

The Write Line

~ April 2023 ~



April event grid (Aaron Loggan Photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

Regional Executive Views

Bright sun, plants and trees blooming, smiles, cheer and laughter always accompany Spring time. I don't know how but somehow Spring brings out the better in all of us.

Yes, it can be a pain as well, with spring cleaning or getting that lawn mower started for the first time after a long winter. What's life without a little bump in the road.

This April's event is a great example of a good day and a not so good day. Saturday was cold and wet, but showed how much dedication and passion we have in the drivers who attended and weathered the storm. On the other hand, Sunday was windy but with no rain in the forecast, it turned out to be a fun event. With the smaller footprint I wanted to do something a little different and the figure "8" got some people confused. After a few laps it seemed that drivers were getting the course and some very quick times.

If you haven't noticed, with my car still in the shop I have been co-driving Mustangs for the events. First of all, no I will not be owning a Mustang anytime soon, haha. I do love the instant power and fairly good rotation of the ones I have been driving. I just can't get over the size and weight compared to what I am used to.

On that note, you have heard and read it time and time again about how the Salina Region is so welcoming and feels like family. With my vehicle still in the shop I have been fortunate to have a few drivers willingly let me co-drive their vehicles. Another good example is Nancy and

Dennis's Mustang was out of commission this past weekend and without a blink of an eye, Rick let Nancy co-drive his new Miata. Things like that is what keeps us going and thankful for what we have.

Fast forward to the future, many events coming up that no one will want to miss. May's event will be on the Saturday before Mother's Day the 13th. Our MiDiv Championship event will be June 2-4. Then comes an event you all have been waiting for – the famous Salina Mirror Khana! June 18, chaired by Dennis Smith. I have heard many great things about this event and can not wait to attend.

There are a few events that do not currently have a chair. Please feel free to get a hold of Kale or myself. If you would like to try a different element you have not driven on the site please let us know. We are always ready to help out.

Lastly on a personal note, I know I have been asked about my MR2 project which is unfortunately still not running. I have a 14-year-old that just got his permit that thinks the MR2 will be his first car. What he doesn't know is he will be rocking a 300,000 mile Matrix. Which if he gets a speeding ticket in the Matrix, he would have to be really trying because it isn't the quickest car on the road. The All-Trac should be ready by MiDiv if life just slows down just a little.

Thanks again to everyone on the board as well as drivers that come early and stay late to set up and tear down. Happy Mothers Day.

—Andlee, RE, Salina Region

► Next Event ◀

Saturday Solo - May 13

(DAY BEFORE MOTHER'S DAY)

Berkley Family Recreation Area - 841 Markley Road, Salina

SCCA members \$30, non-members \$45

Check-in/Tech opens 8:00 am, closes 9:00 a.m. — 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

Next Business Meeting

Tuesday, May 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

<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>
May 13 – Solo #4 (Saturday)	Kale Morris
Jun 3-4 – Solo #5 & 6 – Divisional Championship	
Jun 18 – Solo #7 – Mirror Khana XLI	Dennis Smith
TBA – Solo #8 – Sunflower Showdown @ Topeka	Kansas Region
Jul 9 – Solo #9 – Sunflower Showdown @ Yoder	Wichita Region
Aug 13 – Solo #10 – Sunflower Showdown @ Salina	Andlee Phengphachanh
Sep 10 – Solo #11	Abner Perney
Oct 15– Solo #12 – Octoberfast 34	Salina Region Board
Nov 5 – Solo #13	Kale Morris

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)

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 of Directors meeting for Salina SCCA was conducted via Zoom and called to order at 7:11 pm on April 18 by R.E. Andlee Phengphachanh. Also attending were Sharon and Henry Brillhart, Chandler Brown, Rocky Entriken, Aaron Loggan, Kale Morris, Monte Rans, Abner Perney, and Dennis and Nancy Smith.

Minutes – Sharon moved to approve, Monte seconded, passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report – Sharon presented the report, Rocky moved to approve, Chandler seconded, passed unanimously.

Old Business -- Trailer updates, our 16-foot trailer was a 1990 purchase, probably outside of budget to replace this year.

