



Ashton King, DS Scion FR-S (Rocky Entriken Photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA



What an amazing way to end the season. Usually the weather in the late part of the season is cold enough that not a lot of drivers want to come out but that was the opposite with the November event. The weather was amazing and it was great to see a lot of drivers from other regions come and celebrate the last event.

With Kale being the event chair and designing the course, it was a real fun wide course. Something different from the wiggle up and wiggle down. It is difficult to design a variety of courses with a runway site, so it is great to see some differences that make it exciting.

That being said, did you know you can design and build a course even though you aren't a board member? If you have ideas or would like to possibly help with a course let me know and we can work something out. With other different drivers doing the courses, this helps keep things fresh throughout the season.

Recap on the season, it was pretty busy with bringing back Mirror Khana after several years in hibernation we plan to do it again), and our famous Octoberfast which no Salina Region member should miss.

There might be some slight changes next season so keep an eye out on the Salina Region website as well as motorsportsreg.com for next season's dates. Once dates are finalized, remember to not just get yourself and vehicle ready but bring a friend as well. It can be a close friend or co worker that might not have a vehicle to compete in but they can always ride-along or even share the driving. We all know they will be hooked from there.

I love the feeling of having someone ride along at an event and at the end of the lap I see a huge smile on their face. Or them yelling, "that was awesome!" right after. Doesn't matter if I was FTD, that feeling makes it worth it.

Personal time. I don't have any major plans for the All-Trac on the off season. For the record the new RE-71RS tires have two events on them and I am very impressed. At least I believe they are an improvement from the predecessor RE-71R that I had for two years. I believe right now I am gonna try the driver mod. More seat time has proven that I know the limits of myself and vehicle and now I need to attack them cones.

(Editor's note: You only think you know your limits! Try our next Evolution School, probably in April, to get an idea of how much more you can tighten that nut behind the wheel!)

I would like to thank everyone from this year's board members to everyone who attended an event. It takes us all, before during and after.

Have a great off season and Happy Thanksgiving. We'll have an election next month and a banquet (likely February) to tune up for 2024,

—Andlee, RE Salina Region



Next Business Meeting

TBA

On Zoom!

Business meetings are open to all members.

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



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Salinai Region Schedule ~ 2023

All events at Berkley Family Recreational Area unless noted otherwise

<u>Event</u>

<u>Chair</u>

* Season Complete * *

Want to do an event next season? Contact solo chair Kyle Morris

A Salina Divisional (if held) and Solo Nationals (Sep. 3-6, 2024) also score in Salina Region's Championship, with bonus points. Lowest three scores are thrown out, four if we do a Divisional

MiDiv Sold effiles

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. 2-6, 2024 ~ Lincoln, NE

MEETING MINUTES

(Subject to correction and approval at the next Salina Region board meeting)
The Salina Region SCCA Board Meeting was called to order by RE Andlee
Phengphachanh at 7:12 p.m. Nov. 14, 2023, via zoom. Attending were Chandler
Brown, Hank & Sharon Brillhart, Rocky Entriken, Monte Rans, Nancy & Dennis Smith, and members Phelan Gagnon and Mason Libby.

Sharon moved to approve the October minutes as written, Dennis seconded. Passed. Chandler moved to approve the treasurer's report, Dennis seconded. Passed.

Old Business – Aaron Loggan to look into the Pronto timing system and Jaguar timing. Jaguar doesn't appear to be an optimal solution. Pronto charges \$100 per event, which would dip very deeply into already slim margins. Considering a demonstration of Pronto during the next test and tune. Discussion around options to improve reliability of current timing system.

Banquet suggestions: District go karts. The Farm in Minneapolis, The car museum in Manhattan. Tabled until next month.

Welcome guidance sign (Andlee) off season project. Use one of the site closed signs to post directions on where to go, what to do, etc. Andlee to work on word document with guidance.

