

The Write Line

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Abner Perney, FS Nissan 350Z, (Rocky Entriken Photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

Regional Executive Views

One thing I can say is that seat time is everything. After “only” four years of autocrossing I can finally feel things coming together, pushing the limits of my vehicle and myself to get the fastest time I can get. Haven't changed much on the car, just trying the driver mod this year.

Finished up a great doubleheader weekend in April. It's something that may be a little more of a normal for the Salina Region with full weekend events. We're doing it again in September, and of course our Divisional in June is a two-day affair. Both Kansas City and Wichita Regions are doing much of their schedule as two-day events. Gives everyone a better chance of making it out one day or even both.

I would like to thank everyone who helped and attended April's event. With not hosting the Evolution school, we were able to have the whole site, which made for some fun and creative courses.

Now let's talk about business. Actually it's more on the lines of technology. We are currently on the lookout for an individual that can make their way through a webpage and become our new webmaster. I'm not just talking about clicking and scrolling through, nor about redesigning anything. Just keeping links updated on our website as well as info. If you or if you know anyone that might be capable and interested please contact me or a board member. It's typically just a few times a month the website needs updated – mostly posting each month's newsletter and event results/points.

Do you have your calendar booked for Saturday May 11? That is our next event, which is our Charity Event for the Great Bend SRCA Drag Strip. Our usual Solo event will accompany a car show and our very own Artt Mann will be providing BBQ. Let's bring the car community together and show some support in many ways for an organization that currently is without a site.

Speaking of events, Salina is hosting a MiDiv Championship round in June. If you have not been to the Solo Nationals, a MiDiv is an intro to what a Nationals event is like. Two days of competition, two different courses, each day is a separate Divisional Championship points event, but trophies are based on two-day times. And yes, it is also a region points event – just a regular autocross, but with more friends.

Registration is up and live for both events if you haven't registered please do so we can plan accordingly.

Actually, June has two events on the calendar. June 15 (Saturday before Father's Day) is a Mirror Khana – the course is those yellow boxes you see painted on the concrete. No clocks! Two drivers head to head (but not side by side – a full loop course back to your own startline while the other guy's start is halfway around).

In closing, I would like to say that I have seen many new faces at the events lately. That is an awesome feeling to have our Region grow. Remember to bring a friend or nicely talk about having anyone come out and experience what we experience. It's fun and cheap, well cheap for some, to get into our sport.

Thank you all for reading. See you all in May and Happy Mother's Day if I don't see you.

—Andlee, RE Salina Region

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.

► Next Event ◀

SRCA Charity Autocross - May 11 (Sat.)

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

May 16

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

<u>Event</u>	<u>Chair</u>
May 11 – Solo #4 (Saturday) *SRCA Charity Event*	Aaron Loggan
Jun 1-2 – Solo #5 & 6 – Divisional Championship	Theresa Walton/Dennis Smith
Jun 15 – Solo #7 (Saturday) – Mirror Khana XLII	Dennis Smith
Sunflower Showdown schedule TBD. Check salinascca.com for updates	
Aug 11 – Solo #9 – Sunflower Showdown @ Salina	Chandler Brown
Sep 7-8 – Solo #10 & #11	Phelan Gagnon/Mason Libby
Oct 13– Solo #12 – Octoberfast 35	Salina Region Board
Nov 3 – Solo #13	Aaron Loggan

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)

Andlee called meeting to order on April 26 via Zoom at 7:15 p.m. Present were board members Sharon Brillhart, Chandler Brown, Rocky Entriken, Phelan Gagnon, Mason Libby, Aaron Loggan, Kale Morris, Monte Rans, Dennis Smith, Nancy Smith, and guests Joanna Bejar, Mark and Theresa Walton.

Sharon moved to approve the March minutes. Dennis seconded. Passed.

Sharon presented the Treasurer's report. Chandler moved to approve. Mason seconded. Passed.

Old Business – Timing link on website (Chandler), and Theresa fixed live timing formatting. Plan to print a couple of QR codes to post on trailer.

Website – Andlee and Chandler have logins. Jason Rash still maintaining at this point.