Yearly waiver and minor waiver. Rocky printed off numerous paper waivers and will print more as needed. Still some issues getting all information.

Novice day event was cancelled and replaced with a regular points event. Did have some newcomers competing.

Painting party for grid and Mirror Khana boxes will be after May 13 event.

New Business – Fire Extinguishers. Abner will take fire extinguishers from trailer in for service.

Dog Park – City has provided barriers. Determined no need to lock gates. Batteries for finish lights and Y cable/finish antenna cord. Andlee will get new Y cable. Aaron will look into potential issue with antenna cord.

GPS for trailer or wheel lock? Andlee will look into costs for wheel locks or GPS tracker and report next meeting.

Mirror Khana XLI date set for June 18. Dennis to chair.

Event Chairs for most of the season determined.

Sunflower Solo Showdown – Kansas Region has event dates of June 24-25, July 1-2, should name one as a SSS date in Topeka which will be a Salina points event (as will Yoder July 9).

Open Forum -- Desire expressed to start holding meetings in person again after the events. Rocky suggested leaving May as-is due to painting party and June as-is due to Mirror Khana. Perhaps schedule for later in the year?

March, April, and November events should be moved back an hour to avoid the cold weather situations.

Next meeting May 16th, 7 pm via Zoom

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm

Submitted, Chandler Brown, secretary.

Divisional Championship!

Salina Region is doing a Divisional Championship event this year! It's only about six weeks away. Registration is open now at MotorsportsReg.com. Look for:

MiDiv Solo Salina June 2nd-4th

This will be the third round of the five-weekend 2023 Midwest Division Championship, or events #5 and #6. Kansas City runs the end of this month, and NeOkla Region two weeks after that. After our event comes Wichita's at Yoder (which is also their Sunflower Showdown on Sunday), and the finale at Lincoln, NE first weekend of August, usually rerunning last year's terrific Nationals courses.

Our weekend is also rounds #5 and #6 of our Regional Championship series. Yes, each day scores as a separate event in both the Regional and the Divisional Championships. You can enter just one day or both days.

Being a Divisional it may be somewhat more structured. Grid slots will be assigned. It should be a larger entry which may require three or even four heats. Registration, tech and coursewalk is Friday evening, June 2, and competition begins with an early driver's meeting Saturday morning. Those who cannot make it Friday can request an early sign-in Saturday a.m.

It's been a minute since Salina Region last put on a Divisional (in 2020) so we need as many of our members as possible to take part and help out, from setting up the course Friday to being part of the competition Saturday and Sunday.

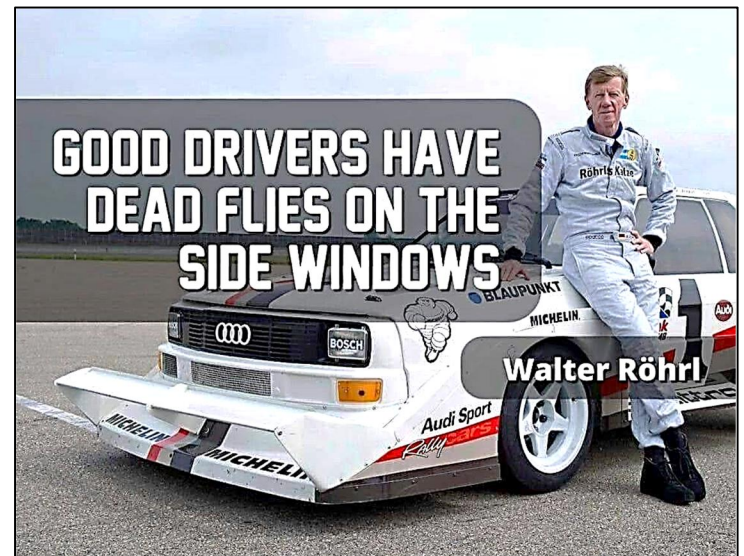
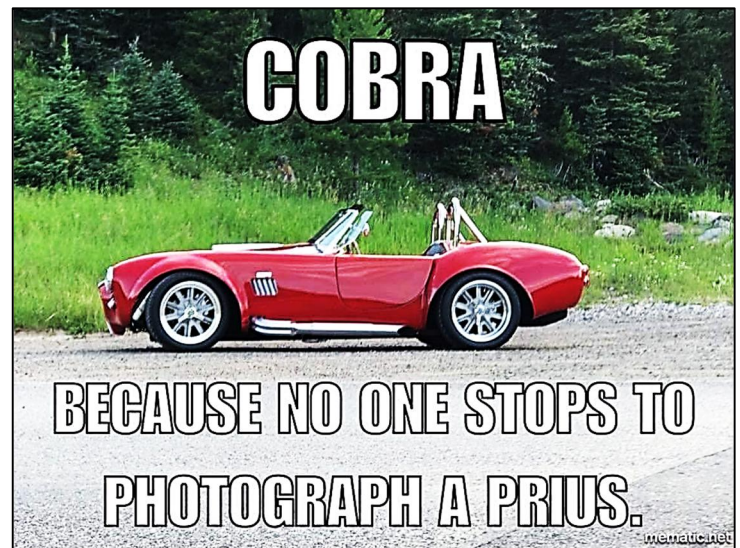
Don't let the word "Divisional" daunt you. It's still a basic Salina Region solo on our BFRA turf. But you may see a few competitors who don't visit us all that often, coming from a little farther away to have fun with us. And yes, a few very good drivers who really know how to do this thing.