November Great Bend SRCA track charity event (Theresa/Mark Walton). Discussed March 2024 event or maybe May to avoid potential weather issues. SCCA charges less for charity events so cost would be contained somewhat. Would need to apply with SCCA 2 to 3 months ahead of time. Additional discussion next month.

Losing Jason and Kale as board members: Kale will help behind the scenes helping to set up events, etc. A couple of names were suggested as webmaster.

Cones: Dennis checked with previous cone supplier and they are not willing to work with us. Andlee to check with Wichita region regarding source for cones. Also, suggestion to check other SCCA region Facebook pages.

New Business — In an effort to raise interest in the sport, we discussed Andlee setting up a welcome banner Friday evening before events, and possibly other locations around town, free advertising on local radio station, and putting up posters at locations around town (auto parts stores, etc.).

Chandler has set up live timing on the backup computer to point to his server, so we will be less reliant on Kansas Region.

Chandler suggesting increasing the memory in our two computers from 4GB to 16GB to improve performance. Sharon moved to proceed with the update, Dennis seconded. Passed unanimously.

2024 board – Elections will be next month. Dennis intends to step own from the board next year. Nancy will handle registration/MotorsportsReg responsibilities before and after event and willing to help out with registration when she is there. Mason willing to run for Assistant RE. Andlee and Chandler will run ► Continued to Page 3

Bill Johnson, 1932-2023

This may not be a name with which most Salina Region members are familiar, but his SCCA life is among the most significant. Primarily he was a road racer, initially racing a Formula Vee, later a steward, eventually chairman of the board. But he also left a big mark on also as a co-founder of the ProSolo program

He told me once he was inspired by my Mirror Khana events. Thing is, he'd never actually seen one, so he took "mirror" literally – two courses, a drag race with corners in the 30-35 sec range, each a mirror image of the other.

I first became aware of Bill Johnson when I came to Salina in April of 1969 to work a driver school here at the old Salina airport (now BFRA). This was years before it was turned into ballyards and even before I took a job at the Salina Journal two months later. And before what then was Airport Park became host for the Solo II Nationals in 1975 (and later five more in the '80s followed by nine at the Municipal Airport across town).

It rained that 1969 weekend, a downpour of six inches (I looked it up later). Johnson was standing on a flatbed trailer addressing the novice racers, sternly telling the sodden students, "You are having, and will have, FUN!"

I was a corner worker that weekend. I noticed the timers were warm and dry in the old terminal; building (now the golf course clubhouse). I became a timer after that.

Bill and I became friends. He got mad at me once when I quoted him in a motorsport column I wrote at the time in the Salina Journal. Speaking at an REs' meeting, he said SCCA could possibly take on sanction of the Indy 500! This was when the CART/IRL split was brewing and Johnson was chairman of SCCA's Board of Directors. It never happened, and Bill didn't stay mad long.

Below is a writeup from SCCA.com. This is a guy who was as important to SCCA history in his way as people like Roger Penske, Mark Donohue, Bruce McLaren, Bob Sharp, Bob Tullius and Paul Newman. —*Rocky Entriken*

A member of the Sports Car Club of America since 1966, Kansas City Region member Bill Johnson did anything but sit still. A list of his accomplishments and accolades within the Club reads like three lifetimes' worth of work, but for Johnson, it was just him doing what he loved. From those he knew directly to members who never met him but benefited from his work, Johnson's dedication to the sport was felt by many – now, with the news of his passing during the second weekend of November, he will be missed by all.

Johnson's first race car (not counting the Soap Box Derby car he drove to a win in 1947) was a Formula Vee he purchased in 1965 for \$1,613 – that led to his joining the SCCA and subsequently winning his Region's Rookie Driver of the Year Award in 1966. In 1972, he was presented with the Midwest Division Governor's Cup Award; then in 1984, he received the Division's England-Stipe Award and SCCA's Vick Sadler Award. [He won the England-Stipe, MiDiv's highest honor, a second time in 2017, the only person ever to do so. —*R.E.*]

He was presented with the Woolf Barnato Award (then called the Carl Haas Award) in 1996, received the David Morrell Memorial Award for stewarding in 2004, and was inducted into the SCCA Hall of Fame in 2009.

