh	STU	54.480	0.829	45.163
Aaron Alnutt	SST	53.719	0.841	45.177
Chandler Brown	CS	56.410	0.810	45.692
Nancy Smith	GSL	58.175	0.794	46.191
Jacob DeWitt	STH	57.295	0.812	46.523
Rick Nicholson	DS	57.827	0.807	46.666
Justin Gagna	CAMC	57.940	0.819	47.452
Adam Winter	FS	58.307	0.814	47.461
Logan McNett	CAMT	58.816	0.816	47.993
David Einspahr	FS	59.722	0.814	48.613
Ashton King	DS	60.389	0.807	48.733
Joel Thompson	BSP	58.703	0.852	50.015
Ken Winter	FS	63.041	0.814	51.315
Kaitlyn Loggan	CSL	64.322	0.810	52.100
Joe DeWitt	GS	66.225	0.794	52.582
Kaeden Elbert	ES	67.314	0.792	53.312



SCCA adds virtual Runoffs Championship with iRacing

iRacing's sim racing platform regularly hosts Special Events on its calendar, and in 2022 those special events will include the iRacing SCCA Runoffs.

Utilizing the Super Session model, drivers will have the opportunity to qualify for the iRacing SCCA Runoffs throughout the week of October 17-21, 2022, before the top qualifiers strap in over the course of a marathon eight-hour broadcast day on Saturday, October 22.

"The SCCA Runoffs is one of the most prestigious events in American road racing, and we're excited to officially add it to the iRacing special event schedule in 2022," said Kevin Bobbitt, director of marketing at iRacing. "Giving our racers another opportunity to compete in top-level virtual road racing, while offering them a completely different slate of cars from the norm to race with, is an incredible proposition, and we can't wait to see who takes the victory across our largest special event vehicle lineup ever!"

As in the real world, the iRacing SCCA Runoffs will be held at VIRginia International Raceway, and the eight competing classes will similarly be modeled after vehicles that take part in the Runoffs every year. Sessions in each class will be held once every four hours from Monday-Friday, with all drivers holding a D class road license or above eligible to race and earn their way into the Super Sessions. All races will be 35 minutes in length.

"So many of our active Runoffs drivers turn to iRacing to prep for the event, and many more enthusiasts want to be there but can't," Eric Prill, SCCA's Vice President, Road Racing, said. "This opens the door to introduce the Runoffs and its legendary winners, from Skip Barber, Roger Penske, Mark Donohue and Bobby Rahal to contemporary winners like Graham Rahal, Preston Pardus, Andrew Aquilante and Ernie Francis Jr., to an even wider audience. We're looking forward to both the SCCA



National Championship Runoffs and the virtual iRacing Runoffs at VIR this fall."

The eight competing classes, and their full schedule of Super Sessions coming on Saturday, October 22, are as follows:

Time (CT)	Class Name	iRacing Vehicle(s)
9:00 AM	Formula Vee	Formula Vee
10:00 AM	Spec Racer Ford	Spec Racer Ford
11:00 AM	Miata	Global Mazda MX-5 Cup
12 Noon	GT1	GT1 vehicles
1:00 PM	Formula	USF2000
2:00 PM	GTX	GT4 vehicles
3:00 PM	American Sedan	Ford Mustang FR500S
4:00 PM	GT2	Touring Car vehicles

All Super Sessions will be broadcast in succession on iRacing social media channels.

The real-world SCCA Runoffs will return Sept. 24-Oct. 2, 2022, to VIRginia International Raceway for the first of two back-to-back years at the famed east coast circuit. The Runoffs previously ran at VIR in 2019. More information on the real-world Runoffs can be found at [SCCA.com/Runoffs](https://www.scca.com/Runoffs).

"If all the cars in the United States were placed end to end, it would probably be Labor Day weekend." —Doug Larson

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

May 21Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS (Novice event)
 May 22Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 May 26-28 ...ProSolo @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
 May 29-30 ...National Tour @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
 June 5NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
 June 18Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
 June 19.....*..Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
 June 25Nebraska @Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (Test & Tune)
 June 26Nebraska @Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
 July 9Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 July 10.....*..Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
 July 16Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Indep.MO (school)
 July 17Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
 Aug 7Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
 Aug 20Nebraska @Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (Test & Tune)
 Aug 21Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
Nebraska @Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (Test & Tune)
NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa OK
 Aug 27Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS (Test & Tune)
 Aug 28Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 Sep 2-4ProSolo Finale @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
 Sep 17Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
 Sep 18Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
 Sep 24Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
Nebraska @Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (Test & Tune)
 Sep 25NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
Nebraska @Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 Oct 8Nebraska @Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (Test & Tune)
 Oct 9*..Nebraska @Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
 Oct 16Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
 Oct 23.....*..NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
 Oct 30Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 Nov 5Nebraska @Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (Test & Tune)
 Nov 6*..Nebraska @Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
 Nov 13NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa OK
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS (Endurocross)

RALLYCROSS

May 22NeOkla @ 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
 Nov 6*.. Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
 Nov 13 Nebraska @ Nebraska City, NE
 Nov 20 Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Weston MO
 Dec 4 Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
 Dec 11 Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley MO
 TBA Kansas @ Santa Fe Trail Cycle Park, Carbondale KS

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

ROAD RACING

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

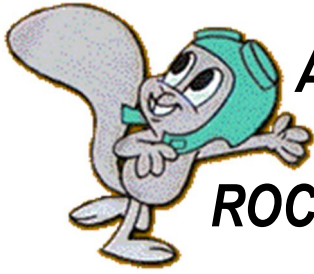
May 21-22... KVRG @ Heartland Motorsports Park
 June 4-5 KVRG @ Ozarks Int'l Raceway
 Aug 13 Nebraska/DMV@ Hastings
 Oct 15 Nebraska/DMV @ Midlands

TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA

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
 Aug 18 @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
 Aug 24 @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail CO
 Sep 15 @ Pikes Peak Int'l Raceway, Fountain CO
 Sep 20 @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
 Oct 13 @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS

"Life is too short for traffic!"

