

The Write Line

~ January 2023 ~



Jason Rash, STS Toyota Yaris (Tianyang Xu Photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

Regional Executive Views

Happy New Year. Did everyone make your new years resolutions? I know for me I have a few goals for the year. I hope everyone has had a great start, and even it hasn't been. Remember that it's how you finish as well.

It's official, if you have not seen it on the website please go check the 2023 Salina Region Schedule. Pending the City of Salina having any conflicts with the dates, we can start planning the details. Something different this year is that both Salina Region and Wichita Region have a MiDiv Championship event, Salina's in June and Wichita's in July. This is a great and easy way for anyone to qualify for the series with the events being so close. If you haven't heard, MiDiv trophies are pretty sweet.

Another difference this year is the Evo School usually corresponds with a doubleheader event in April. This time we are trying something new. Saturday will be a novice school – not part of the Evo School but an opportunity for raw newbies to try our sport – and Sunday will be a normal solo event. It's another way of trying to get some new drivers that are not familiar or comfortable with the sport to try it out in a non-competitive environment. With only having half the course space and usually a smaller group I think it will be a great way not to overwhelm new drivers. So, if you know anyone who might want to try it, please let them know about our novice day in April. More fine details will be coming soon and I will be putting the registration

for novice school up immediately after the banquet.

Speaking of the Banquet, have you received my email? Another new wrinkle – it's a luncheon rather than a dinner. Those living out of town will still have daylight for the drive home. Registration is up on MotorsportReg.com. You will not want to miss this awards banquet, with it being at Salina's new car museum, The Garage (see Page 3). Great local food, plus I heard there might be some "extra" awards. It is going to be a great and memorable time. If you think you will be attending, please register before Jan. 31 so we have a headcount for catering.

If you glance down the roster on Page 2, we have some changes to the board this year. We have a new Equipment Manager/Trailer Wrangler. Welcome Justin Gagna to the board. You might know him from the white Mustang he drove last season in Cam-C. I would like to thank him for stepping up and taking a key role in the success of the Region. I would like to thank Dennis Smith as well for not only being Equipment Manager/Trailer Wrangler last season but for always going above and beyond when called upon. Thank you to all the board members on staying on for another great year ahead.

Hope to see you all at the banquet Feb. 11. Your admission includes museum entry, so you can stay and tour the exhibits until it closes at 5 pm.

—Andlee, R.E Salina Region



► Next Events ◀

Salina Region Awards Banquet
Feb. 11 - 11 a.m. - The Garage

134 S. Fourth St., Salina

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SCCA members \$25, non-members \$40

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

Next Business Meeting

Thursday, February 16
7 p.m.

► 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 ~ 2023

All events at Berkley Family Recreational Area unless noted otherwise

Event

Chair

Mar 18 – Test & Tune

Mar 19 – Solo #1

Apr 14-15-16 – Evolution Performance Driving Schools Rocky Entriem

Apr 15 – Novice School

Apr 16 – Solo #2

May 13 – Solo #3 (Saturday)

Jun 3-4 – Solo #4 & 5 – Divisional Championship

Jun 18 – Solo #6

Jul 9 – Solo #7 – Sunflower Showdown @ Yoder Wichita Region

TBA – Solo #8 – Sunflower Showdown @ Topeka Kansas Region

Aug 13 – Solo #9 – Sunflower Showdown @ Salina

Sep 10 – Solo #10

Oct 15– Solo #11 – Octoberfast 34

Salina Region Board

Nov 12 – Solo #12

Want to chair an event this year? Contact Kale Morris, Solo Chair.

