

The Write Line

~ March 2024 ~



Opie Viets, CAM-T Camaro Z28, (Rocky Entriiken Photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

Regional Executive Views

What a great way to start off the season! First event now in the record books. Just like that, everyone showed up ready to get back into the groove. Appreciate everyone who came out for the March event.

With the feedback I was getting during and after the event, it seemed like everyone really liked all three courses over the two-day weekend event. Saturday had a slightly shortened length but technical course for the benefit of a test and tune. Immediately after the runs of both groups, the real fun began. The course was remade and went the full length of the Salina concrete site. With no run groups for this course it did start off a little slow getting cars out, but after a bit it went very well and anyone and everyone drove and rode with each other. The course even had the famous one-cone turnaround. Which will meant some drivers had to think to take it tight or wide with speed. Made it for a great way to end the test and tune day on a fun note.

Forward to Sunday's event, overall was a very smooth event with minimal problems if any. Loved seeing some old and new faces driving.

With the season just starting I would like to thank everyone on the board who has been with us for years and ones that are just starting their first year. I sound like

a broken record but it takes people behind the scenes as well as physically at the events to make things work.

Enough about the Region and now let's talk about what you are really here to read about.

If you have been reading any past REVS, my oldest is 15 and has his permit. My wife and I came upon a first car for him which fits very well, a 2008 Toyota Yaris Sedan. Yes, you guessed it another Toyota in the family. Haha. Did you think I was going to get him a Supra or something? It will be a good reliable car to get him to school and back. My younger son and daughter are not to that age of liking cars yet. Maybe I have a chance with my daughter, every once in a while she asks if we can go for a ride in the race car.

Please remember to sign up on MotorsportsReg for next month's doubleheader on April 19-20. Or the Evo School (see Page 3) which begins on Friday, April 18. Or here's a plan: Do the Evo Phase 1 on Friday, then the two autocrosses Saturday and Sunday and put your newfound skills to work. Registration is open and remember to bring a friend. Thanks for reading and have a great Easter.

—Andlee, RE Salina Region



► Next Event ◀

Evolution Schools - April 19-20-21

Solo #2 & #3 - April 20-21

Berkley Family Recreation Area - 841 Markley Road, Salina

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

Check-in/Tech opens 8:00 am, closes 9:00 am ~ course open to walk by 8:30 am

Novice coursewalk 9:15 ~ Drivers' Meeting 9:30 ~ Cars on course by 10:00

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

Next Business Meeting

April 25 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 ~ 2024

All events at Berkley Family Recreational Area unless noted otherwise

Event	Chair
Apr 19-20-21 – Evolution Performance Driving Schools	Rocky Entriem
Apr 20-21 – Solo #2 & #3	Mason Libby/Andlee P.
May 11 – Solo #4 (Saturday) *SRCA Charity Event*	Aaron Loggan
Jun 1-2 – Solo #5 & 6 – Divisional Championship	Andlee Phengphachanh
Jun 15 – Solo #7 (Saturday – Mirror Khana XLII)	Dennis Smith
Jul 7 – Solo #8 – Sunflower Showdown @ Yoder	Wichita Region
Aug 11 – Solo #9 – Sunflower Showdown @ Salina	
Sep 7-8 – Solo #10 & #11	
Oct 13– Solo #12 – Octoberfast 35	Salina Region Board
Nov 3 – Solo #13	Aaron Loggan

Want to chair an event this year?

Contact Phelan or Andlee!

A Salina Divisional (if held) and Solo Nationals (Sep. 2-6, 2024) also score in Salina Region's Championship, with bonus points. Lowest three scores are thrown out, four if we do a Divisional

MiDiv



SPS/R&S MiDiv Solo Series – 2024

- Apr 13-14– NeOkla @ Muskogee (Davis Field)
- May 4-5 – Kansas/Wichita @ Independence KS (Freedom Airport) [TENT.]
- May 18-19 – Oklahoma @ Burns Flat (Airport)
- June 1-2 – Salina @ Salina (Berkley Family Rec Area)
- June 29-30 – Kansas City @ Independence MO (Metro CC Driving Center)
- Aug 3-4 – 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 March 21, 2024, Salina Region SCCA Board of Directors meeting was conducted via Zoom and called to order at 7:15 p.m. by RE Andlee Phengphachanh. Attending were Sharon Brillhart, Chandler Brown, Rocky Entriem, Justin Gagna, Phelan Gagnon, Mason Libby, Aaron Loggan, Monte Rans, Dennis & Nancy Smith.

