

The Write Line

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Ashton King, DS/STX Scion FR-S (Tianyang Xu Photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

Regional Executive Views

All I can say is WOW! What a great turnout for the Sunflower Solo Showdown in Salina. Yes, it was a hot one and I appreciate everyone sticking it out. Even though Salina did not win, I still think we won in a different way. We have learned and grown a lot as a region this year.

It was great to see some familiar faces at the Showdown. I have only been autocrossing for three years and to see some drivers I met when I first started makes me remember why I keep going out. I know for some reading this, you have been doing it for way longer and even decades. It goes to show it is nice to look back and realize where we all started and have now grown to be better and more involved in the sport.

My first event was Octoberfest of 2019. I was in ST06 and did not know anything about autocross. At the time Timothy Thompson was so kind to ride with me and show me the ropes. All I can remember was him yelling, "Why are you braking?" Ha-ha. Knowing what I know now, I would have accelerated instead of braking before that element. Shortly after, I took a ride with Rocky – well we all know how that ride-along went. 😊 I have a lot more respect for the fun and handling of a Miata. Do not get me wrong, I still like my boost. Even though that

can be my worst enemy.

Hopefully, we are past triple-digit weather. I hope to see everyone at the rest of the season's events. With only five left it will come sooner than you think. At our Zoom board meeting Wednesday we began discussing the Divisional Championship event coming up in October. We're doing it jointly with Kansas Region. Brian Tefft was on to give us a good update.

We're going to try something new – board meetings a few days after the event on Zoom instead of Sunday afternoon. Our meeting this week had the best board attendance of the year! Board meetings are always open to all members if you want to listen in, or even offer comment. Email me before the meeting to get the connection link. My contact info is on Page 2.

Have a fun and safe Labor Day. Some of you will be at the SCCA Solo Nationals that week. Thank you all again, who help make the Salina Region what we are today.

—Andlee, RE Salina Region



New Schedule

Arrive early

► Next Event ◀

Solo - Sept. 11

Berkley Family Recreation Area

Entry Fee: \$25 SCCA members; non-members +\$15)

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

Novice Coursewalk 9:15 ~ Driver's meeting 9:30 ~ Cars on course by 10:00

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

It's 9/11

Remember our heroes
and first responders
Wear something
patriotic

Next
Business Meeting

September 13, 7 pm

► NEW! ◀

It's on Zoom

Business meetings are
open to all members.

Email Andlee (see Pg. 2)
to get the connection link.



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Salina Region Schedule ~ 2022

All events at Berkley Family Recreational Area unless noted otherwise

Event

September 11 – Solo
October 8 – Solo (Divisional Championship)
October 9 – Solo (Divisional Championship)
October 23 – Solo, Octoberfast 33
November 6 – Solo

Chair

Jason Rash
Brian Tefft Jr.
Brian Tefft Jr.
Salina Region Board
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 7:30 pm Aug 17, 2022 by Asst. RE Rocky Entriken via Zoom. Present were: RE Andlee Phengphachanh, who took over the meeting shortly after; Hank & Sharon Brillhart, Chandler Brown, Aaron Loggan, Artt Mann, Monte Rans, Jason Rash, Dennis & Nancy Smith, and guests Rick Nicholson and Kansas Region solo chair Brian Tefft Jr. Board member Kale Morris joined in later.

Minutes from the previous meeting – Were reviewed and unanimously approved.
Treasurers Report – Was reviewed and unanimously approved.

Old Business – Newsletter email blast – Andlee will continue sending out the blast.

Declined credit cards – One payment over 60 days past due. The person has been removed from the points standings. Another late payment has been taken care of. Cards are now being charged at check-in.

New Radios – Dennis picked up 6 new radios and multi-port charger to replace aging radios.

Late registration fee – Discussed a late registration fee after Friday evening (for Sunday events) Nancy will check with MSR to determine the process. Brian Tefft volunteered to help Nancy with setting this up.

2023 KKOA Lead Sled Spectacular in Salina – Andlee reached out to KKOA and did not get a response. Tabled for the time being.

