

The Write Line

~ May 2020 ~



Sharon Brillhart, ESL Mazda Miata (Diane Dowell Photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

Regional Executive Views

Well, we finally got back to what we enjoy. Yes, the first event of the year for Salina and I think for the state of Kansas. We had a great turnout with 53 registered and a final total of 49 drivers (some forgot it was a Saturday event).

Thank you all for coming to our event and abiding by the rules set before us by the City. Thanks to Brian Tefft Jr. and Sr. for building the course and for the patience everyone demonstrated while waiting for the event to start. We have started our no-paper registration process which allows a driver to register online even at the event. So, from now on you will be registering online even as a walk-up, but it is still preferred that you register before the event to allow the staff to create work assignments and heat balancing.

Our next event is the Divisional Championship round scheduled for June 5-7. Because of cancellations, our Divisional will become the series opener and as soon as the details are completed it will be posted on MotorsportReg.com for registration. Here is a great time to come and compare your skills against some of the top Midwest Division drivers and experience the next level of competition.

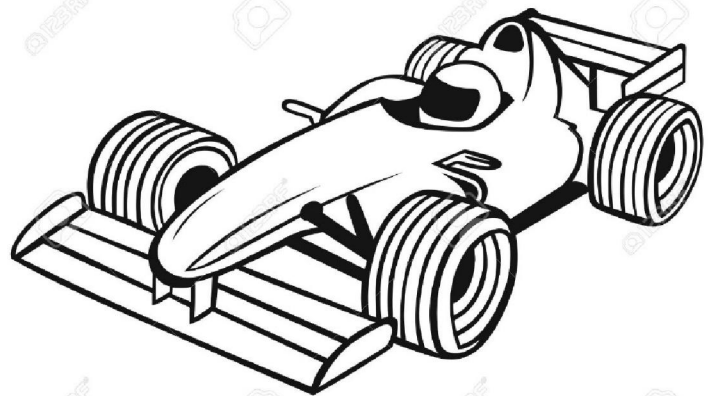
But remember, the Divisional is also a Salina Region

points event. In fact, it is two events! Each day scores points separately, and you can enter only Saturday or only Sunday if that's what your personal schedule makes available. But since it is the Divisional, bonus points in region scoring are also available.

We are looking at our schedule because of some events that have been rescheduled on top of our events so keep an eye out for any upcoming changes. Everyone is trying as much as possible to cram in a season in only half a year so conflicts will become inevitable. Salina Region is also looking at options such as doubleheader events, but nothing is yet decided.

I intend to send out emails if there are changes to the original schedule, which also will be announced here in *The Write Line*.

—Monte Rans, RE, Salina Region



► Next Events ◀

Midwest Division Solo Championship Round 1 - June 6-7

Information, pre-registration, at MotorsportReg.com

Each day is a separate event for Divisional & Regional points. Enter one day or both.

Regional Solo - June 21

On-site registration opens 8:00, closes 9:30 ~ Course open to walk by 8:30
Novice Coursewalk 9:30 ~ Driver's meeting 10:00 ~ Cars on course by 10:30

Salina Region events at East Crawford Recreation Area
Pre-register (save \$5) – use link at www.salinascca.org

Next Business Meeting

Wednesday, May 27
7 p.m.

Online Via Zoom

*This meeting open to
board members only*

Question? Contact Monte



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Salina Region Schedule ~ 2020

All at East Crawford Recreation Area unless noted otherwise
ALL DATES TENTATIVE – ESPECIALLY THIS YEAR!

Event

Chair

Jun 21 – Solo

July 19 – Sunflower Showdown Solo Series – Topeka

Aug 2 – Sunflower Showdown Solo Series – Yoder

Aug 23 – Sunflower Showdown Solo Series – Salina

Sep 13 – Solo

Oct 11 – Solo

Oct 25 – Solo, Octoberfast 31

Nov 8 – Solo

The Salina Divisional (June 6-7) and Solo Nationals (Sep. 7-11) also score in the Salina Region championship, with bonus points. Lowest four scores are thrown out.

Kansas Region

Wichita Region

Monte Rans

Powercat Motorsports

Salina Region Board

Aaron Loggan

MiDiv



SPS/R&S MiDiv Solo Series – 2020

June 6-7 — Salina (East Crawford Rec. Area)

~~June 20-21 — Neosho, Mo. (Cancelled)~~

July 18-19 – St. Charles, Mo. (Family Arena)

Aug 8-9 — Lincoln, Neb. (Lincoln Airpark)

Oct 3-4 (TENT.) Topeka (Heartland Mspts Park)

SCCA 2020 Solo Nationals ~ Sep. 7-11 ~ Lincoln, Neb.

MEETING MINUTES

(Subject to correction and approval at the next Salina Region board meeting)

The Salina Region SCCA board meeting was held at 7 p.m. April 29, 2020, by Zoom conference call with members Aaron Loggan, Artt Mann, Kale Morris, Monte Rans RE, Rocky Enriken, Abner Perney, Dennis and Nancy Smith, and Bill and Connie Preheim participating.