A Salina Divisional (if held) and Solo Nationals (Sep. 4-8, 2023) 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 – 2023

Apr 29-30 – Kansas City @ Independence (Metro CC Driving Center)

May 13-14– NeOkla @ Muskogee (Davis Field)

June 3-4 –Salina @ Salina (Berkley Family Rec Area)

July 8-9 – Wichita @ Yoder (Road Yoder Solo Site)

July 22-23 – Arkansas @ Stuttgart (Stuttgart Airport)

Aug 5-6 – Nebraska @ Lincoln (Lincoln Airpark)

SCCA Solo Nationals ~ Sep. 4-8, 2023 ~ 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 January 10th, 2023 at 7:07p by RE Andlee Phengphachanh via Zoom. Also attending were Hank and Sharon Brillhart, Chandler Brown, Rocky Entriem, Justin Gagna, Aaron Loggan, Kale Morris, Jason Rash, Dennis and Nancy Smith, with a brief appearance by Abner Perney.

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

Treasurers Report – Was reviewed and unanimously approved.

Old Business -- 2023 season schedule: (Almost) final schedule has been developed and posted on website. Sunflower Showdown event by Kansas Region will be added once announced. Considering June 18th for Mirror Khana by Dennis Smith. 40 entrants makes for a long day and may consider a 2 day event if enough interest. Monte sent bracket spreadsheet for Mirror-Khana to Dennis, Rocky will send his paper version.

Midwest Division dues for 2023 have been paid. Sharon will complete tax forms.

Awards Banquet will be Feb. 11 at 11 a.m. at The Garage museum. BBQ by Hickory Hut. \$25 adult admission. \$15 under 10, Free under 3.

New Business -- 2023 Board Members: RE (Andlee Phengphachanh), Asst. RE (Rocky Entriem) and Secretary (Chandler Brown) were all reelected. Past RE remains Monte Rans. Board is required to appoint Treasurer and Solo Chair and may appoint at large members as appropriate. Rocky moves to retain Kale Morris as Solo Chair and Sharon Brillhart as Treasurer. Chandler seconds. Passed unanimously. Rocky moved to retain: Nancy Smith as Chief Registrar, Hank Brillhart as Chief of Tech, Aaron Loggan as Chief of Timing, Jason Rash as Webmaster, and Art Mann as Social Media Director. Sharon seconded. Passed unanimously. ►►► Continued to Page 3



Salina Region Awards Banquet

► Saturday, February 11, 2023 ◀

THE
GARAGE
134 S 4TH ST
SALINA, KS
(Parking off 5th Street)

11:00 AM - Social Time

12:00 PM - Lunch

After Lunch - **Awards ceremony**

3:00 PM end of Banquet

\$25 for Adults

\$15 for Children (Under 3 Free)

Payments will be charged at check in.



The Banquet room is reserved until 3 but price includes admission to The Garage for the whole day. Everyone can walk, experience and be social after the banquet in the main part of the Museum until close at 5 pm.

Come join your friends and competitors at The Garage in Salina. The Garage is a Car Museum that opened just over a year ago with new vehicles and exhibits every few months. With Driving Simulators, Hot Wheels exhibit, Turbo Trivia, it is a great place to have our Awards banquet for everyone to enjoy.

Meal provided by Salina's greatest BBQ

Hickory Hut
Serious Barbecue

Pulled Pork, Slow-Smoked Brisket, BBQ Baked Beans, Potato Salad, Water and Ice tea provided.

The Garage offers Wine and Beer for your pleasure

**Please register before January 31st
so we have a head count for catering.**

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- **A.J. Davis**, Topeka, joins brother James as a Salina Region member. Last season they shared a Corvette in B Street.
- **Fred Reichert**, Derby, was formerly a member of Colorado Region, just joined both Salina and Wichita Regions.

MEETING MINUTES

Continued from Page 2 ►►► Rocky moved to appoint Abner Perney and Dennis Smith as at large members without specific assigned duties. Chandler seconded. Passed unanimously. Chandler moved to appoint Justin Gagna as Equipment Manager. Rocky seconded. Passed unanimously.

Rocky will work with the City of Salina to lock in dates and get permits.