Venue for 2022 Awards Banquet – Andlee checking on The Garage.

Trailer inventory for potential insurance – Andlee planning to work on inventory when the opportunity presents. (Targeting MiDiv event)

Trial Membership procedures – Rocky has created a new form and submitted it to the SCCA membership department for approval. Still pending.

New Business – New schedule/Aug 14th event discussion – A few challenges with the hotspot not being set up early enough. High number of participants and shortened check-in time led to check-in running a little over the scheduled time. Also, with the short check-in time, sidebar conversations can be very distracting and should be avoided in the trailer. Worked OK overall, and we will plan to maintain this schedule for the foreseeable future.

Joint Divisional Oct 8-9 (Joint event with Kansas Region; registration is open) – Brian Tefft shared his planning spreadsheet that has been used for previous MiDiv events by Kansas Region. Assigning chiefs and outlining general checklist to help ensure a smooth event.

Informative signage at the events – Give guidance to participants on where to go. Discussed idea for what signage should show.

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So thank you, Monte, for your six years (2016-21) as Salina Region's Regional Executive, and best wishes in your new environ.

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DS	Tim Nicholson•	377
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ES	Rocky Entrienn	369
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XSA/HS	Aaron Loggan	364
STU	Andlee Phenphachanh	352

SUNFLOWER SOLO SHOWDOWN 22.2

Our turn at Sunflower Solo Showdown became our biggest event of the year (so far), with 64 competitors, 50 of them running for the glory of their home regions. And also the hottest event of the year (so far), the mercury just tapping 100 as we picked up the course.

Andlee Phengphachanh's course was a challenging mix of speed and slalom, opening with a series of eyebrows and then what was designed as a staircase but ended up a straightline blast for most. Slalom up the side, then a wrong-side slalom up the middle to the turnaround. Now that last one turned into a fast right-side slalom, a couple more jinks, then a flyer through a bowtie with rev limiters banging before the final slalom. Only four runs to get it right, which was plenty on a triple-digit day (especially for course workers!).

Five classes were decided by less than one second. The narrowest victory margin was in E Street where Jason Covert's Miata laid down four clean runs but his best was run #2 when he popped a 51.963. Rocky Entriiken's Miata, meanwhile, was dirty on his first three runs, a pair of 52s showing what was possible. He closed at 51.989, finally clean but 0.026 sec short of the win.

Up in D Street, Timothy Thompson's Focus RS held the early lead after a pair of 49 sec runs while Jim Monroe's BRZ hung in close with a 49 of his own. Third runs and Monroe collected four cones while Thompson skyed to a 61. Thompson's final try was more of the same but Monroe brought home a 49.1 to take the class by 0.105 sec.

Street Touring Hatch was decided on the third runs. While Greg Cheney was stringing 51s in his Ford Fiesta ST, Josh Huff was posting 50s in his VW Golf R. Only Huff's all had pylons attached added while Cheney was staying off the cones. Both drivers turned their best on run #3, Cheney at 51.1 but Huff managed his only clean run at 50.8 to win by 0.307 sec.

The CAM-Contemporary class featured Ken Stowers, who made the trip from Tulsa, up against Justin Gagna in a showdown of Mustangs. Even with a pylon penalty, Stowers led after first runs, but slipped on his second to let Gagna claim the lead at 52.2. Despite faster times on his final two runs, Gagna left the door open with cones on both of them, but Stowers could get no closer than 0.426 sec on his last try.

Pylons and DNFs dashed Dan Costello's bid to upset Solo Spec Coupe national champion Mason Herrick. Costello's second-run 46.7 had a cone attached, making his best time a 48.7. His third run was a 47.4, but with two cones. Herrick, meanwhile, steadily whittled his times down a few tenths on each run, all of them clean, to close out at 47.8 and taking the SSC win by 0.950 sec.