Cord for second monitor worked well. Looking into longer cord for printer. Dennis will check if he has one.

Event chairs set for upcoming events.

Solo safety training. Andlee will forward emails when training is available.

New Business – May event details (Great Bend track fundraiser). Grid will be further south than usual to allow room for car show. Course may extend to far south end. Car show entrants and spectators need to sign waiver and get wristband. Andlee plans to purchase caution tape to partition off hot areas. Full Time trailer and safety assignments to help manage potential crowds. Rocky will print additional waivers and membership forms for spectators.

Legal car classification - Table until next month.

Open Forum – Need some training manuals/videos/instruction guides. Work in progress.

Trailer is nearing the end of it's life. Need to be seriously considering replacement.

Currently two Sunflower Solo Showdowns scheduled. Wichita is currently scheduled for July 7, and looking to change to June 23, so that Kansas Region can have event on July 7 in Independence, KS. Salina has not been contacted. Table for future meeting.

Next meeting tentatively May 16th.

Motion to adjourn 8:53 p.m.

Charity Event and Car Show For The Great Bend SRCA Drag Strip Presented by Salina SCCA



Saturday May 11th
SALINA, KS "OLD AIRPORT"
BERKLEY FAMILY REC AREA
Site opens 8am



THROWBACK FLYER

SALINA RACEWAY
(The Strip With A Grip)
American Hot Rod Association Sanctioned

DRAG RACE MAY 11th
1969

Old Municipal Airport

- PRIZE MONEY — For Eliminators
- TROPHIES — All Classes

Gates Open 9 A.M. Chronok Dual Lane
Pit Gate Closes 1 P.M. Timer
Eliminations Start 2 P.M. Over 13,000 Sq. Ft.
Paved Pit Area

General Admission \$1.00
Children (under 12) FREE

Sponsored by Breakfast Outburst Club and
Fugata Car Club.



LET'S BRING THE CAR COMMUNITY TOGETHER

CAR SHOW IS FREE. AUTOCROSS GRID AND HOT ZONES NEED TO SIGN A WAIVER AT THE TRAILER.

Chilly Willy

It was an overcast day in the 40s as our new Assistant RE, Mason Libby,, with help from Andlee Phengphachanh, began setting up his first autocross course design. He gave us a challenging layout where only a tiny bit of overdriving would kill a run, or a cone, or several. The cone count on the day: 77.

With an entry of 22 cars, it was decided to split the day, the two heats taking as set of morning runs, then coming back in the afternoon for more, in hopes giving everyone some runs after the day warmed up would help. "Afternoon" meant just barely after noon when the second set began. But it was chill enough in the morning the intended three runs became four, then four more in the second set. It never really did warm up much, but most drivers still improved. Only four found their best times in the morning set.

Sharon Brillhart in ESL managed a sweep of all the honors with a 49.409 on her eighth run, good for FTD, Fast Lady and Top PAX. Theresa Walton's 49.607 meant two distaff drivers beat all the guys in both FTD and PAX. Fastest male, Mark Walton, the only other driver below 50 sec.

Less than one second separated the top two in four classes. In CAMC Steve Schrag needed all eight runs to squeak by Matthew Kuffel by 0.079 sec. That ES duel between Mr. and Mrs. Walton left only a margin of 0.119 between them. AS saw Mason Libby leading until the final run when Phelan Gagnon threw down a winner by 0.587 sec. And in HS Dennis Smith in his new 2013 Mini Cooper(!) outran Doug Gill by 0.920 sec.



Sunday saw another chilly sunrise but the overcast was gone and the sunny day soon warmed up to shirtsleeve weather in the 60s. Mason Libby created a new and longer course on the day, equally challenging with a clever X-shaped crossover slalom that crossed itself with one leg leading into the turnaround and the other part taking drivers out of it. One cone figured into both slaloms. Everyone got six runs. Only 45 orange aliens met doom.

This was supposed to be our Evolution School weekend, but lack of entries caused it to be cancelled.

Samuel Krauss brought his Toyota GR up from Oklahoma City to dominate the day, winning BS, FTD and Top PAX with a 56.143 time on his final run. Only four other drivers got below 60 sec and they were all in the 59s.