These awards were recognition for a level of involvement that was truly inspirational. In 1968 – barely two years after joining



the SCCA – Johnson volunteered to lead Kansas City Region. By 1973, he was elected Chairman of the Midwest Division's Executive Committee. Johnson was then elected to SCCA's National Board of Governors (now called the Board of Directors) in 1975, serving as the Board's Chairman in 1977-'78. Four years later in 1982, he created, founded, and managed SCCA's ProSolo Series. In fact, ProSolo's Johnson-Clark-Johnson Cup gets a portion of its name from Bill.

As evidenced by his winning the David Morrell Memorial Award, Johnson was an active steward, becoming a divisional executive steward in 1998. He was then appointed as chairman to SCCA's National Stewards Committee in 2002 and was appointed as the chairman to the SCCA Pro Racing Appeals Court in 2012.

During the 2009 SCCA Hall of Fame induction ceremony, it was said of Johnson that "he is a man of many abilities, and he has used them all for the benefit of SCCA. He is a visionary, and his role in the creation of the original ProSolo format proves that. He is an able manager, and his role as race chief steward and divisional executive steward overseeing countless races gives evidence of that, as does his receipt of the Dave Morrell Award.

He is a leader, as witnessed by the years that he served upon, and chaired, the SCCA Board of Directors, for which he was honored with the Woolf Barnato Award. He is tenacious and talented, which has never been more evident than when he led the stewards program through a massive reorganization during his tenure as chairman of the stewards program. Any one of these accomplishments would have made Johnson a strong candidate for the SCCA Hall of Fame. Given that he accomplished them all during his years in the club, his induction has long been a certainty.

Without a doubt, Johnson's many contributions have made the Club a better place.

MEETING MINUTES

Continued from Page 2 ► ► for another term as Regional Executive and Secretary and Sharon is willing to serve another appointment as treasurer. Phelan will accept appointment as board member at large and learn various responsibilities.

Andlee will discuss/coordinate 2024 schedules with Susan Puls of Wichita Region.

Rocky to book Evolution School (usually April). Rocky will get fire extinguishers re-certified.

Open Forum — Saturday event for Fathers day? More Saturday and 2 day events? Determine date for Mirror Khana, Dennis as chair. First weekend of June?

December meeting. date TBA via zoom. Meeting adjourned: 8:19 p.m.

Submitted: Chandler Brown, Secretary



Kale Morris gave us another of his clever course designs, this one remarkable for its simplicity and subtlety. Kale's inspiration was the arcade game Pong (released 51 years ago this month!) His intent was a course that used the full width of our BFRA site at full tilt boogie. Anticipating a low entry, the course was a one-car-at-a-time layout.

One week after neighboring regions were postponing or cancelling their events because of a cold snap that came through Middle 'Murica, Salina was greeted with 60° weather for our season-ending Sunday. A late rush of entries almost doubled the car count to 39 competitors.

It would be hard to determine which battle of the day was the most intense the fuel for CAM-Sport or the fight for FTD and Top PAX.

We had a visitor from the Steel Cities Region, Pittsburgh, PA, Jared Lubbert, who was on a business trip to Kansas and found an offer from Randy Puls to share his Corvette FRC. Jared led through the first three runs as Randy fought a handful of orange aliens, but finally took the lead on his fourth lap. On their final runs both broke into the 61s, separated by a hundredth of a second, which may have been the closest contest this season.

For downright quick time the match was between a pair of Hondas driven by Mike Herrick in STS and Ron Williams in GS. Herrick's CRX won the FTD duel by 0.447 sec, but Williams in the "slower" Civic Si was quickest on PAX index by 0.788 sec.