The 2023 Divisional Championship is 10 events on five weekends. A driver must compete on two weekends (even if just one day) to qualify for the championship but can count your best six of the 10 events.

Qualifying this year is easy for us to do with events in Salina and Yoder, and the rounds in KC and Lincoln are only a 3-hour drive away to max out at six events.

Salina Region was shut out of MiDiv awards last year. Let's change that! An entry in our own event is a good start, and with the Yoder event also doubling as Wichita's Sunflower Showdown that makes it easy to get the two weekends and up to four events. Then if you're in contention, Lincoln is a great wrap to the series and an easy day-trip.

Get your entry in now for Salina's Divisional!



Rainy Day

The idea for a Novice Day didn't work out. No novices signed up. Wichita had the same idea for the next weekend, same result, same solution – make it a doubleheader event.

So while the Evo School was spinning at the north end of the BFRA site, RE Andlee Phengphachanh set up a figure-8 course at the south end, in process proving the point of my "Assorted Nuts" column last month.

"I didn't think it was going to be that long," he said of the 2-lap course. FTD was 65.083 sec.

That was set by Sharon Brillhart in her yaller MR2, picking up an unusual quadrifecta. I cannot remember a single driver – it has to be a lady to make this happen – winning *four* awards in a single event – class win, FTD, Top PAX and Fast Lady. She was first car out as a light mist began, but set her bingo time on her sixth run.

Second heat brought the only close contest – ES. Henry Brillhart had two spinout runs and a DNF but finally got one good 'un on his 4th try. Rocky Entriken's best (after a spin of his own) was also Run #4 but 0.605 slower. After that the mist turned to rain and nobody improved.

Closest to Sharon was Ashton King's Scion in DS, 0.525 sec behind. The only other driver to break 70 sec was Zachary Gerber's BMW M Roadster, signing in from Los Gatos, CA, at 69.2 sec. to win XA.



~ Rainy Day • PAX Rankings ~

Driver	Class	Time	Index	PAX
Sharon Brillhart	ESL	65.083	*0.792	51.545
Ashton King	DS	65.608	*0.808	53.011
Gabriel Roche	HS	72.430	*0.786	57.715
Henry Brillhart	ES	73.523	*0.792	58.230
Zachary Gerber	XA	69.263	*0.842	58.319
Rocky Entriken	ES	74.128	*0.792	58.709
Colton Johnson	FS	73.313	*0.813	59.603
Justin Gagna	CAMC	73.255	*0.827	60.581
Rick Nicholson	STR	73.352	*0.831	60.955
Andlee Phengphachanh	CAMC	76.177	*0.827	62.998
Nancy Smith	CAMTL	76.974	*0.819	63.041