Open Forum -- We now have two extra tripods, cables, transmitter and receivers. Motion by Dennis to buy 20-foot VGA cable to connect an external monitor for the announcer. Henry seconded. Passed unanimously.

Rocky will gather weekend contact info for the City of Salina and the Parks Department and forward to Andlee, Kale, and Chandler for reference.

Rocky will get a set of keys for the newly remodeled restrooms.

MiDiv convention. Have historically paid registration and lodging for RE to attend. Rocky moved to cover registration and up to two nights lodging for Andlee. Chandler second. Passed unanimously.

January 19-27 is the SCCA national annual convention. Meeting is virtual and registration is free. Check scca.com for details. Rocky will be inducted into the SCCA Hall of Fame on the 20th.

Dennis mentioned that Theresa Walton (former treasurer) should be removed from checking account and at least one other person beyond Sharon should be added. Rocky suggested adding Hank and Andlee as signatory. Hank suggested Andlee and Rocky. Will discuss next meeting.

Next meeting Thursday February 16th at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

EVOLUTION PERFORMANCE DRIVING SCHOOL

"To improve your car, first tighten the nut behind the wheel."

Salina's annual Evolution School is set for April 14-16. Registration open on MotorsportsReg.com.

- Phase One – Friday
- Phase Two – Saturday
- Challenge School – Sunday

Limited class size ~ National Caliber instructors

Lots of seat time ~ Lunch is provided

Discounts for those taking multiple schools

Events

.... Elsewhere - 2023

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!

§ = Street Survival School / P Starting Line School

ALWAYS CONFIRM THE EVENT BEFORE MAKING A LONG TRIP!

(* = Salina Region autocross on this date)

AUTOCROSS

Mar 5.....NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa OK
 Mar 18.....*Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK (T&T)
 Mar 19.....*Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
 Mar 25.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS (Fun Day)
 Mar 26.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 Apr 1.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Indep. MO (T&T)
 Apr 2.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
 Apr 15.....*NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
 Apr 16.....*NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
 Apr 22.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS (Novice Day)
 Apr 23.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 Apr 29.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
 Apr 30.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
 May 20.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 May 21.....Oklahoma @ TBD
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 May 25-29...ProSolo/Nat'l Tour @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
 Jun 3.....*Oklahoma @ Frederick Airport, Frederick, OK (MirrorCross)
 Jun 4.....*Oklahoma @ Frederick Airport, Frederick, OK
 Jun 17.....P Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
 Jun 18.....*Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa OK
 Jun 24-25...ProSolo @ Frederick Airport, Frederick, OK
 Jul 1.....P Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
 Jul 2.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
 Jul 8.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
 Jul 9.....*NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
 Jul 30.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
 Aug 6.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
 Aug 19.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
 Aug 20.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
 Aug 26.....§ Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 Aug 27.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 Sep 17.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
 Sep 24.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
 Sep 30.....§ Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 Oct 1.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 Oct 8.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
 Oct 15.....*NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
 Oct. 21-22...National Tour @ Frederick Airport, Frederick, OK
 Oct 28.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

Oct 29.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 Nov 4.....NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa OK
 Nov 12.....*Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS (EnduroCross)

RALLYCROSS

Feb 5.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
 Feb 26.....Kansas City @ Valley Speedway, Grain Valley MO (T&T)
 Mar 5.....Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
 Mar 12.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
 Mar 26.....Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Weston MO
 Apr 9.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
 Apr 16.....*Kansas City @ Valley Speedway, Grain Valley MO
 Apr 30.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
 May 21.....Kansas City/Kansas @ I-35 Speedway, Weston MO
 May 28.....Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
 Jun 11.....Kansas City @ Valley Speedway, Grain Valley MO
NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
 Jun 25.....Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
 Jul 16.....Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Weston MO
 Jul 23.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
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 Aug 27.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
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 Nov 12.....*Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Weston MO
 Nov 19.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
 Dec 3.....Kansas City @ Valley Speedway, Grain Valley MO
 Dec 10.....Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS

Go

Racing!