In HS Russell and Laney Blume often put up a narrow battle and this time it was Laney's turn. Russell ran four 60-sec runs, shaving fractions each time, while Laney hammered cones and posted a DNF. But then came Run #5. Both of them broke into the 59s but Laney's was 0.179 sec quicker to win the class. Also claiming Fast Lady for the day.

The D Street class paired up Ashton King in a Scion FR-S and Tim Nicholson in a Subaru WRX STi. Nicholson led after the first runs, but King improved more than two seconds on his next run and found another second on his third. The fourth and fifth runs belonged to Nicholson while King could not replicate his third run. When the dust settled, King's third run was good enough to win by 0.624 sec.

~~ Pong • PAX Rankings ~~								
Driver	Class	Best	Index	PAX				
Ron Williams	GS	57.602	*0.794	45.736				
Mike Herrick	STS	57.155	*0.814	46.524				
Laney Blume	HS	59.645	*0.786	46.881				
Russell Blume	HS	59.824	*0.786	47.021				
Theresa Walton	ES	60.082	*0.792	47.584				
Sharon Brillhart	ESL	62.192	*0.792	49.256				
Ashton King	DS	61.222	*0.808	49.467				
Kale Morris	STR	60.120	*0.831	49.959				
Tim Nicholson	DS	61.846	*0.808	49.971				
Don Herrick	HS	63.693	*0.786	50.062				
Andlee Phengphachanh	STU	60.658	*0.830	50.346				
Steve Schrag	CAMC	61.466	*0.827	50.832				
Mark Walton	STR	61.487	*0.831	51.095				
Dennis E. Smith	CAMT	62.417	*0.819	51.119				
Chandler Brown	CS	63.719	*0.811	51.676				
Mason Libby	AS	62.821	*0.823	51.701				
Kimbal Mackinnon	CAMC	62.537	*0.827	51.718				
Henry Brillhart	ES	65.497	*0.792	51.873				
Rocky Entriken	ES	65.770	*0.792	52.089				
Adam Blunck	SM	60.053	*0.868	52.126				
Randy Puls	CAMS	61.874	*0.845	52.283				
Jared Lubbert	CAMS	61.884	*0.845	52.292				
Robert Clapp	BS	64.024	*0.818	52.371				
Jason Rash	STS	65.169	*0.814	53.047				
Nancy Smith	CAMTL		*0.819	53.375				
Phelan Gagnon	AS	64.896	*0.823	53.409				
Michael Fulkerson	CS	66.440	*0.811	53.882				
Tracy Presnell	STS	66.590	*0.814	54.204				
Susan Puls	CAMSL		*0.845	54.695				
T.J. Worcester	BS	66.993	*0.818	54.800				
Logan McNett	CAMT	67.395	*0.819	55.196				
James Tackett	CAMC	67.170	*0.827	55.549				
Ethan Gibbs	CAMC	68.572	*0.827	56.709				
Rick Nicholson	STR	68.311	*0.831	56.766				
Joanna Bejar	STX	69.499	*0.817	56.780				
Robert Lambert	CAMS	69.608	*0.845	58.818				
Brooklyn Terstriep	HSL	78.198	*0.786	61.463				
Darla Presnell	DSL	76.953	*0.808	62.178				
Will Fulkerson	XB	74.070	*0.848	62.811				

SALINA REGION SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP • 2023

• Salina Region Member Final Points after Pong * Qualified for awards (Min. 4 local events)