Only two drivers were able to run quicker than 47 seconds. Mark Hill, scaring the cones all day long, only had one clean run but that one was 45.811 to take fast time of the day in his STU Mitsubishi Evo IX. Ron Williams got down to 46.653 on his second run to win GS in a brand new VW Golf. He coned two faster ones but the clean time was good enough for Top PAX. Three drivers found their way into the 47s, AS winner Frank Wietharn, ZO6; DSP winner Jonathan Griffith, Mazda RX8, and SSC winner Herrick. Griffith's co-driver, April Turner, claimed Fast Lady at 49.462.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- Tyler Lamia, Salina, already has competed in four events driving an HS Mustang.
- Gabriel Roche, Salina, is entered in the SCCA Solo Nationals driving a Formula SAE car.

~~ SSS 22.2 • PAX Rankings ~~

Driver	Class	Time	Index	PAX
Ron Williams	GS	46.653	*0.794	37.042
Mark Hill	STU	45.811	*0.829	37.977
Russell Blume	HS	48.824	*0.786	38.375
Mason Herrick	SSC	47.832	*0.809	38.696
Frank Wietharn	AS	47.362	*0.821	38.884
Mike Herrick	STS	48.227	*0.813	39.208
Dan Costello	SSC	48.782	*0.809	39.464
Jim Monroe	DS	49.151	*0.807	39.664
Timothy Thompson	DS	49.256	*0.807	39.749
Ryan Ostmeyer	SSC	49.479	*0.809	40.028
Jonathan Griffith	DSP	47.492	*0.844	40.083
Ryan Plourde	STS	49.426	*0.813	40.183
Sharon Brillhart	ESL	50.951	*0.792	40.353
Laney Blume	HS	51.483	*0.786	40.465
Mason Smith	CS	50.027	*0.810	40.521
Guy Roberts	CAMS	48.515	*0.838	40.655
Tim Nicholson	DS	50.564	*0.807	40.805
Brandon Thomas	STS	50.525	*0.813	41.076
Jordan Covert	ES	51.963	*0.792	41.154
Rocky Entriiken	ES	51.989	*0.792	41.175
Zachary Smith	DS	51.093	*0.807	41.232
Josh Huff	STH	50.885	*0.812	41.318
Conner Herrick	XA	49.358	*0.842	41.559
Greg Cheney	STH	51.192	*0.812	41.567
April Turner	DSP	49.462	*0.844	41.745
Jacob Orlovski	STH	51.524	*0.812	41.837
Don Herrick	HS	53.756	*0.786	42.252
Dennis Smith	GS	53.638	*0.794	42.588
Henry Brillhart	ES	53.878	*0.792	42.671
Justin Gagna	CAMC	52.282	*0.819	42.819
Rick Nicholson	DS	53.252	*0.807	42.974
Tony Votaw	SST	51.100	*0.841	42.975
Ashton King	DS	53.285	*0.807	43.001
Aaron Loggan	HS	54.710	*0.786	43.002
Luke Scott	STR	52.046	*0.828	43.094
Stephen Costello	XA	51.231	*0.842	43.136
Kale Morris	STS	53.083	*0.813	43.156
Ken Stowers	CAMC	52.708	*0.819	43.167
Chandler Brown	CS	53.300	*0.810	43.173
Giang Vu	HS	55.250	*0.786	43.426
Randy Puls	CAMS	51.878	*0.838	43.473
Andlee Phengphachanh	STU	52.633	*0.829	43.632
Mason Libby	AS	53.383	*0.821	43.827
Jozlyn Brown	CS	55.406	*0.810	44.878
Jason Rash	STS	55.238	*0.813	44.908
Nancy Smith	GSL	56.773	*0.794	45.077
Chase Kaiser	CAMC	55.612	*0.819	45.546
Kristin Jolly	STSL	56.238	*0.813	45.721
Tyler Lamia	HS	58.454	*0.786	45.944
John L. Harris	CS	57.531	*0.810	46.600
Tianyang Xu	STX	57.269	*0.817	46.788
Steve Swartz	CAMC	57.143	*0.819	46.800
Susan Puls	CAMS	56.559	*0.838	47.396
Aaron Alnutt	FS	59.210	*0.814	48.196
Art Martinez	CP	56.616	*0.854	48.350
Tracy Presnell	CS	59.719	*0.810	48.372
James Tackett	CAMC	59.219	*0.819	48.500
Addison Bell	CAMT	61.808	*0.816	50.435
Marvin Rozner	CSP	58.390	*0.864	50.449
Kathrine Thompson	DS	63.233	*0.807	51.029
Kaitlyn Loggan	CSL	63.141	*0.810	51.144
Caleb Holt	STX	62.949	*0.817	51.429
Mitchell Bell	CAMT	71.193	*0.816	58.093