Sunny Day • PAX Rankings ~

Driver	Class	Time	Index	PAX
Sharon Brillhart	ESL	65.176	*0.792	51.619
John LaRondeau	DS	64.047	*0.808	51.749
Aaron Loggan	XA	62.886	*0.842	52.950
Henry Brillhart	ES	67.455	*0.792	53.424
Phelan Gagnon	AS	64.990	*0.823	53.486
Justin Gagna	CAMC	65.464	*0.827	54.138
Ann LaRondeau	DSL	67.177	*0.808	54.279
Mason Libby	AS	66.809	*0.823	54.983
Andlee Phengphachanh	CAMC	66.976	*0.827	55.389
Chase Kaiser	CAMC	67.294	*0.827	55.652
Tracy Presnell	STS	68.470	*0.814	55.734
James Tackett	CAMC	67.546	*0.827	55.860
Zachary Gerber	XA	66.357	*0.842	55.872
R Abner Perney	FS	69.323	*0.813	56.359
Art Martinez	CP	66.101	*0.858	56.714
Nancy Smith	STR	70.663	*0.831	58.720
Rick Nicholson	STR	71.768	*0.831	59.639
Rocky Entriken	ES	75.392	*0.792	59.710
Brandon Gillenwater	CAMT	72.916	*0.819	59.718
Ethan Gibbs	CAMC	73.225	*0.827	60.557
Kaitlyn Loggan	CSL	76.664	*0.811	62.174
Westen Erwin	STU	76.678	0.830	63.642

Sunny Day

Sunday was oh, so different. Blue skies smilin' at us. Double the entry and another, different, 2-lap figure-8 layout from Andlee. Sharon kicked ass again, taking the ESL win, Fast Lady and PAX but not FTD this time. Still a yaller car, it went to Aaron Loggan's Mercedes at 62.886. John LaRondeau in his new '23 Toyota GR Corolla was second-quick at 64.0, then Phelan Gagnon's AS 'Vette at 64.9, then Sharon's 65.1.



Despite several 2-car classes, none produced a close (less than 1 sec) contest. Closest was Street Touring Roadster where Nancy Smith borrowed a ride in Rich Nicholson's new 2015 Mazda MX5 (her Cobra parked with brake issues after one run Saturday). The two battled to the last (5th) run, Nancy quickest by 1.105 sec.

CAM-C put five cars through the cones with Justin Gagna posting a 1.5 sec win. Andlee shared Justin's Mustang and brought it home in second place.



SALINA REGION SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP • 2023

• SALINA REGION MEMBER Points after Sunny Day * QUALIFIED FOR AWARDS (MIN. 4 LOCAL EVENTS)

AS	Phelan Gagnon•	24
	Mason Libby•	18
CSL	Kaitlyn Loggan•	24
DS	John LaRondeau•	24
	Ashton King•	12
DSL	Ann LaRondeau•	24
ES	Henry Brillhart•	36
	Rocky Entriken•	27
ESL	Sharon Brillhart•	36
FS	R. Abner Perney•	24
	Colton Johnson•	12
	Cole Burkett•	9
GS	Phillip Meredith•	12
	Collin Meredith•	9

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.

Trevor Jones	7	STH	Jacob Orlowski	12	CAM-TL	Nancy Smith•	12
Douglas Jones•	6		Joshua Huff•	9	XA	Aaron Loggan•	24
Don Herrick•	12	CAM-C	Justin Gagna•	36		Zachary Gerber	21
Gabriel Roche•	12		Andlee Phengphachanh•	18	XB	Kale Morris•	12
Westen Erwin	12		Chase Kaiser•	14		Andlee Phengphachanh•	9
Rick Nicholson•	21		James Tackett	12	CP	Art Martinez	12
Nancy Smith•	12		Tyler Lamia•	9	Wild	Nancy Smith•	24
Tracy Presnell•	21		Ethan Gibbs	5		Andlee Phengphachanh•	18
Jason Rash•	12	CAM-T	Brandon Gillenwater	12	† - Has run required 3 classes		