Minutes: Nancy moved to approve minutes from previous meeting as presented. Mason seconded. Passed.

Treasurers Report: Sharon presented the report as of March 1. Chandler moved to approve. Mason seconded. Passed.

Old Business: 2024 tech sheet – Is complete and being used.

New Business: Opening weekend – Two courses on Saturday for Test & Tune and a third for Sunday's points event. Thanks to Andlee for coordination and setup and everyone who pitched in to help. Timing and Live timing both went well. Need to get template from Wichita Region or at least figure out which one they are using (Chandler is looking into that). Nancy suggested some training for the various forms that need to be filled out as part of registration. Plan some hands-on training after April event Saturday and Sunday

Great Bend track fundraiser (Sunflower Rod & Custom Association) – Mark and Theresa Walton were not in attendance. Tentatively planned as the May 11 event.

Timing link on website (Jason Rash) – Website needs some updates (Live timing link for example). Jason is helping out as he can, but has moved to eastern Kansas near Topeka and is no longer a Salina member. We should start looking for a new webmaster.

Cord printer, screen sharing cord (Aaron) – Andlee will order cable. Chandler will donate power cord.

Event chairs – Board members volunteered to chair several early events (see schedule in Newsletter). Chairs still needed for August and September events.

Open Forum: Solo safety training – Mason, Phelan, Chandler planning to catch next training session.

Andlee moved that Dennis should be added as a Board Member at Large. Chandler seconded, Passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned 8:38 p.m.

Submitted, Chandler Brown, Secretary

WANNA BE A WINNAH? INVEST IN YOURSELF

It's the most common misconception in motorsport: To be a fast driver you need to invest in all the fast modifications for your car. Tires! Suspension! Hop-up the engine! Maybe a turbo! Throw lots of money at your ride!

Uh, no. Not yet, anyway. First, invest in the nut that holds the steering wheel.

Whether your chosen weapon is a C8 Corvette or maybe something exotic from an Italian or German carmaker, or just your daily driver/grocery getter, you'd be amazed at the improvement you can make by just learning some of the basics of truly *driving* the thing.

There's more to it than just pointing the car between the cones and pushing the right pedal.

Every year since the mid-'90s, Salina Region has invited the Evolution Performance Driving School to come to Salina with its National championship-caliber instructors and put on a three-day school. Almost nobody else has Evolution do all three of its primary instruction modules in one weekend.

You Get Phase 1: the basics; Phase 2: the advanced level, and the Challenge School: can you beat your instructor in your own car?

Each school has a specific syllabus of things to learn, each phase building on the lessons taught in the previous phase.

Yes, many will do all three in the same weekend, but equally many will do Phase 1 this year and Phase 2 next year. There are discounts to doing the three, or even two, at the same time. You must complete one before moving to the next.

The school began in the mid-'80s as the McKamey School by Jim McKamey (5 national championships) and Jean Kinser (7 championships).

In the late '70s, SportsCar Magazine sent me to write a story on an autocross school taught by E. Paul Dickinson, SCCA's first 5-time Solo champion. It was a great experience, but to do it one had to go to his compound in West Virginia. A decade later Kinser and McKamey came up with the concept of a traveling school.

When I did the McKamey School the first time in

the mid-'80s – just Phase 1 – I'd already been autocrossing 20 years and felt I was pretty

experienced. Kinser and McKamey, along with Steve Tamandli (7 championships) were the

instructors. I was driving my race-prepared Spitfire then.

I did learn things. McKamey pushed me forward in the seat. I'd been driving with an arms-out style. He shoved books and jackets behind my back to push me toward the steering wheel, giving me better leverage. (Later, when I installed a new seat, I had it located closer to the wheel.) Meanwhile, Tamandli drilled me on getting closer to the slalom cones.

Kinser (she's Jean Kinser Dana now) was

recovering from a traffic accident in which she'd broken both legs. Sitting in a wheelchair, her legs sticking straight out, she wheeled out on the course to show me how to take a 180° turn, hug the inside, go the shorter distance. That lesson has helped me beat people not just on autocross courses, but on race tracks

with big carousel turns including Road America.