Per Salina Region Bylaws, Theresa Walton was appointed as treasurer for the coming year by vote of the elected board members.

Abner moved to accept the minutes from the last meeting and Artt seconded the motion. Approved. The treasurer's report was given by Monte with Rocky moving to approve and Abner seconding it. Approved.

The upcoming May 9 event was discussed with Monte reporting that a COVID-19 participant responsibility statement provided by SCCA has been posted on MotorsportReg.com. SCCA has also posted information that should be followed and that update will be posted on the Salina website.

Monte requested photos of the cars of upcoming event chairs to be used in event announcements on MotorsportReg.com.

Annual tech – Rocky moved that if a car had an annual tech in 2019 it be extended through the 2020 season. Abner seconded the motion. Passed.

The city permits for our 2020 events are in hand but were received before the Coronavirus pandemic became an issue. The City of Salina has requested our guidelines for operating within COVID-19 restrictions, which Rocky will forward to them, before approving the events.

Monte announced that Safety Stewards are now formally responsible, per SCCA, for monitoring social distancing and other coronavirus guidelines.

Nancy Smith has made cloth masks which she is donating to the club. Rocky moved that she be given a free entry to her next local event since she would not accept a monetary reimbursement. Abner seconded. Passed. Nancy has also repaired and washed the worker vests, but it was decided not to require them at upcoming events.

Loaner helmets may be used one time only. Monte suggested anyone using a loaner keep it until the event is over before returning it.

Monte will be posting more information about the events concerning personal equipment. ▶▶▶ (Continued to Page 3)

Participants will be asked to supply their own water, hand sanitizer, and helmets.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

• **George M. Walker IX**, Olathe, popped up on last month's member report. We look forward to meeting him at a future event.

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The Divisional Championship event June 6-7 was discussed with the need to plan for it so if it does occur we will be prepared. There are hotels open now to provide overnight lodging. It was decided to omit the Saturday evening meal in keeping with COVID-19 guidelines.

The date of Sept. 23 Sunflower Showdown event (formerly the R.E. Challenge) was discussed, with the SCCA Solo Spring Nationals in Lincoln, Neb., now postponed to that date. It was decided not to move our event date.

The meeting was adjourned.
Connie Preheim, Secretary.

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RE Monte Rans called a special meeting of the Salina SCCA board members to discuss the possibility of proceeding with the May 9 event.

The Zoom conference call took place at 7 p.m. May 1, 2020. Those participating were Rocky Entriken, Dennis Smith, Artt Mann, Abner Perney, Bill and Connie Preheim and Monte Rans.

It was decided that according to the guidelines set out by Gov. Laura Kelly that we could proceed with the event and use the safety precautions already set up. Rocky will forward our safety procedures to the City of Salina's City Manager in the hope that he will okay the event.

Rocky proposed having doubleheaders on the last four events of the season which would give the club about the same number of events as a normal year. Monte will review the dates. Rocky also suggested having events on June 20 or 21. Dennis will get a sanction for June 21 and Rocky will apply for a city permit.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.
Connie Preheim, Secretary

DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Most years we are almost halfway through our season when our turn to host the Midwest Division Solo Series comes up. This year, after just one event to knock the winter (and spring) rust off, it is time – June 6-7 – to welcome the rest of Midwest Division to Salina. And this time it is the series opener!

You can expect to see some of the best autocrossers in the Midwest Division and enjoy a level of competition equivalent to a National Tour. And do it in our own back yard.

It is a two-day competition and the entry fee is about the same as if you did two local events. It also scores points in the Salina Region championship just as if it was two local events but with bonus points based on your overall two-day finish.

Registration will open soon on MotorsportsReg.com.

Most veterans will say one way to improve your own driving is to go up against the best, and here is the easiest opportunity to do that. We also hope to see a good representation of Salina Region drivers, veteran and novice alike, to make our presence known to the rest of the Midwest Division. It's a once-a-year occasion.

The series is only three, maybe four, weekends this year. The round by Ozark Mountain Region in Neosho, Mo., has already been cancelled. Kansas Region's in Topeka has been tentatively rescheduled to October. St. Louis's in St. Charles, Mo. is on. Nebraska Region's in Lincoln looks good but they're going to be every busy with the rescheduled Spring Nationals two weeks later and the Solo Nationals just two weeks after that.

Ours is the first one. Let's make it a good one!



SALINA REGION SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP • 2020

• SALINA REGION MEMBER **Points following Carowner Virus** * HAS RUN THE MINIMUM 4 LOCAL EVENTS

AS	Frank Wietharn	12
BS	James Harrison	12
CS	Stephen Fudge	12
	Ryan Redenbaugh*	9
DS	Mason Lieb	12
	Clint Holmes	9
ES	Brian Tefft Jr*	12
	Brian Tefft Sr*	9
	Colton Maxwell*	7
	Devin Wright	6
	Rocky Entriken*	5
	Henry Brillhart*	4
ESL	Sharon Brillhart*	12
	Theresa Walton	9
FS	John LaRondeau*	12
	Robert Clapp*	9
	Ken Stowers	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 Oct. 1, and run at least four local events. As of Oct. 1 all non-member points are stripped.