AS	Mason Libby•	*116						•		`	SSP	Ryan Pemberton•	28
BS	Phelan Gagnon• Robert Clapp• James Davis• AJ Davis•	*93 12 9 7		For most of the season all competitors are listed. However, only Salina Region members are eligible for championship awards and must be members before Octoberfast and run at least four local events. As of Octoberfast all non-member points are stripped.								Bill Pemberton• Joe Silva• Joe Silva• Aaron Loggan•	8 12 8 †*76
CS	Chandler Brown•	60	_									Kale Morris	48
	Mason Smith•	23	ESL	Sharon Brillhart•	*120	STU	Andlee Phengphachan	h• *66	CAM·SLSusan Puls•	49		Joanna Bejar	24
	Will Fulkerson•	26		Theresa Walton•	21		Mark Hill•	11	CAM·C James Tackett•	*66	† - H	as run required 3 clas	sses
	Aaron Loggan•	12	FS	R.Abner Perney•	*107	STR	Mark Walton•	*78	Justin Gagna•	*58		,	
	Rick Nicholson•	6		John Schmidt•	9		Rick Nicholson•	*71	Tyler Lamia•	47		♦ PAX – Top 10 ♦	
CSL	Kaitlyn Loggan•	24		Don Knop•	5		Kale Morris•	12	Chase Kaiser•	21	ESL	Sharon Brillhart•	856
DS	John LaRandeau•	*79	GS	Phillip Meredith•	22		Nancy Smith•	12	Steve Schrag	19	AS	Mason Libby•	837
	Tim Nicholson•	*56		Douglas Jones•	18	STX	Joanna Bejar•	12	Andlee Phengphachan	h• 18	ES	Henry Brillhart•	800
	Ashton King•	*47		Collin Meredith•	9	STS	Tracy Presnell•	*77	CAM·T Dennis Smith•	*88	ES	Rocky Entriken•	774
	Zachary Smith•	7		Anish Srivastava	9		Jason Rash•	43	Opie Viets•	24	AS	Phelan Gagnon•	766
DSL	Ann LaRandeau•	*73	HS	Don Herrick•	*62		Mike Herrick•	35	Aaron Loggan	9	ES	Theresa Walton•	760
	Darla Presnell•	12		Gabriel Roche•	21		Mason Herrick•	12	Artt Mann	6	XB/CAMC/ST	TUAndlee Phengphachanh•	664
ES	Theresa Walton•	*97	SSC	Daniel Rowland•	39	STH	Joshua Huff•	12	CAM·TL Nancy Smith•	*96	STR	Rick Nicholson•	639
	Henry Brillhart•	*92		Mason Herrick•	22	CAM	S Randy Puls•	41	XA Aaron Loggan•	55	FS	Abner Perney•	619
	Rocky Entriken•	*83		Joanna Bejar•	12		Robert Lambert•	7	XB Kale Morris•	36	CAMT	Dennis Smith•	604
	Blake Toews*	7		Connor Herricke	11		lim French•	6	Andlee Phenanhachan	h• Q			

"The higher you rise, the sharper the knives, and that's no truer than in Formula One."

-Christian Horner, Red Bull F1 team principal

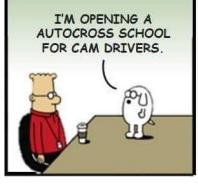
"You can't avoid the curves in life, but you can learn how to autocross."