Pain is temporary. Race results posted on the Internet are forever. —Anon

Those old men and women along the road remember. They aren't waving to us. They were waving to the ghosts of those who once drove our cars absolutely as fast as they knew how to go. —Peter Egan, on running the modern Mille Miglia.

Racecars are like boats. Easy to buy, hard to sell. —Kirk Robe

SUNFLOWER SOLO SHOWDOWN 22.2

Salina Region SCCA ~ August 14, 2022 ~ Berkley Family Recreational Area, Salina, KS

Class	Driver	No.	Car	Rgn	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Best	
AS	• Frank Wietharn	63	2007 Corvette Z06	K	50.071	48.980	48.248	47.362	47.362	
AS	Mason Libby	62	2008 Saturn Sky Redline	—	53.308+2	53.457+2	53.494	53.383	53.383	
CS	• Mason Smith	92	2022 Mazda MX5	W	50.027	D.N.F.	49.195+2	48.881+1	50.027	
CS	• Chandler Brown	19	1998 BMW M Roadster	S	D.N.F.	54.224	53.300	52.899+3	53.300	
CS	Jozlyn Brown	119	1998 BMW M Roadster	S	55.144+4	55.566+5	55.633+2	55.406	55.406	
CS	John L. Harris	52	1998 BMW M Roadster	—	57.531	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	57.531	
CS	Tracy Presnell	28	1999 BMW Z3 Roadster	W	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	59.719	D.N.F.	59.719	
CS	Loren Pepperd	163	2003 Honda S2000	S	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	72.401+1	74.401	
CSL	• Kaitlyn Loggan	43	2001 Mercedes-Benz SLK320	S	67.106	64.865	64.145	63.141	63.141	
DS	• Jim Monroe	11	2013 Subaru BRZ	W	50.222+1	49.651	49.664+4	49.151	49.151	
DS	• Timothy Thompson	163	2016 Ford Focus RS	W	49.946	49.256	61.176	57.136+1	49.256	
DS	• Tim Nicholson	189	2019 Subaru WRX STi	S	54.254	51.522	51.014	50.564	50.564	
DS	Zachary Smith	13	2015 Subaru WRX STi	W	51.312+1	51.093	51.643	51.471	51.093	
DS	Rick Nicholson	26	2020 Subaru WRX	S	57.682	53.320	53.810+1	53.252	53.252	
DS	Ashton King	20	2014 Scion FR-S	S	56.299	53.285	53.832	55.872+2	53.285	
DS	Kathrine Thompson	63	2016 Ford Focus RS	W	D.N.F.	68.906	64.326	59.233+2	63.233	
ES	• Jordan Covert	28	1999 Mazda Miata	W	55.273	51.963	52.015	52.526	51.963	
ES	Rocky Entriiken	4	2001 Mazda Miata	S	52.074+2	52.283+1	53.390+1	51.989	51.989	
ES	Henry Brillhart	48	1999 Mazda Miata	W	D.N.F.	53.878	55.712	D.N.F.	53.878	
ESL	• Sharon Brillhart	28	2003 Toyota MR2	W	52.547	50.992	51.716+2	50.951	50.951	
FS	Aaron Alnutt	32	2003 Mercedes-Benz E320	K	63.592	60.197	59.386	59.210	59.210	
GS	• Ron Williams	97	2022 Volkswagen Golf GTI	K	47.780	46.653	46.416+2	46.433+1	46.653	PAX
GS	Dennis Smith	77	2015 Ford Focus ST	S	55.348	55.712	54.053	53.638	53.638	
GSL	• Nancy Smith	77	2015 Ford Focus ST	S	63.740	59.071	57.962	56.773	56.773	
HS	• Russell Blume	97	2019 Honda Civic S	K	D.N.F.	49.844	49.109	48.824	48.824	
HS	• Laney Blume	197	2019 Honda Civic S	K	49.376+6	49.483+1	48.174+2	48.045+3	51.483	
HS	Don Herrick	8	2015 Ford Fiesta ST	W	55.937	54.216	53.756	52.689+1	53.756	
HS	Aaron Loggan	55	2022 Volkswagen Jetta	S	59.059	57.998	55.978	54.710	54.710	