One of those was the Waltons again, going 1-2 in ES, Theresa ahead of Mark, separated by just 0.531 sec. AS gave us the Gagnon/Libby duel again, Phelan winning by 0.986 sec.

After Krauss, the next three in the PAX rankings were the same top three from Saturday, with Sharon Brillhart once again taking Fast Lady by a margin of just 0.176 sec.

-- Chilly Willy • PAX Rankings --

Driver	Class	Best	Index	PAX
Brillhart, Sharon	ESL	49.409	*0.792	39.131
Walton, Theresa	ES	49.607	*0.792	39.288
Walton, Mark	ES	49.726	*0.792	39.383
Entriken, Rocky	ES	51.864	*0.792	41.076
Smith, Dennis E.	HS	52.670	*0.786	41.398
Gagnon, Phelan	AS	50.409	*0.824	41.537
Brown, Chandler	STX	51.199	*0.819	41.932
Libby, Mason	AS	50.996	*0.824	42.020
Gill, Doug	HS	53.590	*0.786	42.121
Swanson, Lucas	CS	51.874	*0.813	42.173
Brillhart, Henry	ES	53.805	*0.792	42.613
Smith, Nancy	HSL	54.507	*0.786	42.842
Schrag, Steve	CAMC	52.128	*0.826	43.057
Kuffel, Matthew	CAMC	52.202	*0.826	43.118
Gill, Lori	HS	57.149	*0.786	44.919
Valenzuela, Drake	STX	55.032	*0.819	45.071
Presnell, Tracy	STS	55.243	*0.816	45.078
Perney, R Abner	FS	55.459	*0.814	45.143
McNett, Logan	CAMS	53.484	*0.848	45.354
Savage, Colton	DS	59.470	*0.810	48.170
Presnell, Darla	DSL	60.582	*0.810	49.071
Leazer, Geoff	AS	DNF	*0.824	DNF

-- School's Out • PAX Rankings --

Driver	Class	Best	Index	PAX
Krauss, Samuel	BS	56.134	*0.818	45.917
Brillhart, Sharon	ESL	59.277	*0.792	46.947
Walton, Theresa	ES	59.453	*0.792	47.086
Walton, Mark	ES	59.984	*0.792	47.507
Herrick, Don	HS	61.677	*0.786	48.478
Brown, Chandler	STX	60.005	*0.819	49.144
Phengphachanh, Andlee	STU	59.160	*0.833	49.280
Smith, Dennis E.	HS	63.159	*0.786	49.643
Gagnon, Phelan	AS	60.318	*0.824	49.702
Entriken, Rocky	ES	63.168	*0.792	50.029
Rash, Jason	ES	63.707	*0.792	50.455
Schrag, Steve	CAMC	61.092	*0.826	50.462
Libby, Mason	AS	61.304	*0.824	50.514
Smith, Nancy	HSL	64.599	*0.786	50.774
Gibbs, Ethan	CAMC	62.337	*0.826	51.490
Kuffel, Matthew	CAMC	62.578	*0.826	51.689
Hill, Roger	AS	62.767	*0.824	51.720
Brillhart, Henry	ES	65.741	*0.792	52.066
Loggan, Aaron	CAMC	63.304	*0.826	52.289
Hall, Lawson	STS	64.577	*0.816	52.694
Phillips, Eric	XB	62.129	*0.849	52.747
Bejar, Joanna	STX	65.135	*0.819	53.345
Perney, Adam	FS	65.852	*0.814	53.603
Perney, R Abner	FS	67.395	*0.814	54.859
Leazer, Geoff	AS	67.448	*0.824	55.577
Nicholson, Rick	CAMC	68.671	*0.826	56.722
Ewing, Conor	DS	72.366	*0.810	58.616

SALINA REGION SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP • 2024

• SALINA REGION MEMBER Points after School's Out * QUALIFIED FOR AWARDS (MIN. 4 LOCAL EVENTS)

AS	Phelan Gagnon•	36
	Mason Libby•	27
	Geoff Leazer	20
	Roger Hill	7
BS	Samuel Krauss	12
	John LaRondeau•	12
BSL	Ann LaRondeau•	12
CS	Chandler Brown•	12
	Lucas Swanson	12
DS	Conor Ewing	12
	Ashton King•	12
	Colton Savage	12
DSL	Darla Presnell•	24
ES	Rocky Entriken•	26
	Theresa Walton•	24
	Henry Brillhart•	20
	Mark Walton•	18

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.