—Paraphrasing mental performance coach Paddy Steinfort

Salina Region SCCA ~ May 13, 2023 ~ Berkley Family Recreation Area, Salina, KS

Class	Driver	Car	Make	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Best	
AS	Mason Libby	62	2008 Saturn Sky Redline	65.842	65.170	63.509	64.365+1	62.821	62.821	
AS	Phelan Gagnon	6	2013 Corvette	67.973	64.896	64.454+1	63.885+1	64.857+2	64.896	
BS	Robert Clapp	51	2008 Corvette	67.344	65.138	64.435	65.225	64.024	64.024	
BS	T.J. Worcester	5	2008 Corvette	71.426	68.215	68.560	67.767	66.993	66.993	
CS	 Chandler Brown 	19	1998 BMW M Roadster	73.778	63.719	64.022	77.570	64.145	63.719	
CS	Michael Fulkerson	16	1997 Porsche Boxster 986	69.924	68.419	67.065	66.440	67.461	66.440	
DS	Ashton King	20	2014 Scion FR-S	64.652	62.412	61.222	63.442	62.491	61.222	
DS	Tim Nicholson	189	2019 Subaru WRX STi	63.306	63.637	62.647+1	62.418	61.846	61.846	
DSL	 Darla Presnell 	33	BMW 330i	94.344	82.688	81.325	76.953	78.163	76.953	
ES	 Theresa Walton 	99	1999 Mazda Miata	62.728	61.386	60.668	60.205	60.082	60.082	
ES	Henry Brillhart	48	1999 Mazda Miata	66.223	65.497	66.179	65.658	D.N.F.	65.497	
ES	Rocky Entriken	199	1999 Mazda Miata	67.069+4	67.412+1	66.322+4	65.778	65.770	65.770	
ESL	Sharon Brillhart	28	2003 Toyota MR2	62.790	D.N.F.	62.137+1	62.192	64.512	62.192	
GS	 Ron Williams 	95	2019 Honda Civic Si	58.150	58.134+2	57.602	57.524+1	66.596+1	57.602	PAX
HS	 Laney Blume 	197	2012 Mini Cooper	61.535+2	61.345	60.460+1	D.N.F.	59.645	59.645	FL
HS	Russell Blume	97	2012 Mini Cooper	60.811	60.600	60.382	60.003	59.824	59.824	
HS	Don Herrick	8	2015 Ford Fiesta ST	66.523+1	64.805	64.432	63.693	64.041	63.693	
HSL	 Brooklyn Terstriep 	33	2020 Honda Accord	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	78.591	76.198+1	77.942+1	78.198	
STU	 Andlee Phengphachanh 	23	1988 Toyota Celica All-Trac	64.102	62.374	62.042+1	60.929	60.658	60.658	
STR	Kale Morris	126	2015 Mazda MX5	63.046	61.802	61.156	61.230	60.120	60.120	
STR	Mark Walton	99	2002 Mazda Miata	61.470+1	62.401+1	68.653	61.487	62.065	61.487	
STR	Rick Nicholson	26	2015 Mazda MX-5	74.096	70.319	68.703	68.311	70.405	68.311	
STX	 Joanna Bejar 	67	2013 Scion FR-S	75.627	70.232	70.093	69.825	69.499	69.499	
STS	Mike Herrick	89	1988 Honda CRX	68.680	58.265	57.333+1	57.155	57.384	57.155	FTD
STS	Jason Rash	13	2013 Toyota Yaris	68.482+1	67.179	67.573	67.269	65.169	65.169	
STS	Tracy Presnell	28	1999 BMW Z3 Roadster	66.116+1	66.543+1	D.N.F.	66.590	66.540+1	66.590	
CAMS	Randy Puls	77	1999 Corvette FRC	75.649+4	62.494	61.441+1	62.116	61.874	61.874	
CAMS	Jared Lubbert	177	1999 Corvette FRC	63.856	62.249	62.826	62.467	61.884	61.884	
CAMS	Robert Lambert	11	2002 Dodge Viper GT	67.812+1	D.N.F.	69.922+1	69.608	D.N.F.	69.608	
CAMSL	.• Susan Puls	77	1999 Corvette FRC	67.712	67.174+1	66.304+1	65.371	64.728	64.728	
CAMC	 Steve Schrag 	44	2018 Mustang	64.152	62.797	61.466	61.997	62.346+1	61.466	
CAMC	 Kimbal Mackinnon 	191	1969 Chevrolet Chevelle	D.N.F.	63.594+1	62.537	63.262+7	63.815	62.537	
CAMC	James Tackett	20	2008 Mustang GT	68.159	67.472	68.733+1	67.170	67.246	67.170	
CAMC	Ethan Gibbs	12	2005 Mustang GT	70.136	70.034	69.172	69.841	68.572	68.572	
CAMT	Dennis E. Smith	177	1996 Mustang Cobra	65.049	79.254+1	62.417	62.757	64.747+1	62.417	
CAMT	Logan McNett	79	1979 Camaro	77.814	69.848	69.422	67.395	68.847	67.395	
CAMTL	Nancy Smith	177	1996 Mustang Cobra	67.603	66.657	65.833	65.951	65.172	65.172	
XB	Will Fulkerson	14	Porsche Boxster	76.157	74.667	74.070	74.571	78.172	74.070	
SM	 Adam Blunck 	57	2004 Subaru Impreza WRX	60.729	60.427	60.053	60.431	60.280	60.053	
		• Tr	ophy FTD - Fast Time Of Day	/ FL - Fa	st Lady	PAX – Top PA	X			