♦ PAX - Top 10 ♦

ESL	Sharon Brillhart•	295
ES	Henry Brillhart•	284
CAMC	Justin Gagna•	276
XB/CAMC	Andlee Phengphachanh•	266
ES	Rocky Entriken•	259
DS	John LaRondeau•	197
XA	Aaron Loggan•	195
AS	Phelan Gagnon•	187
XA	Zachary Gerber	184
AS	Mason Libby•	182

Rose Is Rose





Rainy Day

Salina Region SCCA ~ April 15, 2023 ~ Berkley Family Recreational Area, Salina

Class	Driver	No.	Car	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6	Best
DS	• Ashton King	20	2014 Scion FR-S	72.280+1	69.171	67.508+1	67.041	65.608	68.656+1	65.608
ES	• Henry Brillhart	48	1999 Mazda Miata	82.602	82.501+1	D.N.F.	73.523	74.907	75.647+1	73.523
ES	• Rocky Entriaken	4	2000 Mazda Miata	88.424+1	74.512	75.498	74.128	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	74.128
ESL	• Sharon Brillhart	28	2003 Toyota MR2	71.470	67.913	65.889	66.055	65.250	65.083	65.083 FL/FTD/PAX
FS	• Gabriel Roche	88	2008 Honda Civic	81.440	79.703	75.936	74.917	73.385	72.430	72.430
HS	• Colton Johnson	28	2019 Ford Mustang GT	84.210	81.642+1	79.519+1	76.217	73.693	73.313	73.313
STR	• Rick Nicholson	26	2015 Mazda MX-5	79.411+1	77.155+1	77.060	73.487+1	73.609	73.352	73.352
CAMC	• Justin Gagna	22	2000 Ford Mustang GT	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	73.995	73.662	167.082	73.428	73.255
CAMC	• Andlee Phengphachanh	122	2000 Ford Mustang GT	77.497	75.761+2	76.177	74.633+1	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	76.177
CAMTL	• Nancy Smith	69	1996 Ford Mustang Cobra	76.974	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	76.974
XA	• Zachary Gerber	16	2000 BMW M Roadster	79.803	73.840+1	71.551+1	69.495+2	68.445+1	67.263+1	69.263

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

Sunny Day



Salina Region SCCA ~ April 16, 2023 ~ Berkley Family Recreational Area, Salina

Class	Driver	Car	Make	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Best
AS	• Phelan Gagnon	6	2013 Chevrolet Corvette	68.738	66.558	66.403	64.990	64.863+1	64.990
AS	• Mason Libby	62	2008 Saturn Sky Redline	71.184	71.876	68.953	66.809	66.488+1	66.809
CSL	• Kaitlyn Loggan	43	2001 Mercedes-Benz SLK320	88.834	80.611	76.821	77.147	76.664	76.664
DS	• John LaRandeau	92	2023 Toyota GR Corolla	67.116	65.372	64.339	64.047	64.236	64.047
DSL	• Ann LaRandeau	92	2023 Toyota GR Corolla	D.N.F.	76.747	69.718	68.079	67.177	67.177
ES	• Henry Brillhart	48	1999 Mazda Miata	71.836	68.797	69.498+1	67.599	67.455	67.455
ES	• Rocky Entriaken	4	2000 Mazda Miata	71.392+2	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	103.304+1	75.392
ESL	• Sharon Brillhart	28	2003 Toyota MR2	67.449	78.122	65.176	65.738	65.279	65.176 FL/PAX
FS	• R Abner Perney	5	2005 Nissan 350 Z Roadster	70.444+1	69.323	71.109	70.795	70.888	69.323
STU	• Westen Erwin	14	2006 Subaru Impreza WRX Ltd	D.N.F.	84.833	88.658	76.678	73.878+2	76.678
STR	• Nancy Smith	126	2015 Mazda MX-5	73.968	71.817+1	71.513	70.973	70.663	70.663
STR	• Rick Nicholson	26	2015 Mazda MX-5	77.230	73.568	D.N.F.	73.499	71.768	71.768
STS	• Tracy Presnell	28	1999 BMW Z3 Roadster	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	70.750	D.N.F.	68.470	68.470
CAMC	• Justin Gagna	22	2000 Ford Mustang GT	66.849	66.466	66.538	65.464	66.994	65.464
CAMC	• Andlee Phengphachanh	23	2019 Ford Mustang GT	70.465	68.655	68.156+1	67.719	66.976	66.976
CAMC	• Chase Kaiser	24	2013 Ford Mustang GT	71.818	70.016	69.084	67.294	67.446	67.294
CAMC	• James Tackett	20	2008 Ford Mustang GT	D.N.F.	68.463	68.969+1	68.874	67.546	67.546
CAMC	• Ethan Gibbs	12	2005 Ford Mustang GT	77.274	D.N.F.	73.952	74.889	73.225	73.225
CAMT	• Brandon Gillenwater	17	1996 Ford Mustang Cobra	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	75.487	70.919+1	72.916	72.916
XA	• Aaron Loggan	55	1999 Mercedes-Benz SLK55	65.206	64.097	64.072	62.886	62.953	62.886 FTD
XA	• Zachary Gerber	16	2000 BMW M Roadster	D.N.F.	70.651	71.044+1	69.442	66.357	66.357
CP	• Art Martinez	34	1982 Pontiac MSE TA	D.N.F.	67.310	66.249	D.N.F.	66.101	66.101