HS	Giang Vu	24	2011 Honda Civic Si	W	56.986	55.250	55.316	D.N.F.	55.250	
HS	Tyler Lamia	9	2000 Ford Mustang	—	62.720+1	60.270	59.315	56.454+1	58.454	
SSC	• Mason Herrick	86	2016 Scion FR-S	S	48.686	48.562	48.072+1	47.832	47.832	
SSC	Dan Costello	51	2013 Scion FR-S	—	D.N.F.	46.782+1	47.423+2	D.N.F.	48.782	
SSC	Ryan Ostmeier	56	2015 Scion FR-S	W	50.464+1	50.543+2	50.790+1	49.479	49.479	
SST	• Tony Votaw	29	2002 Honda S2000	K	54.167	52.547	D.N.F.	51.100	51.100	
STU	• Mark Hill	45	2006 Mitsubishi Evo IX	K	D.N.F.	45.773+1	45.811	46.029+4	45.811	FTD
STU	Andlee Phengphachanh	23	1988 Toyota Celica AllTrac	S	52.534+1	52.787+1	D.N.F.	52.633	52.633	
STR	• Luke Scott	12	2002 Mazda Miata	W	53.137	52.829	52.046	52.504	52.046	
STX	• Tianyang Xu	7	2008 Volkswagen	—	67.457	60.278	57.891	57.269	57.269	
STX	Caleb Holt	4	2016 Ford	—	72.888	65.849	D.N.F.	62.949	62.949	
STS	• Mike Herrick	89	1989 Honda Civic Si	S	50.088	49.157	48.227	47.991+1	48.227	
STS	• Ryan Plourde	74	1992 Mazda Miata	W	50.529	49.793+1	D.N.F.	49.426	49.426	
STS	Brandon Thomas	15	1991 Mazda Miata	W	D.N.F.	50.903	51.293	50.525	50.525	
STS	Kale Morris	3	2010 Toyota Yaris	S	59.663	54.768	54.065	53.083	53.083	
STS	Jason Rash	13	2010 Toyota Yaris	S	58.793	55.238	55.101+2	54.513+2	55.238	
STSL	• Kristin Jolly	97	1989 Honda Civic Si	—	D.N.F.	56.442+3	55.433+3	56.238	56.238	
STH	• Josh Huff	70	2012 Volkswagen Golf R	K	52.702+1	50.302+2	50.885	50.224+1	50.885	
STH	Greg Cheney	43	2014 Ford Fiesta ST	K	53.817	51.866	51.192	51.674	51.192	
STH	Jacob Orłowski	170	2012 Volkswagen Golf R	S	49.536+2	48.616+6	49.524+1	49.792+2	51.524	
CAMS	• Guy Roberts	94	1994 Dodge Viper RT/10	W	49.754+2	48.837	49.082	48.515	48.515	
CAMS	Randy Puls	177	1999 Corvette FRC	W	54.351	51.878	51.261+2	50.036+1	51.878	
CAMS	Susan Puls	77	1999 Corvette FRC	W	D.N.F.	56.449+3	57.643	56.559	56.559	
CAMC	• Justin Gagna	22	2000 Mustang GT	S	55.535	52.282	51.776+1	52.052+1	52.282	
CAMC	• Ken Stowers	8	2019 Mustang	—	52.569+1	54.587	52.949	52.708	52.708	
CAMC	Chase Kaiser	24	2013 Mustang GT	—	57.655+1	55.612	53.934+1	55.561+2	55.612	
CAMC	Steve Swartz	17	2004 Pontiac GTO	W	61.618	57.846	57.143	57.383	57.143	
CAMC	James Tackett	20	2008 Mustang GT	W	63.982	63.231	59.219	63.997+2	59.219	
CAMT	• Addison Bell	169	1969 Camaro	K	69.782	67.462	63.818	61.808	61.808	
CAMT	Mitchell Bell	69	1969 Camaro	W	74.377	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	71.193	71.193	
XSA	• Conner Herrick	86	2016 Scion FR-S	S	49.515+1	48.741+1	49.358	48.663+1	49.358	
XSA	Stephen Costello	51	2013 Scion FR-S	—	49.830+4	49.024+6	49.874+3	49.231+1	51.231	
CSP	• Marvin Rozner	22	2013 Subaru BRZ	—	64.143	58.439	D.N.F.	58.390	58.390	
DSP	• Jonathan Griffith	184	2005 Mazda RX8	—	48.568	D.N.F.	47.492	46.598+2	47.492	
DSP	April Turner	84	2005 Mazda RX8	—	52.041+2	50.006	50.627+1	49.462	49.462	FL
CP	• Art Martinez	34	1982 Pontiac MSE Trans-Am	W	53.835+4	54.616+1	53.245+3	D.N.F.	56.616	