Five MidDiv 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

Apr 22-23 ...AVRG @ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett, OK
 May 20-21...KVRG @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
 May 27-28...Cont. Divide @ Pueblo Motorsports Park, Pueblo, CO
 Jul 1-2.....Colorado @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail CO
 Jul 15-16 ...KVRG @ Ozarks int'l Raceway, Gravois Mills, MO
 Aug 19-20...Colorado @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail CO
 Sep 23-Oct 1 . The Runoffs @ VIRginia International Raceway

MIDIV TIME TRIALS SERIES

May 20-21...KVRG @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
 Jul 1-2.....MiDiv @ Brainerd Int'l Raceway, Brainerd, MN
 Jul 15-16 ...KVRG @ Ozarks int'l Raceway, Gravois Mills, MO (Nat'l Tour)
 Aug 12-13...Nebraska/DMV @ Motorsports Park Hastings, Hastings, NE
 Sep 16-17...Nebraska/DMV @ Raceway Park o/t Midlands, Pacific Jct. IA
 Oct 12-15....Time Trials Nationals @ NCM Mspts Park, Bowling Green, KS

2023 Midwest Division Schedule

As of: Dec. 28, 2022

JAN	31/1	1-New Year's Day	7/8		14/15	16-M.L.King Jr. Day	21/22	NATIONAL CONVENTION 19-27 Virtual convention	28/29	Salina Events
FEB	4/5		11/12	12-Super Bowl	18/19	20-President's Day	25/26			
				11-Banquet		MIDIV CONVENTION 17-19 - Independence, MO				
MAR	4/5		11/12	17-St. Patrick's Day	18/19		25/26			
						19 - Test & Tune 19 - Solo				
				Spring ahead Daylight Savings begins						
APR	1/2		8/9	9-Easter Sunday	15/16		22/23		29/30	
						14-16 - Evo Schools 15 - Novice School 16 - Solo		SUPER TOUR (MAJORS) AVRG @ Hallett		MiDiv SPS/R&S Solo Series KC @ Metropolitan CC Independence, MO
MAY	6/7		13/14	14-Mother's Day	20/21		27/28	29-Memorial Day		
		MAJORS StL @ WorldWide CAM/XS Challenge May 5-7 - St. Charles, MO		13 - Solo MiDiv SPS/R&S Solo Series NeOk @ Davis Field Muskogee, OK		MAJORS & MiDiv TT KVRG @ Heartland		MAJORS - CDR @ Pueblo Summer Nat'ls - Lincoln 25-27 ProSolo 28-29 National Tour		
JUN	3/4		10/11		17/18	18-Father's Day 19-Juneteenth	24/25			
		MiDiv SPS/R&S Solo Series Salina @ Berkley Fam. Rec. Salina, KS				18 - Solo		ProSolo 23-25 - Frederick, OK		
JUL	1/2	4-Independence Day	8/9		15/16		22/23		29/30	
		MAJORS Colo @ High Plains MiDiv TT @ Brainerd		9 - Sunflower SS @ Yoder MiDiv SPS/R&S Solo Series Wich @ Yoder Solo Site Yoder, KS		MAJORS & MiDiv TT MiDiv @ Ozarks Time Trials National Tour 15-16 @ Ozarks		MiDiv SPS/R&S Solo Series Ark @ Stuttgart Airport Stuttgart, AR		
AUG	5/6		12/13		19/20		26/27			
		MiDiv SPS/R&S Solo Series Neb @ Lincoln Airpark Lincoln, NE		13 - Sunflower Showdown MiDiv TT @ Hastings		MAJORS Colo @ High Plains				
SEP	2/3	4-Labor Day	9/10		16/17		23/24		30/1	
		* TIRE RACK SOLO NATIONALS * Sept. 4-8 -- Lincoln Airpark Tire Rack ProSolo Finale Sept. 1-3 -- Lincoln Airpark		10 - Solo (Last weekend for Runoffs Qual)		MiDiv TT @ RPM (2X points)		* NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RUNOFFS * Sep 23-Oct 1 -- VIRginia International Raceway		
OCT	7/8	9-Columbus Day	14/15		21/22		28/29	31-Halloween		
				* TIME TRIALS NATIONALS * 12-15 - NCM Motorsports Park Bowling Green, KY 15 - Solo: Octoberfast 33		National Tour 20-22 - Frederick, OK				
NOV	4/5		11/12	11-Veteran's Day	18/19	23-Thanksgiving	25/26			
				5 - Solo						
				Fall Back Daylight Savings ends						
DEC	2/3		9/10		16/17		23/24	25-Christmas	30/31	1-New Year's Day