	Jason Rash	6	Anish Srivastava•	7	Ethan Gibbs	18		
ESL	Sharon Brillhart•	35	HSL	Nancy Smith•	24	Matthew Kuffel	16	
FS	R.Abner Perney	21	SSC	James Green	12	Rick Nicholson•	10	
	David Disberger	12	SSCL	Marcia Haynes	12	Andrew Harris	7	
	Adam Perney	12	STU	Andlee Phengphachanh•	24	Chase Kaiser•	6	
GS	Phillip Meredith•	12	STX	Chandler Brown•	24	Aaron Loggan•	6	
	Collin Meredith•	9		Joanna Bejar•	9	CAM-T	Opie Viets•	12
	Don Herrick•	24		Drake Valenzuela•	9	Nicholas Bacon	9	
	Dennis Smith•	21	STS	Tracy Presnell•	24	XB	Will Fulkerson•	12
	Doug Gill	9		Lawson Hall	12		Eric Phillips	12
	R. Abner Perney•	9	CAM-S	Logan McNett	12			
	Lori Gill	7	CAM-C	Steve Schrag	36			

Wild	Chandler Brown•	36
	R.Abner Perney•	30
†	Has run required 3 classes	

♦ PAX - Top 10 ♦

ESL	Sharon Brillhart•	294
AS	Phelan Gagnon•	281
ES	Rocky Entriken	277
CS/STX	Chandler Brown	275
AS	Mason Libby•	274
CAMC	Steve Schrag	264
ES	Henry Brillhart	254
HS/FS	R.Abner Perney	237
AS	Geoff Leazer	229
ES	Theresa Walton	197

Chilly Willy



Salina Region SCCA ~ April 20, 2024 ~ Berkley Family Recreational Area, Salina

Class	Driver	Mem.	Car	Make	AM				PM				Total
					Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6	Run 7	Run 8	
AS	•Gagnon, Phelan	6	2013	Corvette	D.N.F.	54.112	52.467+1	52.680	54.847	52.590	52.187	50.409	50.409
AS	•Libby, Mason	62	2008	Saturn Sky Redline	56.599	52.828	51.656	51.293	53.397+1	51.702	50.996	51.037	50.996
AS	•Leazer, Geoff	26	2008	Saturn Sky Redline	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.
CS	•Swanson, Lucas	88	2005	Honda S2000	54.516+1	55.057+2	D.N.F.	53.000	53.154	51.314+1	51.109+2	51.874	51.874
DS	•Savage, Colton	42	2013	Scion FR-S	66.114	61.655	61.554+1	60.539+1	62.125	59.470	60.707	58.118+1	59.470
DSL	•Presnell, Darla	33		BMW 330i	69.884	66.315	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	64.263	60.712	60.582	60.723	60.582
ES	•Walton, Theresa	199	1999	Mazda Miata	51.664+1	50.687+2	49.404+1	49.791+2	52.609+2	D.N.F.	49.607	51.570+2	49.607
ES	•Walton, Mark	99	1999	Mazda Miata	54.443	51.547	50.667	49.726	50.149+1	52.342+1	51.171	50.191	49.726
ES	•Entriiken, Rocky	4	2000	Mazda Miata	53.441	52.891	52.137+1	51.864	50.993+1	D.N.F.	54.857	53.395	51.864
ES	•Brillhart, Henry	48	1999	Mazda Miata	56.797	54.736+1	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	55.159+1	D.N.F.	53.805	54.046+1	53.805
ESL	•Brillhart, Sharon	28	2003	Toyota MR2	54.032	51.359	50.687+1	51.738	53.857+1	50.288	50.306	49.409	49.409 ALL
FS	•Perney, R Abner	5	2005	Nissan 350Z	D.N.F.	56.460	55.712+1	55.459	D.N.F.	57.123+1	57.266	55.663	55.459
HS	•Smith, Dennis E.	7	2013	Mini Cooper	57.856	55.510	55.586+1	54.331	54.801+1	52.670	53.466	52.710	52.670
HS	•Gill, Doug	96	2006	Honda Civic Si	58.639	56.068+1	55.124	D.N.F.	56.057	55.100	54.372	53.590	53.590
HS	•Gill, Lori	196	2006	Honda Civic Si	59.668	D.N.F.	59.043+3	57.729	56.999+1	57.753+2	57.501+2	57.147	57.147
HSL	•Smith, Nancy	7	2013	Mini Cooper	55.618+2	56.156	54.613	66.100	56.286	54.507	55.261	55.855+1	54.507
STX	•Brown, Chandler	19	1998	BMW M Roadster	53.304	D.N.F.	52.742	52.095	52.614	D.N.F.	51.199	50.177+1	51.199
STX	•Valenzuela, Drake	120	2013	Scion FR-S	71.734	57.342+1	58.937+2	53.813+3	53.664+4	56.657+3	68.753	53.032+1	55.032
STS	•Presnell, Tracy	28	1999	BMW Z3 Roadster	57.568+3	56.519+1	55.719+1	55.324+5	55.876+1	55.243	55.724	55.682	55.243
CAMS	•McNett, Logan	2	2002	Corvette Z06	59.596	54.535	55.707+1	53.992+1	54.684	54.116+1	55.722	53.484	53.484
CAMC	•Schrag, Steve	44	2008	Mustang	55.166	54.011	53.125	52.662	52.390	52.259	52.179	52.128	52.128
CAMC	•Kuffel, Matthew	30	2015	Mustang GT	56.464+1	52.202	D.N.F.	54.037+1	54.954	53.048	52.873+1	54.072	52.202