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

- Aug 20**.....Kansas @ Stormont Vail Events Center, Topeka KS
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.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
Nov 5.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (Test & Tune)
Nov 6.....* Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
Nov 13.....NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa OK
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS (Endurocross)

RALLYCROSS

- Aug 28**.....Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley MO
NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
Sep 11.....* Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley MO (T&T)
NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
Sep 18.....Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood NE
Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
Sep 23-25.....SCCA RallyCross Nationals, Pikes Peak Int'l Raceway CO
Oct 9.....* NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
Oct 16.....Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
Oct 22.....Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley MO
Oct 23.....* Nebraska @ Nebraska City Rally Bowl, Nebraska City NE
Nov 6.....* Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
Nov 13.....Nebraska @ Nebraska City Rally Bowl, 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

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

Sep 24-Oct 2 . The Runoffs @ VIRginia International Raceway

MIDWY TIME TRIALS SERIES

Oct 15.....Nebraska/DMV @ Midlands

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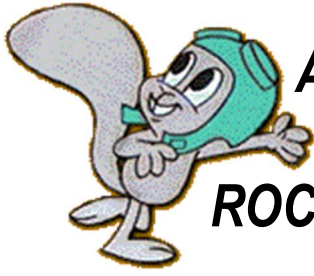
Aug 24.....@ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail CO
Sep 15.....@ Pikes Peak Int'l Raceway, Fountain CO
Sep 20.....@ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
Oct 13.....@ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS

You know
you're going
through race
withdrawals
when ...



You see an orange
cone while driving
and try to decide
whether you should
choose the inside or
outside lane!





ASSORTED NUTS FROM ROCKET J. SQUIRREL

—ROCKY ENTRIEN

We're gonna do a Divisional Championship autocross in October! Mark your calendar. Oct. 8-9!

It seems like forever since we've done one, and yet our last was less than 2½ years ago, in June of 2020. Thumbing our nose at the COVID malaise, we put on an autocross that attracted 97 drivers from 11 of the Midwest Division's 13 Regions. Only Mid-South (Memphis) and Mississippi were not represented, adequately replaced by competitors from Texas and Lone Star Regions. Much of SCCA solo had been shut down by the coronavirus and here we had a midsummer celebration of solo that drew eight dozen drivers who'd been deprived of their normal summertime passion.

We'd done one every year since at least 2014, when we presented a Divisional on the Marshall Field helipad at Fort Riley. But now our region feels like it's transitioned to a club of younger members (a good thing!) less familiar with a championship-level event.

We didn't do one last year. Eight regions had bid to do one and three which had not done one in some time were given a chance. Salina and Wichita being in close proximity, it was Wichita's turn. And then we chose not to bid this year, so Wichita did another excellent season opener in the spring.