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

Autocross as a culture, it's overall friendly, giving to a fault. Driving 20 hours in order to drive for 6 minutes? [like at Solo Nationals.] You either understand or you don't. Because it's never been just about the driving. Even when it is.

—Brianne Green

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!

‡ = Test & Tune / § = Street Survival School / P Starting Line School

ALWAYS CONFIRM THE EVENT BEFORE MAKING A LONG TRIP!

(* = Salina Region autocross on this date)

AUTOCROSS

Apr 22-23....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
Apr 29.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
Apr 30.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
May 6.....‡P.Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
May 7.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
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
Jun 24.....‡.Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
Kansas @ Stormont Vail Events Center, Topeka KS
Jun 25.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
Kansas @ Stormont Vail Events Center, Topeka KS
Jul 1.....P.Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
Kansas @ Stormont Vail Events Center, Topeka KS
Jul 2.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
Kansas @ Stormont Vail Events Center, Topeka KS
Jul 8.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
‡.Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
Jul 9.....*NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
*Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
Jul 30.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
Aug 6.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
Aug 19.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
‡.Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
Aug 20.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
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
‡.Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
Oct 1.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
Nebraska @ Nebraska Rally Bowl, Nebraska City NE
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



RALLYCROSS

Apr 30.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
Nebraska @ Nebraska Rally Bowl, Nebraska City NE
May 21.....Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Weston MO
May 21.....Kansas @ McCain's Offroad Park, Carbondale, KS
May 28.....Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
Jun 4.....*Nebraska @ Nebraska Rally Bowl, Nebraska City NE
Jun 11.....Kansas City @ Valley Speedway, Grain Valley MO
NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
Jun 24.....Kansas @ McCain's Offroad Park, Carbondale, KS (Tent.)
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
Nebraska @ Nebraska Rally Bowl, Nebraska City NE
Aug 6.....Kansas City @ Valley Speedway, Grain Valley MO
Aug 13.....*Kansas @ McCain's Offroad Park, Carbondale, KS
Aug 27.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings, OK
Nebraska @ Nebraska Rally Bowl, Nebraska City NE
Sep 3.....Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS
Sep 17.....Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Weston MO
Sep 24.....Kansas @ McCain's Offroad Park, Carbondale, KS
Oct 6-8.....SCCA RX Nationals, Heartland Mspts Pk, Topeka KS

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Racing!



Five MiDiv 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, KY

TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA

Apr 27.....@ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
May 18.....@ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
May 25.....@ Pikes Peak Int'l Raceway, Fountain CO
Jun 15.....@ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
Jun 22.....@ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail CO
Jul 6.....@ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka KS
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IF YOU EVER THOUGHT OF RUNNING NATIONALS, THIS IS THE YEAR TO DO IT!

From SCCA.com

It's only April, but it's time to spool up everybody's favorite hashtag: #SoloNatsHasStarted. Yes, this year's Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Championships will be like no other.