Some years later after Kinser and McKamey had retired from autocrossing, Mike "Junior" Johnson (6 championships) bought the franchise and renamed it Evolution. He recruited instructors nationwide who would fly wherever to conduct the schools. We've had instructors including Jinx Jordan from North Carolina (4 championships), Tom Kotzian from Oregon (4 championships), and even Riley Heaton from nearby Nebraska (3 championships) come teach here.

Usually we get two instructors, maybe three if the entry is sufficient. The basic student/instructor ratio is 6:1 but you get 1:1 attention.

Each day is a totally separate lesson, in your own car. You start out with a coursewalk and then three runs – the basic championship set – as a baseline. Then the schooling begins. With two instructors, two students will be on course, four more will be working the course, and the others will have just finished or will be getting ready to go. In the afternoon, you get a different instructor. Each day is also a totally different course. It's money well spent. —Rocky Entriken



EVO 2024

Friday, April 19: Phase 1
Saturday, April 20: Phase 2
Sunday, April 21: Challenge

Sign up on
motorsportsreg.com

"Evolution Weekend with Salina Region SCCA"

St. Paddy's Pylons

It was a brisk day for our opening event, but not as chilly as last year's sub-freezing weather during course setup. We had 25 drivers for Saturday's test & tune and 30 for the Sunday solo.

Andlee Phengphachanh set up two courses for Saturday. A short one for the morning runs, good for testing and trying new things, then a longer one in the afternoon, more of a practice course. Everyone had the option of six runs on each.

Andlee's Sunday course used a few elements from Saturday's designs and some new challenges. It turned out to be a fast course if you found the right line, which most did.

Only two drivers broke through the 50 sec line, both making a long tow worth their while. Opie Viets came up from the Little Balkans in SE Kansas while John LaRondeau drove in from Omaha to set up the FTD duel. John went in the first heat with his Toyota GR Corolla – the car infamously reclassified by SCCA from DS to BS in mid-season last year – to post first-heat FTD at 49.393, best of his three times below the 50 mark. Opie went out in the second heat in his CAM-T Z28, also three times below 50, but a best of 48.870, which also stood for Top PAX. Both of them set their fastest times on their fourth runs.

Phelan Gagnon and Libby Mason resumed their showdown in A Street, now both in Corvettes. Oddly, they ran in separate heats, Phelan the first car out in Heat One knocking his times down to a 50.455. Mason followed in Heat 2 (I'm not sure, but did they share the same car?) and banded a best of 50.982 – only 0.527 sec slower.

In CAM·C Steve Schrag posted a series of steadily improving times while Ethan Gibbs scattered a wild array of numbers. On their 5th runs the showdown came, Steve home at 51.649 and Ethan only 0.798 behind.

Sharon Brillhart was Fast Lady at 51.942.

~ St. Paddy's Pylons • PAX Rankings ~

Driver	Class	Best	Index	PAX
Viets, Opie	CAMT	48.870	*0.820	40.073
Meredith, Phillip	GS	50.487	*0.796	40.187
LaRondeau, John	BS	49.393	*0.818	40.403
Green, James	SSC	50.390	*0.805	40.563
King, Ashton	DS	50.573	*0.810	40.964
Brillhart, Sharon	ESL	51.912	*0.792	41.114
Gagnon, Phelan	AS	50.455	*0.824	41.574
Libby, Mason	AS	50.982	*0.824	42.009
Phengphachanh, Andlee	STU	50.468	*0.833	42.039
Nicholson, Tim	DS	52.021	*0.810	42.137
Haynes, Marcia	SSCL	52.409	*0.805	42.189
Entriken, Rocky	ES	53.352	*0.792	42.254
Meredith, Collin	GS	53.349	*0.796	42.465
Schrag, Steve	CAMC	51.640	*0.826	42.654
Brown, Chandler	CS	53.240	*0.813	43.284
Gibbs, Ethan	CAMC	52.438	*0.826	43.313
Herrick, Don	HS	55.765	*0.786	43.831
Harris, Andrew	CAMC	53.296	*0.826	44.022
Kaiser, Chase	CAMC	53.521	*0.826	44.208
Brillhart, Henry	ES	55.990	*0.792	44.344
Presnell, Tracy	STS	54.937	*0.816	44.828
LaRondeau, Ann	BSL	56.206	*0.818	45.976
Bacon, Nicholas	CAMT	57.049	*0.820	46.780
Perney, R Abner	HS	60.266	*0.786	47.369
Srivastava, Anish	HS	61.387	*0.786	48.250
Fulkerson, Will	XB	57.116	*0.849	48.491
Leazer, Geoff	AS	59.056	*0.824	48.662
Nicholson, Rick	CAMC	61.158	*0.826	50.516
Disberger, David	FS	62.810	*0.814	51.127
Presnell, Darla	DSL	65.729	*0.810	53.240