Kansas Region was to do the finale, but lost their site at Heartland Park. In response, Salina invited Kansas to do their event here at our site, one week later than the original dates, a date we'd already reserved with the city.

So it must be recognized that while this is a joint effort of Kansas and Salina Regions, it is Kansas's expertise leading the way and Salina's site and equipment providing the venue. And our young cadre of new officers and members gaining this golden opportunity to re-learn how to a major event.

For our other, newer, members, please don't be daunted by the words "Divisional Championship." Yes, you'll see a larger than usual entry, and will be exposed to the greater regimentation a larger event requires. You'll have to be registered by the Wednesday before, Oct. 5 (no walk-in entries). You'll find a grid where all cars of a class are parked together.

But on the other hand, it is still "just" a local autocross. SCCA considers it the same as an ordinary

regional solo.

Actually, it is two autocrosses, one on Saturday, one on Sunday. In the MiDiv Championship each day is scored separately for points. In the Salina Region championship – this is still two events of Salina Region's season (also of Kansas Region's season) – the same is also true. This means if you can only make it for one day, you still get full credit for that day. The only thing the combined two-day score counts for is the event trophies given out after Sunday competition.

Registration is already open at motorsportreg.com. www.motorsportreg.com/events/midiv-solo-october-8th-9th-berkley-family-recreation-area-scca-salina-518387. Or just search on MSR for "MiDiv Solo."

Things actually begin on Friday evening. On-site registration and tech begins at 4 pm, and Saturday's course should be up for coursewalks. Sunday's course will be set up after Saturday competition is complete.

There are provisions for early-morning check-in Saturday and Sunday for those needing it.

Entry fee is \$60. That's actually only \$5 more per day than our usual entry fee. Single Day entry is \$40, with a discount for FSAE entries.

Some may wonder if they're going to get blown away by all these MiDiv champion-level drivers. Oh, there'll be a few, but most of them are just like you and me, trying to find a few more tenths.

And Salina drivers have already seen the likes of Ron Williams, Laney and Russell Blume, Mason Herrick, Mark Hill, national champions all.

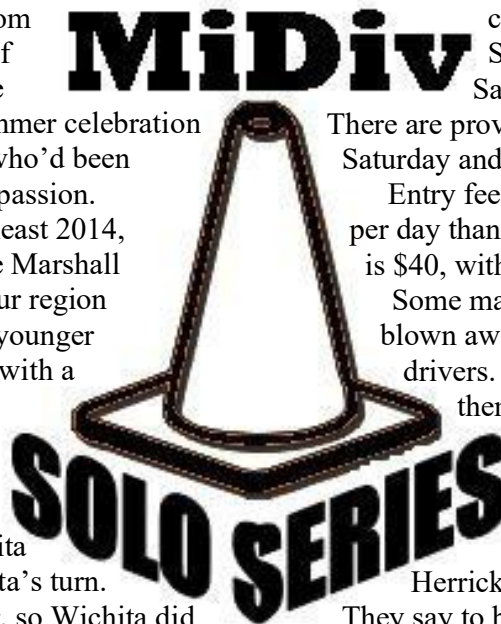
They say to be the best you've got to beat the best.

The whole idea of a championship beyond hometown borders began in MiDiv, with an event in Oklahoma City in December 1966. There were 42 drivers from as far as New Mexico (then part of MiDiv) in seven classes.

Other Divisions picked up on the idea. Then a National Championship was proposed, and SCCA mandated that all seven Divisions (it's nine now) should do a Divisional Championship event in 1972, in preparation for the first Solo Nationals in 1973.

In 1975 the Solo Nationals came to Salina for the first time, on our site then just called Airport Park. One course at the north end, one at the south end (there were no ballfields then), with the cars of 296 drivers paddocked in between. In all Salina would host Nationals 15 times, six at Airport park, nine across town at the former SAC base.

Meanwhile the MiDiv Championship, originally a one-shot showdown, became a six-event series in 1989. In years since it has sometimes been as few as three events, but usually, preferably, scheduling five rounds.



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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.
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