While this year's Solo Nats – taking place Sept. 5-8 at Lincoln Airpark in Nebraska – is still months away, there's vital information available right now that will be infinitely helpful to those planning to attend this year's epic weeklong 50th Solo Nats Homecoming party.

Considering all of the pre- and post-event fun planned for this massive annual championship autocross competition, it's clear that the 2023 Solo Nats will be one for the ages. But before any of us can get to the tailgating, paddock partying, and (oh yes) autocross, it's time to discover which days the competition classes will run.

Like in years past, the event is separated into two parts – a Tuesday/Wednesday session, and a Thursday/Friday session. Individual heats will be determined later, but preliminary run days have been posted on [scca.com](https://www.scca.com), allowing you to make travel plans well in advance.

When Can I Register?

Along with the date of the event and run days, registration dates are also now available, with signing up early having its benefits – not the least of which is that the entry fee is a bargain at \$224 prior to a certain date. Plus, vehicle numbers are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis, so if you want to compete at this Homecoming with a specific high (or low...or middle) number, you'll want to be on the ball when the time comes.

For most of the 1,000-plus competitors expected to attend this year's 50th running of the Solo National Championships, the registration date to know is **Tuesday, June 27, at 3 p.m. Central Time**. That's what we call "open registration" – but past champions, event chiefs, 100 Percenters, podium finishers, and Silver Circle members should follow along below for special registration dates.

Tier 1 registrants include 2022 National Champions, 2023 event chiefs, and those in the 100 Percenters club (the seven members who have been at every Solo Nationals ever held). This select group can register beginning Tuesday, June 13, at 3 p.m. Central Time.

Tier 2 gets its turn on Tuesday, June 20, at 3 p.m. Central Time. Autocrossers belong in Tier 2 if they finished on the podium at last year's Solo Nats (that's the top three – not all trophy winners qualify), were winners in supplemental or undersubscribed classes (didn't officially win a Championship), or are members of the Silver Circle with 25 or more Solo Nationals under their belts.

Open Registration – This is what we were talking about earlier. If you don't qualify for Tier 1 or Tier 2 registration, Tuesday, June 27, at 3 p.m. Central Time is your moment to shine in this registration system.



Other Dates to Note

While registration for everyone opens on June 27, there are a few more dates to be aware of.

Aug. 2, the Solo National Championships entry fee increases from \$224 to \$325, and the cancellation fee for those who registered prior to Aug. 2 becomes \$100. Refunds are not available on or after Aug. 2.

Aug. 28, Online registration closes entirely on Monday, Aug. 28 – one week prior to the event. Sept. 1 at 7 p.m. ET is the last opportunity to cancel and receive a refund (for those who registered prior to Aug. 2).

Fifty years in the making, the 2023 Solo Nationals brings home everything that makes autocross competition so addictive. From past competitors to new faces, this year's Solo National Championships marks the 50th running of an event that has become the most talked about must-attend autocross in the nation.

But wait, there's more that will be going on at the 1,000-plus competitor homecoming event than "just" an autocross – check out some of what lies in store at the 50th Solo National Championships:

- The Museum of American Speed in Lincoln will have a new SCCA exhibit focused on the 50th Solo National Championships. Discount admission tickets will be available to Solo Nationals participants for use during normal Museum hours. On Thursday evening (Sept. 7), the Museum will be open to SCCA members for a private showing of the exhibit and all other Museum displays.
- The Museum of American Speed will host a special showing and presentation on Tuesday evening, Sept 5, for those purchasing a limited availability 50th Anniversary Package that will also include additional premiums.
- All 50th Nationals entrants will receive a personalized memento indicating their first year at Nationals.
- A 50th anniversary display in a building adjacent to the paddock will feature historical items including cars, apparel, decals, memorabilia, photos, videos, and more.
- Don't miss the Monday night Welcome Party on Sept. 4, where special recognitions will abound!
- Bonus: An "Index of Seniority" is being developed to encourage entrants from the first few decades of the Solo Nationals to rejoin the fun, as well as those who have "only" been away for a decade or two.

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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 and children age 20 and younger).
- 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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