FSL	Ann LaRondeau*	12	STR	Kale Morris*	12		Kent Edmondson	9	
GS	Ron Williams	12	STS	Mike Herrick*	12		Brett Cook	7	
HS	Russell Blume	12	STH	Tim Miller	12		Andlee Phengphachanh*	6	
	Laney Blume	9		Clinton Boling*	9		Mark Rowland	5	
	Monte Rans*	7	CAM-S	Jim French	12	XSB	Lance Cochran	12	
	Don Herrick*	6		Jim Gillett	9	CP	Albert Hermans	12	
	Julian Garfield	5	CAM-T	Jeremy Scotton	12	AM	Artt Mann*	12	
	Sarah Dean	4		Ken Kennedy*	9	JC	Paxton Cowden*	12	
	Jake Kanning	3	DSP	Jonathan Griffin	12				
SSC	Mason Herrick*	12		April Turner	9				
	Conner Herrick*	9	FSP	Abner Perney*	12				
STU	Mark Hill*	12	XSA	Daniel Rowland	12				

♦ PAX – Top 10 ♦		
STS	Mike Herrick*	100
GS	Ron Williams	99
ES	Brian Tefft Jr*	98
HS	Russell Blume	97
SSC	Mason Herrick	96
HS	Laney Blume	95
STU	Mark Hill*	94
ES	Brian Tefft Sr*	93
AS	Frank Wietharn	92
SSC	Conner Herrick	91

* NOTE: Divisional is not counted as a "local" event. All Showdown events are.

Carowner Virus

What's the difference between Coronavirus and Carowner virus? One's an affliction and the other's an addiction. There's no known cure for either one.

And so, after two months of cancellations across the motorsports calendar affecting everything from Formula One to local grassroots events. Salina Region received permission to put on an event. It's the first autocross this year in Kansas and we believe the first in the entire Midwest Division. Nationwide, a few had been held in southern and western states that run year-'round before the nationwide shutdown occurred.

Locally, the Coronavirus pandemic cost Salina Region its first three scheduled events including our annual Evolution Schools. But with Gov. Laura Kelly's three-phase plan to reopen Kansas and the assent of the City of Salina in concert with the Saline County Health Department, we received permission to hold our May 9 pre-Mother's Day autocross.

Permission came with some trepidation. "After considerable discussions and deliberations, we have concluded that while it is not necessarily recommended or preferred at this time, we do not have sufficient authority to deny your request," wrote Salina City Manager Mike Schrage, who attached several stipulations to his e-mail.

Actually, we knew we were stepping into a spotlight, and Schrage's stipulations mostly matched plans we'd intended anyway. Social distancing would be paramount. We strongly recommended participants wear masks and we provided nitrile gloves to be required for course workers and anyone handling club gear. Signs posted at registration emphasized the need to practice social distancing.



Chris Cotton, the Parks & Rec director, may or may not have known he was preaching to the choir when he told us, "I can't stress enough that you need to be on point with your social distancing and mass gathering limitation. I am turning away activities left and right so I am certain there will be high scrutiny of your event by the public."

Predictably, we learned Monday after the event, some citizen decided to bug a city commissioner about it, which led Cotton to come out and see. What he saw were a few examples of people closer than six feet, but he also saw them masked. It was not enough he felt the need to come speak to anyone on the site.

Brian Tefft drew a challenging course with a couple of big sweepers, an element seldom seen at our ECRA site, and which began and ended with fast slaloms. Tefft decreed six runs, and some of us needed all six to find a good time. Times ran mostly on the low- to mid-50s for most drivers. Only 13 of the 49 entrants managed runs in the high 40s, topped by Mike Herrick's 46.384 to win STS, FTD and Top PAX. Only two other drivers broke 48 sec – STU winner Mark Hill who was quickest of the Heat 1 drivers at 46.980, and Herrick's son Mason who found 47.889 on his final run to win the SSC class.

The yearning to get back among the cones drew entrants from five states, the long-distance award going to Tim Miller from Sioux Falls, S.D., coming six hours to win STH. We also had Nebraska. Oklahoma and Missouri in addition to Kansas – but not Colorado, specifically dis-invited because of State of Kansas quarantine requirements (but then Colorado participants are rare here anyway).

The largest class, HS with seven cars, was also one of the two closest in a his & hers duel between the Blumes, Russell ahead of Laney by just 0.880 sec.

ES fielded six cars but that, too, ended up a family matter – Brian Tefft Jr. winning over Brian Tefft Sr. The new Xtreme Street category attracted five cars in XSA, with Dan Rowland's BMW 328is coming out on top. The one XSB was Lance Cochran's pretty new Lotus Elise.

The closest contest of the day was between the two drivers in a CS Porsche Boxster, who both started out with three DNFs. On their final tries Stephen Fudge clipped Ryan Redenbaugh by just 0.040 sec.