-Dan Bellack



ASSORTED NUTS FROM ROCKET J. SQUIRREL

—ROCKY ENTRIKEN

If you call yourself an autocrosser, you've just gotta do the SCCA Tire Rack Solo Nationals! Registration opens next month. They're only letting 1375 drivers get in.

Most of you really don't have much excuse not to go. Drivers will come from coast to coast, hundreds of them on the road for two or three days to make it. For us, it's almost unfairly convenient. Book your vacation. Sept. 5-9, or maybe just two days. Let's not have any excuses.

Such as....

Are you good enough? Have you managed to drive an autocross without getting lost on course every time? Are you having fun? You're good enough. Maybe 65-70 or so will go home as class champions, maybe another 275 might snag a trophy. What do you suppose attracts the other thousand competitors? It's that Olympic ideal, being a part of an incredible experience. Parking in a paddock that seems to disappear over the horizon, finding yourself next to someone from the Carolinas or Hawaii or Canada driving some mild HS grocery-getter or a wicked A Mod.

It's a big trip? Nah. Couple hours north on US-81, an hour east on I-80, get off at the first Lincoln exit. Four-lane all the way. Gas up and make the drive and make all your runs on the same tankful, refuel for the trip home and arrive with half a tank left. (At least that's how it works in my Miata.)

It's expensive? Well, more than the average Sunday autocross, it's true, and maybe a couple nights hotel thrown in, but really not much more than any average vacay. On the cheap, you could get up early and make it to Lincoln before your class runs (or your work assignment if that comes first). Next day you run your second course and you're still home before sundown.

Hotels tend to charge "ordinary" rates – unless you want to stay Friday night. Cornhuskers have a home football game Saturday so the hotels jack the price the night before.

You don't know anybody? It's been called the

autocrossers' family reunion, 1300+ of your closest friends. You could crash any number of parties in the paddock.

What is there to do otherwise? First, they'll feed you Monday night, and Wednesday night. Second, it's a college town (also the state capitol), so a good selection of restaurants, some of them unique. Third, Lincoln is also the home of Speedway Motors (their warehouse is *HUGE!*), and its four-story Museum of American Speed. Don't miss that!

If you're not a trophy contender, what do you get out of it? Beyond being a part of the World's Largest Motorsports Event, you will see cars like yours but not like yours – what can you do to make yours quicker? You'll meet drivers who might be 5 seconds quicker, how'd he do that?

Nationals also counts in the Salina Region points (and it's why we include another event in the throw-out total). But there's a bonus, one point for every car you beat up to a max of 10. So, finish 39th in a 50-car class you still get 10 points.

You'll see (and drive) course designs with elements impossible on our site, but maybe get ideas for something to use back home. For most of us here, elements like Chicago boxes, fencerow slaloms and eyebrows are things we first saw at a Nationals.

What tires are you running? You might find a tire rep there to ask questions. Or the Koni shocks guy. Or Mazdaspeed's people.

When do I run? Go to www.scca.com/pages/autocross, click on "Solo Nationals" in the right-side menu and under "Schedules" you'll find Run Days. Every class is already assigned except for the four newest ones – XA, XB, EVX and SST. Those they'll plug in after the Spring Nationals at the end of this month (also in Lincoln). You run two courses, one each day for

two days. Half the entry Tuesday-Wednesday, the other half Thursday-Friday. (My ES class is Tue-Wed this year.)

What heat you'll run won't be announced until mid-August, after most entries are in and they know what classes are going to have 60 cars and what classes will have 10. They'll also tell you your work heat, based on what class you run (there's always at least one heat between). When you enter, you do get to request a work assignment.

If you go, find me. I'll be somewhere in the Chiefs Row, first row behind the "Solo Downtown" where the vendors, food trucks and big party tent are. Maybe not my green Miata though. I share a ride with my brother, Buck, who comes up from Dallas. It's his turn this year to bring the car.

SCHEDULE CHANGE!

Plan ahead, because we're going to do a Divisional Championship autocross!

It'll be October 8-9, a two-day event. We are co-hosting with Kansas Region, who will design the course and operate the event. It replaces the event they lost when Heartland Park cancelled their contract.

Are you good enough? Re-read that paragraph to the left. Of course you are!

Each day is scored as a separate event in both the Divisional Championship and the Salina Region Championship. But there's bonus points in the region tally, one point for every car you beat in the overall standings.

But if you can only run one day, that's OK too. You'll still get full points for that day.

Oh, and also, Octoberfast 33 moves to Oct. 23.

••• JOIN the Sports Car Club of America •••

IT'S EASY. GO TO www.scca.com AND CLICK ON JOIN SCCA TODAY!

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. 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. Questions? 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.
- Mailed subscriptions are available to non-members, \$15 for the calendar year.

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