Events:

MAJORS (Mid-States Conference) MidAm (Regional Runoffs Qualifier)

All Majors within the Midwest Division also count as MidAm races

TE = Track Event (formerly PDX/Performance Driving Experience)

National Solo

Time Trials

RoadRally

Divisional Solo Series

Divisional RallyCross

OTHER EVENTS

5 reasons to do SCCA's National Convention

The 2023 virtual SCCA National Convention begins Thursday, Jan. 19, and it's something you shouldn't miss. It is especially relevant to region and division leaders and those who aspire to be SCCA leaders in any of our myriad activities.

Running for nine days through Jan. 27, the 2023 virtual SCCA National Convention is completely and utterly **FREE** to attend, and because it takes place online, it's wherever you are! You can attend this year's SCCA National Convention in the comfort of your home, office, backyard, or wherever your computer, phone, or tablet can absorb an internet signal. There, Convention sessions ranging from keynote speakers to how-tos to "office hours" gatherings will take place.

This year's theme is "Engage," meaning there will be ample opportunity to listen, speak, and be heard, giving you the power to improve the already fantastic events you help host in your Region.

'Need more convincing? Read on for five reasons that you need to reserve Jan. 19-27, 2023, for the SCCA National Convention.

1. Exciting Town Halls

This year's town hall and program direction sessions are excellent opportunities to meet the Board members and leaders of your motorsport of choice. Be it SCCA Road Racing, Road Rally, RallyCross, autocross, Time Trials, SCCA Staff managing those departments, or more, there are opportunities to hear – and in many cases chat with – those who help your sport thrive.

The opening weekend of the SCCA National Convention is chock full of these kinds of sessions to get you up to speed. They are also a fantastic opportunity to be a fly on the wall for other competition types – there's a lot of autocrossers and Club racers can learn from the RallyCross or Time Trials programs, and vice versa.

Many of these sessions will allow questions from attendees, be it through chat or taking to the virtual stage, so these sessions are fantastic places to let your voice be heard.

2. Brilliant Keynote Speakers

IMSA President **John Doonan** is no stranger to the SCCA. A 30-year member of the Club, Doonan often voices his appreciation for the Sports Car Club of America – and as the President of IMSA, he's worked to build a partnership that benefits SCCA's membership and IMSA. Doonan is also no stranger to the SCCA National Convention, often participating in sessions – something that will take place once again this year. Offering insight as both a Club member and a motorsports leader, this is a session you won't want to miss.

Harry Sherrard might not be a name you know now, but it will be once you've attended his keynote discussion at the 2023 Convention. A British historian and Goodwood instructor, Sherrard will take you through time with the progression of the famous Goodwood Revival and Festival of Speed. From the estate's founding in 1697 to World War II, motorsports at the venue from 1948-'66, and the event's rebirth in 1998, Sherrard's session will not only educate you on the incredible legend that we call Goodwood, but also

explain why SCCA's formative years were primed for the growth we enjoy today.