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SCCA MEMBER 1973-2023



BILL Tuzicka



SCCA MEMBER 1973-2023

Welcome New Members

- Will Fulkerson, Salina, ran Octoberfast in his CS Porsche Boxster and went right home and sent in his membership. Then did our November finale in XB.
- **Kimberly Kelly**, Hutchinson, is a Region of Record member in Wichita Region and added a Salina Region membership last month.
- Austin Mackey, Maize, has been running a Camaro LS in Wichita Region's novice class.
- **Darla Presnell,** McPherson, is Tracy Presnell's wife, just added to become a family membership and won DSL in her first autocross, our November finale, in a BMW 330i

How SCCA, and Salina Region, work — a tutorial

Every so often it is a good thing to revisit how this little club of ours works. Those boxes just above this article illustrate the alpha and omega — longtime members who've given heart and soul to SCCA and newcomers in whom we place our hopes for the future.

Don and Bill – hardly any of you know them but someday you may become them – are typical of members who have given years of service to SCCA, mostly their younger years. Today they get to enjoy the fruits of their labors and dedication.

Let's start with Salina Region's officers. You'll find the list on Page 2, and next month we'll vote on a new batch.

Our elections are actually pretty simple. Our bylaws specify that the membership only elects three officers – the Regional Executive, the Assistant RE and the Secretary. The immediate Past RE is also a voting board member, bringing his experience and knowledge to the group. Those four then appoint two more who shoulder some of the greatest responsibility – the treasurer, who you may imagine must be a very trustworthy individual, and our solo chair, who is responsible for establishing virtually all our activities – scheduling, site acquisition, acquiring sanctions, awards, et al. That Gang of Six become the core specified in our bylaws. Beyond that, they can appoint any other member to the board as they choose.

Currently we have eight other appointed board members, most of whom have specific duties such as tech chief, registrar, webmaster, etc. Or maybe they are appointed with no official duty but bring knowledge and value to our meetings. Salina Region is designated a Small Region (fewer than 200 members). As such we operate much like any other small local klatsch, existing for the fun of our activity. But when you get to Jumbo size (Chicago, New England, San Francisco, for example), the region becomes more like a corporate empire. San Francisco even owns its own race track and has paid staff.

Fortunately running a region like Salina does not involve that level of organization, although all regions are incorporated like a business. We are, after all, a "business" with some inherent risk as is essentially any motorsports enterprise, professional or amateur.

Our board makes all the decisions, but it is never the only source of good ideas. Which is why anyone is welcome at board meetings and eagerly invited to take on some needed task like being an event chair.

SCCA headquarters is located in Topeka a move which happened a few years after the Solo Nationals moved there because the event had outgrown its 15-year home in Salina. The club was born in Westport, CT, but spent some decades in the Denver area before coming to Kansas.

As a nationwide club serving some 117 individual regions, its headquarters provides services including sanctions, acquiring insurance coverage, organizing championship-level events in solo, road racing, road rally, time trials and RallyCross and other ancillary aspects.