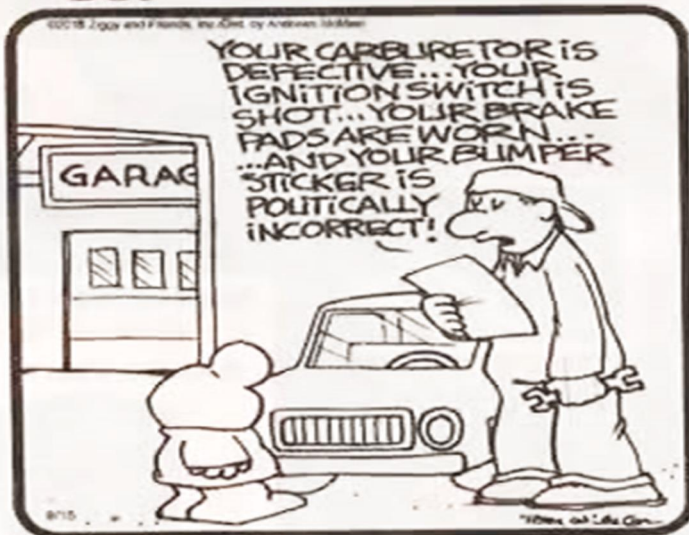
HELP WANTED: WEBMASTER

Salina Region needs a new webmaster. Our current one, Jason Rash, has moved to Holton, north of Topeka, and is now a member of Kansas City Region.

You don't need to be a web designer, just keep the website current with calendar updates, event results, new issues of the newsletter, etc. The webmaster is also not the website host. Mark Walker does that.

Contact Andlee if you can do this important task.

Ziggy



SCCA Welcoming Environment Statement

The Mission of the Sports Car Club of America is to fuel a safe, fun and exciting motorsports experience for automotive enthusiasts. The Club's Vision is to be the preferred motorsports community in the United States, built on fun, shared passion and access to an exhilarating motorsports experience. In all its activities, SCCA seeks to foster an atmosphere that encourages living the Values of the club, which include:

- **Excellence:** The Spirit of a Competitor
- **Service:** The Heart of a Volunteer
- **Passion:** The Attitude of an Enthusiast
- **Team:** The Art of Working Together
- **Experience:** The Act of Wowing our Community
- **Stewardship:** The Mindset of an Owner

SCCA strives to ensure ALL participants at its events and activities enjoy a welcoming environment. SCCA supports equality of opportunity and treatment for all participants, and will make every effort to maintain an environment that is free of harassment, discrimination and any behavior that interferes with a safe, fun and exciting experience.

A commitment to a welcoming environment and the SCCA Values is expected of all members and attendees, including drivers, workers, crew, guests, staff, contractors and exhibitors, and other participants at SCCA activities, sessions and social events when representing the SCCA in print or electronic media.



Events Elsewhere - 2024

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 / ● = Region or novice school

ALWAYS CONFIRM THE EVENT BEFORE MAKING A LONG TRIP!