Dennis Dean is a member who has done it all. From being an SCCA and Formula One race steward to being inducted into the SCCA Hall of Fame in 2017. He also received SCCA's highest honor, the Woolf Barnato Award, in 2020. Dean has an insight into motorsports few will ever achieve. Join "Inside the SCCA" podcast host **Brian Bielanski** for a keynote discussion with Dean and SCCA's Vice President of Road Racing **Eric Prill** about motorsports both within the United States and beyond, and how we can build racing programs that encourage clean, competitive racing.

Furthermore, **Matt Busby**, General Manager at Thunderhill Raceway Park, will take to the stage with SCCA's Senior Director of Rally/Solo and Experiential Programs **Heyward Wagner** to discuss success strategies for SCCA events at racetracks, including how Regions can successfully engage multiuse facilities.

3. SCCA's Legends: SCCA Hall of Fame and Awards

The SCCA National Convention hits the track running, clicking straight into fifth gear with the Annual Meeting being held on Thursday, Jan. 19, at 7 p.m. CST, followed by the SCCA Road Racing awards at 8 p.m. CST.

At 5:30 p.m. CST on Friday, Jan. 20, the Convention's event kickoff will take place, followed by the Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony plus presentations of the Member of Excellence Award and SCCA's highest honor, the Woolf Barnato Award, at 7 p.m. CST.

We've already revealed who will be inducted into the 2023 SCCA Hall of Fame – including **Salina Region member Rocky Entriiken** – but if you want to enjoy the acceptance speeches as well as discover who will claim the Member of Excellence and Woolf Barnato honors (which also features a **Salina Region connection**), you'll need to log in.

4. Continuing Education

The saying is that you never stop learning – that statement couldn't be any more true than it is at the SCCA National Convention. With nearly 80 sessions taking place over the course of just one week, there are nonstop opportunities to learn something new.

Don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone. Maybe hosting SCCA Autocross events is your specialty, but it could be that there's something to learn from SCCA Road Racing or RallyCross sessions on the same topic. The fact is, while the type of motorsport varies, attracting participants to events might be more similar than you ever knew. The same holds true for learning about timing tricks, setup secrets, insurance inquiries, and more.

5. Make Friends – and Engage

A virtual SCCA National Convention doesn't mean you can't mingle. Many Convention sessions involve opportunities to ask questions and absorb knowledge from other members.

Much of what you'll learn from the SCCA National Convention doesn't necessarily come from the session hosts – think of them instead of as facilitators to the hive mind that is the SCCA Membership.

Just Idling Around

—Abner Perney

In 2022, I was not very participatory in SCCA. Two Autocrosses in FSP in the old 2001 Mazda Protégé MP3, then a RallyCross, then wrapped up the autocross season with two events in an F Street Nissan 350Z Roadster. Then a couple-three RallyCrosses in the Dodge Dakota in Stock All Wheel Drive.

But the big car news of 2022 was the ridiculously high runup in prices for both new and used cars. I fell into the action by selling my 2021 Honda Civic for more than new after 11 months and about 7,000 miles. Carvana, the used car giant that paid more than any other used car dealer, yet succeeded in finding buyers at even higher prices, at least until recently, is on the verge of bankruptcy, but it was fun to play their game for a couple rounds.

In July of 2021 I ordered a Ford Maverick Hybrid nearly as basic as possible and received it on January 2022. It was an excellent vehicle for the price, and performed as advertised, with 42 mpg City fuel economy rating easy to obtain. I really wanted to run it as a Front Stock RallyCross vehicle, but never got the schedules to work for me, as I succumbed to the market insanity in July and sold, again to Carvana, at a higher profit than any single vehicle in my lifetime of playing with cars.

I am one of the relatively few people who has owned hundreds of cars, including Hybrids {HEVs}, Plug-in Hybrids {PHEVs} and Battery Electrics {EVs or BEVs}. I must say that I am convinced that conversion to nothing but Battery Electrics in the 2030s is neither realistic nor feasible, nor the most effective in reducing transportation carbon emissions. Rather, my experience makes me agree with Akio Toyoda, CEO of Toyota, who has gone on record as saying it makes more sense to build 8 PHEVs with 40 miles range rather than one 320 mile range pure battery electric.