Sharon Brillhart claimed the Fast Lady award, winning ESL driving two different cars and posting times that outran every ES driver not named Tefft. She did her first two in her own silver Miata, but jumped into husband Hank's yellow MR2 for her last four to finish with a 52.2.

~~~ Carowner Virus • PAX Rankings ~~~

Driver	Class	Time	Index	PAX
Mike Herrick	STS	46.384	*0.812	37.663
Ron Williams	GS	48.095	*0.792	38.091
Brian Tefft Jr	ES	48.129	*0.793	38.166
Russell Blume	HS	48.973	*0.780	38.198
Mason Herrick	SSC	47.889	*0.798	38.215
Laney Blume	HS	49.853	*0.780	38.885
Mark Hill	STU	46.980	*0.828	38.899
Brian Tefft Sr	ES	49.512	*0.793	39.263
Frank Wietharn	AS	48.159	*0.819	39.442
Conner Herrick	SSC	49.458	*0.798	39.467
Tim Miller	STH	48.645	*0.813	39.548
James Harrison	BS	48.822	*0.814	39.741
Monte Rans	HS	51.718	*0.780	40.340
John LaRandeau	FS	50.982	*0.804	40.989
Don Herrick	HS	52.553	*0.780	40.991
Albert Hermans	CP	48.337	*0.851	41.134
Sharon Brillhart	ESL	52.265	*0.793	41.446
Colton Maxwell	ES	52.595	*0.793	41.707
Jeremy Scotton	CAMT	51.070	*0.817	41.724
Julian Garfield	HS	53.956	*0.780	42.085
Jonathan Griffith	DSP	50.027	*0.842	42.122
Devin Wright	ES	53.208	*0.793	42.193
Kale Morris	STR	51.391	*0.827	42.500
Rocky Entriken	ES	53.648	*0.793	42.542
Daniel Rowland	XSA	50.463	*0.844	42.590
Henry Brillhart	ES	53.776	*0.793	42.644
Stephen Fudge	CS	52.834	*0.809	42.742
Ryan Redenbaugh	CS	52.874	*0.809	42.775
Robert Clapp	FS	53.317	*0.804	42.866
Ann LaRandeau	FSL	53.463	*0.804	42.984
April Turner	DSP	51.687	*0.842	43.520
Ken Stowers	FS	54.188	*0.804	43.567
Kent Edmondson	XSA	51.742	*0.844	43.670
Jim French	CAMS	52.461	*0.833	43.700
Theresa Walton	ESL	55.449	*0.793	43.971
Brett Cook	XSA	54.193	*0.844	45.738
Mason Lieb	DS	56.901	*0.806	45.862
R. Abner Perney	FSP	56.485	*0.823	46.487
Clint Holmes	DS	58.405	*0.806	47.074
Lance Cochran	XSB	54.917	*0.864	47.448
Clinton Boling	STH	58.732	*0.813	47.749
Sarah Dean	HS	62.184	*0.780	48.503
Andlee Phengphachanh	XSA	57.952	*0.844	48.911
Mark Rowland	XSA	59.049	*0.844	49.837
Jake Kanning	HS	64.071	*0.780	49.975
Paxton Cowden	JC	77.834	*0.718	55.884
Artt Mann	AM	60.829	*1.000	60.829
Jim Gillett	CAMS	D.N.F	*0.833	—
Ken Kennedy	CAMT	D.N.F	*0.817	—

CarOwner Virus

Salina Region SCCA ~ May 9, 2020 ~ East Crawford Recreation Area, Salina

Class	Driver	No.	Car	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6	Best	
AS	• Frank Wietharn	63	Corvette Z06	50.907	49.528	48.533	47.971+1	48.159	48.902	48.159	
BS	• James Harrison	72	Porsche Cayman S	53.927	50.089	49.505	49.787+1	49.282	48.822	48.822	
CS	• Stephen Fudge	71	Porsche Boxster	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	53.516	51.938+1	52.834	52.834	
CS	Ryan Redenbaugh	7	Porsche Boxster	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	57.980	53.380+1	52.874	52.874	
DS	• Mason Lieb	4	Mini Cooper S	60.300	58.635	58.103	57.674	56.901	57.270	56.901	
DS	Clint Holmes	17	Camaro	62.809	61.707	60.283	59.923	58.405	58.942	58.405	
ES	• Brian Tefft Jr	191	Toyota MR2 Spyder	D.N.F.	48.107+3	48.240+1	48.577+1	48.129	48.206	48.129	
ES	• Brian Tefft Sr	91	Toyota MR2 Spyder	D.N.F.	50.860	50.758	55.842	49.953+2	49.512	49.512	
ES	Colton Maxwell	42	Mazda Miata	54.026	53.635+1	52.938+1	52.595	53.036	D.N.F.	52.595	
ES	Devin Wright	142	Mazda Miata	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	56.038	53.208	55.124	54.846	53.208	
ES	Rocky Entriiken	4	Mazda Miata	56.405	60.242	54.334+4	54.593	54.705	53.648	53.648	
ES	Henry Brillhart	48	Toyota MR2	56.336+1	53.897+2	55.033+1	55.980+2	53.776	52.999+1	53.776	
ESL	• Sharon Brillhart	28	Maz.Miata/Toy.MR2	53.723	53.389	53.040	52.265	52.394	D.N.F.	52.265	FL
ESL	Theresa Walton	66	Mazda Miata	57.646	55.449	57.043+1	56.182+1	54.305+1	54.356+1	55.449	
FS	• John LaRandeau	92	Mustang GT	51.485	50.982	51.491	51.574	51.074	51.291	50.982	
FS	Robert Clapp	35	BMW 335i	54.689+2	53.317	53.654	53.588	55.417	54.864	53.317	
FS	Ken Stowers	8	Mustang	55.202	55.902	54.365	54.188	53.597+1	54.503	54.188	