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



Salina Region SCCA ~ April 21, 2024 ~ Berkley Family Recreational Area, Salina

Class	Driver	No.	Car	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6	Best	
											Best
AS	•Gagnon, Phelan	6	2013	Corvette	65.243	62.332	60.354	61.492	61.065	60.318	60.318
AS	•Libby, Mason	62	2008	Saturn Sky Redline	63.353	61.380	62.013	61.304	61.692	61.775	61.304
AS	•Hill, Roger	113	2008	Saturn Sky Redline	104.394+2	65.011+1	D.N.F.	62.767	D.N.F.	60.281+3	62.767
AS	•Leazer, Geoff	26	2008	Saturn Sky Redline	76.051	70.862	68.968	66.762+1	68.671	67.448	67.448
BS	•Krauss, Samuel	67	2024	Toyota GR	57.188	57.843+1	56.551+1	56.828	55.664+2	56.134	56.134 FTD/PAX
DS	•Ewing, Conor	6	2013	Subaru BRZ	88.396	78.177	78.070	75.072	68.366+2	79.772+4	72.366
ES	•Walton, Theresa	199	1999	Mazda Miata	62.015	61.301	59.554+1	60.184	D.N.F.	59.453	59.453
ES	•Walton, Mark	99	1999	Mazda Miata	D.N.F.	60.048	D.N.F.	59.814+1	59.984	D.N.S.	59.984
ES	•Entriiken, Rocky	4	2000	Mazda Miata	65.589+2	68.352+2	67.168+1	64.015	63.851	63.168	63.168
ES	•Rash, Jason	13	2000	Mazda Miata	67.850	65.273	63.707	64.442	66.687	64.114	63.707
ES	•Brillhart, Henry	48	1999	Mazda Miata	67.055	D.N.F.	67.818	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	65.741	65.741
ESL	•Brillhart, Sharon	28	2003	Toyota MR2	63.175	61.906	61.091	60.454	60.186	59.277	59.277 FL
FS	•Perney, Adam	15	2005	Nissan 350Z	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	65.852	65.852
FS	•Perney, R Abner	5	2005	Nissan 350Z	67.877	67.046+1	67.665	67.395	65.856+1	66.278+1	67.395
HS	•Herrick, Don	8	2015	Ford Fiesta ST	65.573	D.N.F.	63.218	61.924	62.033	61.677	61.677
HS	•Smith, Dennis E.	7	2013	Mini Cooper	66.833+1	65.615	66.054+1	64.328+1	63.801	63.159	63.159
HSL	•Smith, Nancy	7	2013	Mini Cooper	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	67.243	D.N.F.	65.326	64.599	64.599
STU	•Phenghachanh, Andlee	23	1988	Toyota Celica AllTrac	61.596	60.363	D.N.F.	59.804	59.160	58.428+1	59.160
STX	•Brown, Chandler	19	1998	BMW M Roadster	61.590+2	62.126	62.040	D.N.F.	60.229	60.005	60.005
STX	•Bejar, Joanna	67	2013	Scion FR-S	D.N.F.	68.283	67.388	72.184+1	66.574+1	65.135	65.135
STS	•Hall, Lawson	192	1992	Mazda Miata	71.721	67.108	70.662	66.402	69.546	64.577	64.577
CAMC	•Schrag, Steve	44	2008	Mustang	64.947+1	63.283	D.N.F.	61.871	61.516	61.092	61.092
CAMC	•Gibbs, Ethan	12	2005	Mustang GT	71.422	D.N.F.	64.340	62.847	62.337	63.052	62.337
CAMC	•Kuffel, Matthew	30	2015	Mustang GT	71.560+2	63.481	D.N.F.	61.831+2	62.048+1	62.578	62.578
CAMC	•Loggan, Aaron	55	2009	Cadillac STS	63.885	64.606+1	63.535+1	64.839	63.469	63.304	63.304
CAMC	•Nicholson, Rick	26	2001	Mustang GT Bullitt	79.539+1	74.756	71.334	69.461	68.671	78.634+1	68.671
XB	•Phillips, Eric	21	2013	Volkswagen Golf R	D.N.F.	65.388	66.031	63.363	D.N.F.	62.129	62.129