(* = Salina Region autocross on this date)

AUTOCROSS

Apr 6.....‡ Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

Apr 6-7.....ProSolo @ Frederick Airport, Frederick OK

Apr 7Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

Apr 13NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

Apr 14NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

Apr 20.....*‡ Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

Apr 21.....* Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

Apr 28.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK

May 4Kansas @ Municipal Airport, Independence KS

.....‡P Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

May 5Kansas @ Municipal Airport, Independence KS

.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

May 18Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

.....Oklahoma @ Burns Flat OK

May 19Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

.....Oklahoma @ Burns Flat OK

May 23-25...Spring Nationals, ProSolo@ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

May 25-27...Spring Nationals, Nat Tour@ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

Jun 8Kansas @ Stormont Vail Events Center, Topeka KS

.....P.Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

Jun 9Kansas @ Stormont Vail Events Center, Topeka KS

.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

Jun 22Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

Jun 23Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

Jun 29.....‡ Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

Jun 30Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK

Jul 6Kansas @ Stormont Vail Events Center, Topeka KS

Jul 7.....*Kansas @ Stormont Vail Events Center, Topeka KS

Jul 13.....‡ Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

Jul 14Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

Jul 20.....‡ NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

Jul 21NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

Jul 27Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

Jul 28Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

Aug 2.....● Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

Aug 11.....*Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK

Aug 17.....‡ Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

.....‡ NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

Aug 18.....§ Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

RALLYCROSS

Apr 14..... Nebraska @ Green Valley Ranch, Kearney NE

.....Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS

Apr 20.....* Kansas @ McCain's Offroad Park, Carbondale KS

Apr 28..... Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley MO

.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK

May 12..... NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK

May 19..... Nebraska @ Nebraska Rally Bowl, Nebraska City NE

.....Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS

May 25..... Kansas @ McCain's Offroad Park, Carbondale KS

Jun 2.....*NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK

Jun 9..... Nebraska @ Nebraska Rally Bowl, Nebraska City NE

Jun 15-16..* National Tour @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK

Jun 22-23.... Kansas City @ Ray Rocks Offroad Resort, Rayville MO

Jun 30..... Kansas @ McCain's Offroad Park, Carbondale KS

Jul 7.....*NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK

Jul 14..... Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Winston, MO

Jul 21..... Nebraska @ Green Valley Ranch, Kearney NE

.....Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS

Aug 4 NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK

Aug 11.....* Wichita @ Sandy Bottoms, Mulvane KS

Aug 25..... Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley MO

Aug 31 Kansas @ McCain's Offroad Park, Carbondale KS

.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK

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
- Hedge Hollow Raceway, Adrian, MO
- Motorsports Park Hastings, Hastings NE
- Ozarks International Raceway, Gravois Mills MO
- I-29 Speedway, Pacific Junction. IA

ROAD RACING

Apr 20-21.... Super Tour @ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett OK

May 11-12... MidAm races @ Hedge Hollow Raceway, Adrian, MO

Jun 1-2..... Majors races @ Ozarks Int'l Raceway, Gravois Mills, MO

Jul 13-14.... Majors races @ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett OK

Aug 10-11 ... Enduro races @ Motorsports Park Hastings, Hastings NE

Sep 27-Oct 6 . The Runoffs @ Road America, Elkhart Lake WI

Nov 2-3..... Enduro races @ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett OK

MIDIV TIME TRIALS SERIES

May 11-12... @ Hedge Hollow Raceway, Adrian, MO

Jun 1-2..... @ Ozarks Int'l Raceway, Gravois Mills, MO

Jul 6-7..... @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail, CO

Aug 10-11 ... @ Motorsports Park Hastings, Hastings NE

Sep 21-22 ... @ I-29 Speedway, Pacific Junction IA

Oct 24-27.... Time Trials Nationals @ NCM Mspts Park, Bowling Green KY

Nov 2-3..... @ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett OK

TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA

May 11..... @ Pikes Peak International Raceway, Fountain CO

Jun 26..... @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail CO

Jul 18..... @ Pikes Peak International Raceway, Fountain CO

Sep 25..... @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail CO

Just Idling Around

—Abner Perney

The first Salina Region Autocross Weekend was a great success. I entered my 2020 Chevy Bolt, in the absolute simplest stock unprepared format, even the air in the tires is what came with it.

On Saturday my test and tune procedure was to try each of the basic operating modes: 1. Drive, Sport Traction control ON. 2. Drive, Sport, Traction Control OFF and The Low in the same alternatives.

The Traction Control ON, makes for less tire noise and some annoying jerkiness, which makes it seem slower. The Low range program dramatically increases off-accelerator regen braking. In civilized street driving, it gives one pedal driving, and comes to a complete stop, where it does not creep forward while you wait for the traffic signal to change. It did not help at all in the autocross situation. So with that learned Saturday along with some comparisons of times, I was convinced to return Sunday, Drive in Drive, Sport and Traction OFF, and be satisfied with being entertaining with the silent car that squeals tires all the way around the course, with relatively slow times.