FSL	• Ann LaRandeau	92	Mustang GT	59.152	56.640	55.340	54.851	53.463	D.N.F.	53.463	
GS	• Ron Williams	97	Honda Civic Si	48.262+2	48.095	47.380+2	47.714+1	47.919+1	D.N.F.	48.095	
HS	• Russell Blume	97	Honda Civic S	50.393+1	49.816+1	49.999+1	D.N.F.	48.973	49.022+1	48.973	
HS	• Laney Blume	197	Honda Civic S	51.033+4	49.796+2	66.502+3	49.873	49.853	49.368+1	49.853	
HS	• Monte Rans	52	Mini Cooper	52.620	D.N.F.	54.018	D.N.F.	51.415+1	51.718	51.718	
HS	Don Herrick	8	Ford Fiesta ST	55.507	D.N.F.	52.446+3	53.359	52.681	52.553	52.553	
HS	Julian Garfield	3	Honda CR-Z	57.902	55.514	54.704	54.768	54.165	53.956	53.956	
HS	Sarah Dean	103	Honda CR-Z	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	66.950	64.729+1	62.184	D.N.F.	62.184	
HS	Jake Kanning	81	Ford Fusion	D.N.F.	74.009	68.452	66.330	64.071	D.N.F.	64.071	
SSC	• Mason Herrick	186	Scion FRS	51.462	50.108	49.048	48.839	48.049	47.889	47.889	
SSC	Conner Herrick	86	Scion FRS	54.887	53.555	50.872	50.991	50.401	49.458	49.458	
STU	• Mark Hill	45	Mitsubishi Evo IX	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	47.970	46.980	47.056	46.980	
STR	• Kale Morris	24	Mazda Miata	55.065	52.627	51.478	52.268	52.497	51.391	51.391	
STS	• Mike Herrick	89	Honda Civic Si	48.898+3	47.969	47.682	47.040	46.384	D.N.F.	46.384	FTD/PAX
STH	• Tim Miller	39	Subaru WRX	50.782	48.992+1	49.056	48.645	48.810	48.868+1	48.645	
STH	Clinton Boling	68	Ford Fiesta ST	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	63.307	68.072	62.257	58.732	58.732	
CAMS	• Jim French	7	Corvette	56.073	D.N.F.	53.135	53.835	52.461	53.166	52.461	
CAMS	Jim Gillett	51	Corvette FRC	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	
CAMT	• Jeremy Scotton	83	Mustang	56.110	53.394	51.952	51.836	51.070	51.998	51.070	
CAMT	Ken Kennedy	80	Camaro	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	
DSP	• Jonathan Griffith	84	Mazda Rx8	D.N.F.	51.103	53.375	49.715+1	49.676+1	48.027+1	50.027	
DSP	April Turner	48	Mazda Rx8	58.400+2	55.820	54.437	53.495	52.689	51.687	51.687	
FSP	• R. Abner Perney	62	Mazda Protege MP3	D.N.F.	59.722+1	57.814	57.847	56.485	D.N.F.	56.485	
XSA	• Daniel Rowland	3	BMW 328iS	51.833	51.125	51.567+1	50.189+1	50.463	50.424+1	50.463	
XSA	• Kent Edmondson	89	BMW E30	D.N.F.	53.802+1	52.429	51.742	51.922	D.N.F.	51.742	
XSA	Brett Cook	13	BMW 328i	56.851	54.784	54.193	54.234	54.542	55.333	54.193	
XSA	Andlee Phengphachanh	23	Toyota Celica Alltrac	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	62.805	57.952	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	57.952	
XSA	Mark Rowland	43	BMW 328iS	59.049	66.024	D.N.F.	58.116+1	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	59.049	
XSB	• Lance Cochran	5	Lotus Elise	D.N.F.	63.010	59.048	58.871	54.917	70.838+1	54.917	
CP	• Albert Hermans	49	Mustang Cobra	52.035	52.050	50.197	48.901	49.033+1	48.337	48.337	
AM	• Artt Mann	72	Dwarfmann Dwarf Mod	66.395	61.855	61.013	60.829	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	60.829	
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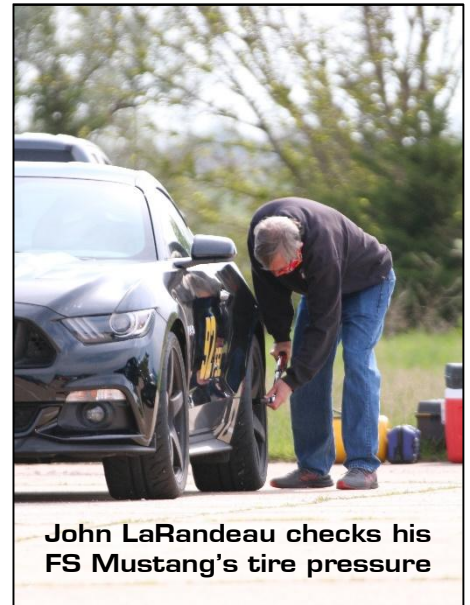
• = Trophy FTD - Fast Time Of Day FL - Fast Lady PAX - Top PAX



Driver's meeting / social distancing

... At last, the racing season begins

After months of cancellations by SCCA regions nationwide, an autocross happened, quite possibly the first one in the whole Midwest Division! Freelance photographer Diane Dowell came to shoot the event and posted a huge gallery at dianedowell.smugmug.com. She also offers a large variety of display formats and print sizes.



John LaRondeau checks his FS Mustang's tire pressure



Adding air to the Stephen Fudge/Ryan Redenbaugh CS Porsche Boxster



Hank Brillhart techs Al Hermans' CP Mustang



Ceremonial flyover



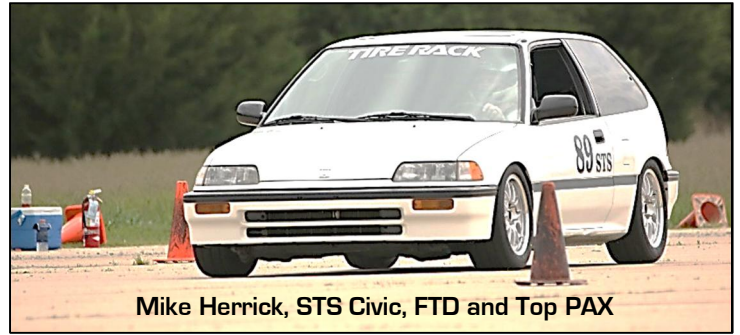
Monte Rans sets up the timer display



Heat 2 grid



Event Chair Brian Tefft Jr, Toyota MR2, 1st ES



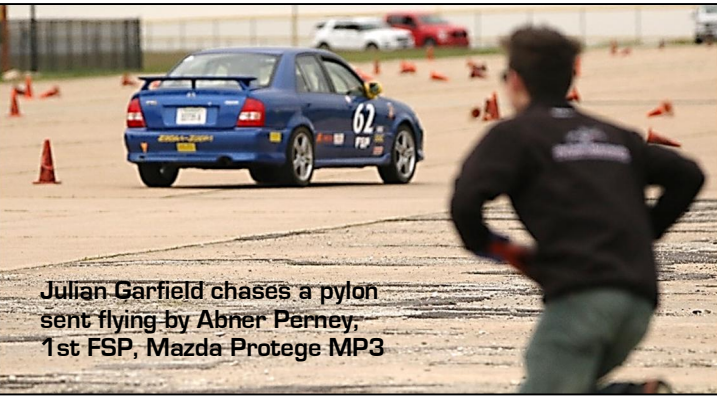
Mike Herrick, STS Civic, FTD and Top PAX