There are three big reasons for this. First, 90% of all driving is less than 40 miles a day. So, PHEV's with 40 mile range per charge will usually be driven as a battery electric. And BEV's with 320, or 400, or 500 mile range, will also normally be driven less than 40 miles a day, making the big batteries for occasional use a very expensive and wasteful use of limited natural resources. That's the second major point in favor of PHEV's. Thirdly, Once PHEV's switch to gas, they do it as a hybrid, so they still get superior mileage and pollute less than conventional petroleum-only vehicles.

The downsides of Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles are few: They are more complicated than either BEV's or old-time internal combustion cars, because they have, in fact, both powerplants in the same car. Thus they have the advantages of both power systems. And the maintenance of both power units. Despite that, they are less expensive to buy than pure electrics, primarily due to the smaller battery,

less expensive to fuel, and less expensive to maintain, because the internal combustion engine doesn't run full time; so needs less maintenance. Also, the use of regenerative braking in the hybrid and electric modes reduces the expense of the traditional friction brakes which are largely relegated to emergency braking use only.

Most of the laws adopted by governments mandating electrification of vehicles sold by either 2030 or 2035 around the world, have language that hedges a bit which may allow Plug-in Hybrids to meet the mandates for electrification. And where they don't, amendments should be made, because it makes good economic and environmental sense to spread the available battery resources across as many vehicles as possible.

We are in the midst of the great electrification change. Toyota seems to be in the lead because they have more than 20 years of hybrid and plug-in hybrid cars, and have proven that those technologies work and are reliable. They currently offer most of their cars and SUVs in both Toyota and Lexus as hybrids or PHEVs. Ford offers hybrid pickups in the Maverick and F-150 ranges as well as the BEV Lightning. They are leading in trucks and SUVs.

Where the PHEV market is missing products is in moderately priced sports cars. There are actually some very fast, competent and desirable PHEV high performance cars, but they are all in the high dollar ranges. They are all over the \$55,000 limit for Federal EV and PHEV tax credits beginning in 2023. So what's an ecology-/economy-minded sports car club kinda driver like me to do for a new car?

Here are some speculation/wish list ideas.

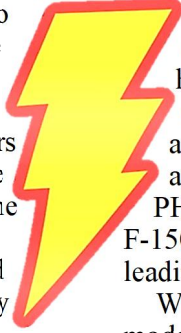
- Hope for GM to bring back the Chevy Volt PHEV. I fairly successfully both autocrossed and RallyCrossed a first generation Volt. There's even a YouTube of me at a Topeka RallyCross, being "not last" in Stock Front in a 2013 Volt.
- The Dodge Hornet R/T promised for 2023 is a small Crossover PHEV that claims under 7 seconds 0-60, and sports car handling, under \$30,000 price tag.
- The Kia Niro is similar in size and performance to the Dodge in HEV, PHEV, and BEV configurations. I had a 2015 for a couple months and it felt at least as sporty as the Volt,
- I still think Maverick Hybrid might do well in Front Stock RallyCross.
- By 2024, there may be a Ford Mustang PHEV Coupe.

Looking forward to a more car-active 2023. I need to turn over the Mazda to someone more young, agile and interested in tuning and modifying into a faster, better little fun car. Currently on RallyCross snow tires on 16 inch Honda wheels. Eight 17-inch Racing Beat wheels are included with the car along with a pile of spare parts. Call or text, 785-822-8570.

I expect to buy 200 treadwear tires and run my nearly classic '05 Nissan 350Z in F Street. I also expect to run RallyCross, even if I have to settle for trying to be fastest pickup, as I was in a couple events in 2022 (Still proud of edging that new TRX with my '05 Dakota).

Happy New Year to all (even poor old Carvana).

—Abner



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