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



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 28.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
- May 4.....‡P.Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
- May 5.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
- May 18.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
-NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
-Oklahoma @ Burns Flat OK
- May 19.....Kansas 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 8.....Kansas @ Stormont Vail Events Center, Topeka KS
-P.Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
- Jun 9.....Kansas @ Stormont Vail Events Center, Topeka KS
-Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

Jun 8-9.....Solo National Tour @ Burns Flat, OK

- Jun 22.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
- Jun 23.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
- Jun 29.....‡ Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
- Jun 30.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
-Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
-Oklahoma @ Remington Park, Oklahoma City OK
- Jul 6.....Kansas @ Stormont Vail Events Center, Topeka KS
- Jul 7.....*Kansas @ Stormont Vail Events Center, Topeka KS
- Jul 13.....‡ Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
- Jul 14.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
- Jul 20.....‡ NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
- Jul 21.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
- Jul 27.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
- Jul 28.....Kansas 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
- Aug 18.....§ Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
-Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
-Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
-NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
- Aug 24.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
- Aug 25.....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

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mitchell & Karen Bell, Hutchinson, have been running a CAM·T Camaro.

Curt Goodwin, Lindsborg, a professor in McPherson College's automotive restoration program.

Drake Valenzuela, McPherson, is a student at McPherson College from Northridge, CA, also in the auto restoration program, He has a Scion FR-S in STX.

- 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

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- 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

- 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

Autocross like a champ in Street Touring classes

By Reece White, *scca.com*

Let's get this out of the way from the beginning: Street category classes in SCCA Autocross are some of the most competitive, fun, and easiest classes to get into. Also, in an odd way, they're some of the most challenging to get right. But (and there's always a "but") when it comes to bolt-on performance, most racers can't help themselves. Rare is the competitor who has the discipline to leave their car alone – and that's where the Street Touring category comes in.

One of the most popular categories in SCCA's Solo program, Street Touring lives in that fantastic space that allows some modifications, without the need or the budget to get in too deep. Many of the allowed modifications in the Street Touring category come in the suspension, which, of course, makes a dramatic improvement in the ability to get around an autocross course.

There are tricks to this trade, and some people are especially dialed in to, er, dialing in their autocross cars. As such – and not surprisingly – suspension tuning is largely why Jonathan Lugod has been able to snag six National Championship jackets at the Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Championships. What are the secrets to success of handling Street Touring? We asked him.