Tim Miller, Subaru WRX, came down from S.Dak. to win STH



Ken Stowers, 3rd FS, Mustang, made the trip from Tulsa



Julian Garfield chases a pylon sent flying by Abner Perney, 1st FSP, Mazda Protege MP3



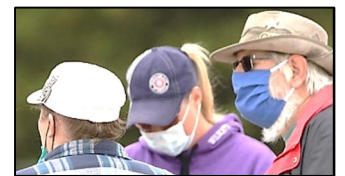
Artt Mann, 1st AM, in his '39 Ford Victoria Dwarf Car



Russell Blume, Honda Civic S, won HS, the largest class



THE MASK





Events Elsewhere - 2020

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!

ALWAYS CONFIRM THE EVENT BEFORE MAKING A LONG TRIP!

(* = Salina Region event on this date)

AUTOCROSS

- May 17 Oklahoma @ Remington Park, OKC
- May 23-24. Solo Spring Nationals Pro/Tour @ Lincoln Airpark
- May 24 Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder
- May 30 Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Indep., Mo (Street Survival)
- May 31 Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Independence, Mo
- Jun 7 *Oklahoma @ Remington Park, OKC
- Jun 14 Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder
- Jun 21 Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Independence, Mo
..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
- Jun 27-28... ProSolo/CAM Chall. @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
- Jun 28 Oklahoma @ Remington Park, OKC
- Jul 5 Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
..... Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder
- Jul 12 Oklahoma @ Remington Park, OKC
- Jul 19 Kansas @ Heartland, Topeka (Sunflower Showdown 20.1)
- Jul 25 Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Indep, Mo (Starting Line)
- Jul 26 Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Independence, Mo
..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
- Aug 2 Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder (Sunflower Showdown 20.2)
- Aug 15 Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Indep, Mo (Solo school)
- Aug 16 Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Independence, Mo
- Aug 23 *Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
..... NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa
- Aug 29-30 .. Oklahoma @ Remington Park, OKC (double solo)
- Sep 4-6 ProSolo/CAM Finale @ Lincoln Airpark
- Sep 13 *NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa
- Sep 20 Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Independence, Mo
..... Oklahoma/NeOkla @ Tanger Mall, Stroud (Turnpike Showdown)
- Sep 26 Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder (Street Survival)
- Sep 27 Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
..... Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder
- Oct 3-4 Kansas @ Heartland, Topeka (Double Solo)
- Oct 11 * Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Independence, Mo
..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark
- Oct 18 Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder (Endurocross)
- Oct 25 * Kansas City @ MCC Blue River, Indep, Mo (Halloweenie)
- Nov 1 Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder
- Nov 8 * NeOkla @ Fair Meadows, Tulsa

RALLYCROSS

- May 24 Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Winston, Mo.
- May 30 Kansas @ Santa Fe Trail Cycle Park, Carbondale
- May 31 Wichita @ 81 Speedway, Park City
- Jun 7 *Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.
- Jun 14 Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Winston, Mo.
- Jul 19 *Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.
- Jul 26 Wichita @ Howard, Ks.
- Aug 15-16.. RallyCross Nat'ls @ Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisc
- Aug 29 Kansas @ Santa Fe Trail Cycle Park, Carbondale

Because of the Coronavirus outbreak, it would be wise to confirm any event before leaving on a trip to participate in it.
Known cancellations marked in crossout

- Aug 30 Wichita @ 81 Speedway, Park City
- Sep 6 Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Winston, Mo.
- Sep 20 Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.