Sunday was practically perfect for the next to last day of winter. I was surprised to see that the number one car of choice was the All American Ford Mustang V8!!! Then I was reminded that this is the 60th Anniversary Year of the first Pony Car, April 17, 1964 being the very big day of introduction.

I was a senior in Greeley High School, Greeley, CO. Ford Motor Company made a tremendous effort to keep the car under wraps until the official opening day. Garnsey-Wheeler Ford, like all dealerships, kept their showroom locked all day with the windows papered over. My Dad and I were on the sidewalk along with a large crowd when at the appointed hour, the paper was torn down and we were allowed to pass through the showroom in single file, to look at, but not touch, the Blue Notchback Coupe and the RedOrange Convertible. But I digress.

Sunday, March 17, 2024, We were graced by six Mustang drivers: David Disberger, 2007 Shelby GT, in FS; four in CAMC – Steve Schrag's 2008, Ethan Gibbs' 2005, Chase Kaiser's 2013, Rick Nicholson's 2001 Bullitt GT – and Nicholas Bacon with a 2000 GT



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

• Gary Moore & Laura Brewer, Wichita, have run a Dodge Challenger in CAM·S.

in CAMT.

On Saturday, March 30th, The Garage museum is observing The 60th Anniversary of Mustangs, Be a member and bring one if you have one! 9:00 a.m.

The day also featured a fast current technology car – the Toyota GR Corolla of Ann and John LaRandeau. The GRRRR Car as I prefer to call it, is representative of the highest technology available in a production internal combustion powered car. It's only a 1.6 liter 3-cylinder turbo, but it cranks out a very effective 300 HP running through a 6-speed manual transmission with All Wheel Drive. Running in B Street this year after dominating D Street last year, it looked to be the fastest car of the day with John turning a very quick 49.393 in the first heat.

Fortunately, the honor of the All American V8 was upheld by one of Salina Region's earlier members (who rejoined at last year's Octoberfest), Opie Viets, who made the long trek from his farm in the far southeast corner of Kansas, starting at 3:30am.

Driving the oldest car in the event, a 51-year-old 1973 CAMARO Z28! Opie started out with a DNF, followed by 50.160, 49.892, **FTD of 48.870**, a spin trying for more, and a clean 48.918 for his final run! He also was Top PAX! Just WOW! Is all I can say.

As for me, I just was unable to follow the course due to my increasing senility and ADD and so forth. But my little electric station wagon was amusing with the tires protesting the lack of gasoline explosive power. The electric power instrumentation showed that my recent street driving in Salina achieved an extremely efficient 6 miles per Kilowatt Hour. But the Autocross full accelerator/full brakes/full accelerator/repeat routine drew that down to 1.2 miles per KWH! A new low in my five months of ownership. The Guess-O-Meter remaining range dropped 50 miles over those six runs!

The Chevy Bolt is an extremely handy daily driver, and extremely economical as a used car, which normally runs 5 miles per KWH – only about 2½ cents per mile. And the only scheduled maintenance for the first 150,000 miles is the Cabin Air Filter every 25k, windshield washer fluid and take care of the tires!

Next time I'll be back in my 350Z running F Street! Happy Trails!

—Abner

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

National membership includes a "local" region of your choice. This becomes your Region of Record. Normally your RoR is the area in which you live, but it doesn't have to be. We have members who live in other Regions' territories, and some of those regions have members who live in our territory.

You may also join as many other regions as you like, paying their local dues for the purpose of winning local championship points and participating in their programs. These are "Associate" or "Dual Region" memberships. Salina Region's Associate Members are fully-vested members eligible for all our championships, voting rights, region offices and other member benefits. "Associate" membership only means region-of-record is elsewhere.

You must be a member to enter SCCA events. There are several different types of membership available, including Regular, Family, First Gear (under 25) and Military, plus short-term Trial (free) and Weekend (\$15) Memberships. Questions? Call Salina Region membership chair Rocky Entriiken at 785-827-5143 or e-mail rocky@spitfire4.com.

••• Associate memberships •••

- Associate Memberships in Salina Region expire concurrent with National and Region-of-Record memberships. Any 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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