Getting 95% of the Way There

It's no coincidence that, as the owner of Shaftworks USA and a longtime autocrosser, Lugod is exceptionally good at suspension tuning *and* driving. That combination has led to SCCA National Championship titles in Street Touring Roadster (2012 and '18) and Street Touring Xtreme (2017), before he made the trek to the Street Prepared categories for Solo Nats wins in 2021, '22 and '23.

"For me, [Street Touring is] about being allowed to modify the car to both improve its performance as well as aesthetics," Lugod said. "It's a bit of an introduction to a builder's class. While it's easy to get the right parts and play, there's a mental aspect of being able to sort and adjust the car for the given conditions in order to have a favorable result. Pointy-end competitors will do a fair amount of testing and tuning to get their setups to be as ideal as possible for given conditions. I personally feel my victories came from being well prepared before and during the event."

That preparation comes from experience and knowledge. While there is some fine tuning that will have to be done, it starts with the basics.

"Street Touring can be as simple or complex as one thinks it should be," Lugod said. "For me, the key components to doing well are shocks and struts properly suited for our sport. [You'll want] as wide a wheel and tire package allowed for the class, adjustable swaybars, and camber allowances to make use of the tires. Those are the key components people should focus on to get 95% there."

Fine Tuning the Grip

Within those basics, there are some simple tips for those new to making adjustments.

Shocks handle bumps and transient behavior. If the issue is with mid-corner balance and low-speed grip, turn your attention

to the swaybars. All of that works in concert with alignment, rake, and tire pressures to fine tune the grip.

"There isn't a 'best' setup, but there certainly can be pitfalls in a setup when one aspect of tuning is heavily utilized rather than letting each component do their job," Lugod explained. "There's a lot of mathematics involved in setting a generic baseline both in spring rate choices and shock valving. Shaftworks specializes in identifying a suitable baseline starting point for each given

application and their best use case for both track and autocross and, most recently, UTV side-by-sides. We're able to help identify those issues and provide consultation on how to proceed to get the car to handle better."

If you want to figure out the best way to get your Street Touring car to handle the way you want on

your own, start with a build. At the very least, there's a set of equipment that has worked for others that can be found either on-line or just by talking to successful competitors.

Lugod points out that, even if you use the exact same setup as the most successful Street Touring driver ever, a setup is not set in stone – you'll need to make that setup work for you. Change a suspension setting, take an autocross run, then immediately write down how the car performed. That information will be helpful and handy when it's time to make another adjustment.

"Developing a flow chart of changes helps guide you in understanding your changes and how severe [of a handling difference] the change made," Lugod says. "If you're at a test-and-tune, it's best to sweep through your adjustments and take notes. The goal is not to dial in a vehicle for the test-and-tune's fastest time, but to feel what adjustments make the car react and how far those adjustments go. For instance, if you have an adjustable rear swaybar and you find out full stiff is undrivable, you can rule out full stiff from your flow chart."

Changes like that eliminate some variables, which is the ultimate goal – especially when the opportunities to tweak a setup are few and far between during SCCA's Tire Rack National Solo event weekends.

Discover What You Don't Know

Finally, it's important to remember that you don't know what you don't know. A person who has never felt a finely tuned Street Touring car can't know what a finely tuned Street Touring car feels like. There are two ways to solve that problem – drive an established car, or have a quick driver hop into your car.

"Ride in, or perhaps drive, your competitors' vehicles whenever the opportunity presents itself," Lugod says. "Getting a feel for how a well-handling car behaves should motivate you to tweak your own setup to get towards a similar handling car. Don't be shy to put more experienced drivers in the car to help give feedback for you to take in and make changes as needed."

Setting up a Street Touring car may not be quite as easy as someone like Lugod makes it seem, but take a closer look at his advice. At its core, it comes down to one thing: Drive, then change something, then drive some more to see what happened.

At the end of the day, even if you don't become the greatest Street Touring autocrosser in history, it's still **#funwithcars**.



Jonathan Lugod's third National Championship came in an STR MX-5 in 2018.

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