..... Wichita @ Howard, Ks.
- Sep 27 Kansas @ Santa Fe Trail Cycle Park, Carbondale
- Oct 11 *Wichita @ 81 Speedway, Park City
- Oct 18 Nebraska @ I-80 Speedway, Greenwood, Neb.
- Oct 24 Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley, Mo
- Oct 31 Kansas @ Santa Fe Trail Cycle Park, Carbondale
- Nov 8 *Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Winston, Mo.
- Nov 22 Kansas @ Santa Fe Trail Cycle Park, Carbondale
- Dec 13 Kansas @ Santa Fe Trail Cycle Park, Carbondale

Go

Racing!



Four road course tracks are within a 3½-hour drive of Salina. Be part of the action as a race worker -- flagging on corners, timing, grid, tech, etc. Or driver?

- Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett, Okla. • Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, Ks.
- Motorsports Park Hastings, Hastings, Neb. • Raceway Park o/t Midlands, Pacific Jct. Iowa

ROAD RACING

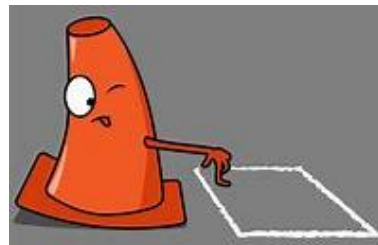
- Jun 27-28 Majors @ Hallett MRC, Hallett, Okla.
- Jul 18-19 *Majors @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
- Oct 5-11 The Runoffs @ Road America, Elkhart Lake, Wisc.

MIDWY TIME TRIALS SERIES

- Jun 27-28 Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett, Okla.
- Jul 18-19 *Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
- Sep 25-27 Time Trial Nat'ls @ NCM Mspts Park, Bowling Green, Ky.

TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA

- May 12 @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail, Colo
- May 14 @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
- Jun 9 @ Pikes Peak Int'l Raceway, Fountain, Colo
- Jun 18 @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
- Jul 14 @ Pikes Peak Int'l Raceway, Fountain, Colo
- Jul 17 @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
- Aug 11 @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail, Colo
- Aug 18 @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
- Sep 15 @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka
- Oct 15 @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka



Still More Carowner Virus

WHEN ARE WE GOING BACK
RACING ??



THEY DESERVE
TO KNOW !! 😊

Quarantine day 13: The car has 29,833 parts



and now I seem to have misplaced my 10 mm socket

Professional motorsports are looking at
running events without spectators.



They're turning to autocrossers for guidance

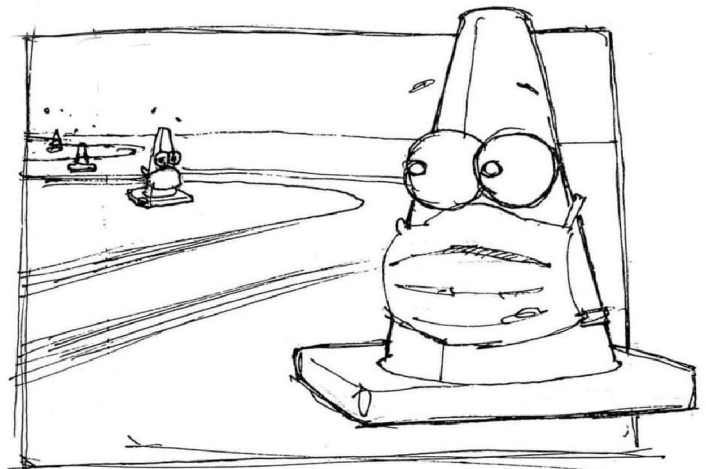
We all have Schrödinger's Virus now.

- Because we cannot get tested, we can't know whether we have the virus or not.
- We have to act as if we have the virus, so that we don't spread it to others.
- We have to act as if we don't have the virus because if we didn't have it, we're not immune.
- Therefore, we both have and don't have the virus.

Thus, Schrödinger's Virus.

If you don't understand this joke, you're never allowed to talk about science again.

When all this Coronavirus stuff began shutting down events, I began collecting memes for use in the Write Line to bring a little levity to the situation. I'd name the files COVID-1, COVID-2, etc. Seems right the one above became COVID-19.



(SOCIAL DISTANCING)

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Join the SCCA at <https://join.scca.com> on any mobile device or complete the form below and return with payment, to SCCA Member Services, P.O. Box 299, Topeka, KS 66601-0299. Dues include payment for monthly subscription to SportsCar magazine (\$24 value). Dues are not deductible as charitable contributions. All membership dues are non-transferable and non-refundable.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name _____ Birthdate _____
 Address _____ Telephone _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

- NATIONAL DUES INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP \$70.00
 REGIONAL DUES SALINA REGION \$15.00 (VARIES BY REGION)
 FAMILY MEMBERSHIP – Go online to scca.com, click on “JOIN SCCA” – Dues \$90 National, \$15 Salina