Guess where they find corner workers for things like the three Formula One grands prix in Miami, Austin and Las Vegas? Guess where people like Carroll Shelby, Dan Gurney, Roger Penske, Zak Brown got their start? Yep. Right here in SCCA.



At the October board meeting of Salina Region a motion was passed, simultaneously significant yet inconsequential. Formerly it was region policy that person had to be a member pf the region before Oct. 1 to retain all points earned during the year. At the sane time anyone who was a member before Octoberfast, which had become our member appreciation event several years before, got the free entry.

The significance of Oct. 1 was lost on most people, but by now everyone (mostly) knows about Octoberfast and what it means. So we combined them, enhancing the meaning of Octoberfast and eliminating the Oct. 1 deadline for any other purpose.

If you're a member before Octoberfast – and "before" means before we start running cars that day; yes if you pay dues at the trailer before registration closes, you're in – that's the deadline for when you keep all points earned in the season's previous events, *and* the deadline for when you qualify for free entry.

Significant because it combines two key eligibility criteria into one easy moment. Inconsequential because it only pushes that deadline a week or three forward but eliminates a "gotcha" that has snagged a few new members in seasons past.

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One thing about Octoberfast that I like is we began numbering them – last month was Octoberfast 34 – so that tells us how old Salina Region is. Octoberfast 1 was in 1990, the year Salina Region was chartered. Technically SCCA dates our charter in 1989 but that happened in

December, so the first things that we did as a region were in 1990. Our "organizational meeting" was January 2 at the Salina Housing Authority building at 469 S. Fifth. Why there? Abner Perney was Salina's housing director at the time.

Steve Snyder was our first RE, and still a member although he moved to Plano, TX, a few years later. Salina Region was a chapter of Wichita Region for two years before that, so the next thing we did officially was to party, a region banquet Feb 3 at the Salina Country Club, London broil on the menu. Dinner \$7, mixed drinks \$2.50. Our first events were at the Municipal Airport, a two-day Solo II March 31 (rerunning the '89 Nationals north course) and April 1 (rerunning a ProSolo course from the year before). Later in the season we did a real ProSolo in May and Mirror Khana XVI in June as part of the Kansas Solo II Championship (aka KS2C) – I'd begin doing them in 1974 as Kansas Region and then Wichita Region events,

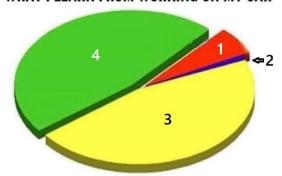
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I've often used a metaphor comparing SCCA to a small city (of about Salina's size). The word "club" in its name presents a false image of what the organization is. It's not a gathering of friends just playing with cars, even though it was exactly that in 1944 when Sports Car *Club* of America was formed under that grandiose name by seven friends in Westport, CT.

SCCA today has a population a few thousand more than Salina's 46,500. It has the basic three branches of government – Executive (a paid president and staff), Legislative (elected area directors), and Judicial (from event stewards to courts of appeal). SCCA geography divides the nation into nine Divisions, 13 Areas and 117 Regions (think states, counties and cities).

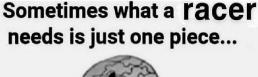
And yet it still has that club feel to it. Salina Region, now 115 members strong, is part of the Midwest Division which is also the same 14 Regions comprising Area 6. (some populous coastal Divisions encompass more than one Area).

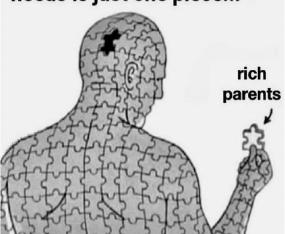
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- How easy it is to break seemingly strong parts
- 2 How my car works and how to modify it
- 3 How much I actually don't know about cars
- The unlimited capabilities of a zip tie







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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,

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You <u>must</u> 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 Entriken at 785-827-5143 or e-mail rocky@spitfire4.com.

voting rights, region offices and other member benefits. "Associate" membership

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- 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.
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