Sign up online to get an immediate Member ID and to apply credits and discounts.

DISCOUNTS (OFF NATIONAL DUES)

- 24 years of age or younger; eligible for \$30.00 discount until age 25.
 Active duty or a veteran of the United States Military; eligible for 20% Discount.

The above information regarding discount qualifications will be verified and applied if appropriate.

I hereby certify that the information above is correct. I realize any falsification may result in the loss of a discount and/or membership. By accepting membership in the SCCA and SCCA Region 110 - Salina. I agree to conduct myself according to the highest standards of behavior and sportsmanship in a manner that shall not be prejudicial to the reputation of the Club or fellow members. I will abide by the Code of Member Conduct both at SCCA-sanctioned events and away and will strive to uphold the SCCA Mission, Vision and Values and the Welcoming Environment.

Applicant’s Name (Signature Required) _____
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PAYMENT METHOD

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Auto-Renew I understand this credit card will be charged prior to my membership expiration date for my membership dues. Manage your SCCA Membership account at <https://my.scca.com>.

Just Idling Around

—Abner Perney

As the Great Depression of 2020 rolls on downhill, I've been thinking. Every retail business has lost sales except for a few of the essentials. Car dealerships are considered essential, but the purchase of cars new or used can be deferred for a long time for most potential buyers. Car repair and auto parts places and services, are also considered essential and they are, for essential employed people and service providers, who gotta go when they gotta go.

Optional travel for fun and vacations or just kind of useful, but not essential, has gone to practically nothing. Travel for business and for pleasure has plummeted and Hertz has announced bankruptcy because of the decrease in travel cutting their business. This is bad news for the late model used car business because most cars on the market under 3 or 4 years old are ex-rentals and leased cars.

The car business is one of the prime examples of how trickle down economics works. The only people who can buy new cars are those with wealth or good jobs and or good credit. There are no really cheap new cars. The only supply of used cars is dependent upon direct sales or trade-ins of older cars. In the past 20 or so years the inflation rate of new cars and even repair parts and service has been higher than the inflation of wages, so the demand for used cars is outstripping the supply.

The other huge factor in the used car market in recent years is the fact that new cars are mostly financed with long term loans. Currently every new car company is offering finance of up to 8 years. There are no longer a significant number of people buying a car every year and trading it in. Most buyers are keeping their new car until a couple years past its payoff date. That means most cars don't begin to trickle down until they are 8 to 10 years old and have over 100,000 miles. It also means that there are few low mileage used cars on the market and few decent cars under \$10,000.

The annual number of cars junked has been pretty stable at about 13 million for 20 years. New car sales in bad years have usually stayed up to the junked level of 13 million. The good years for new sales have been

about 17 million. For 2020 the most optimistic forecasts of new car sales are about 13 million. Which is about what happened in 2008-09 when the automobile industry was in collapse and only a federal bailout saved GM and Chrysler, while Ford held on because it had good cash reserves and was able to negotiate some large short term low interest loans.

This crash of the economy has brought forth some proposals to subsidize the new car industry. One scheme would conduct a lottery among potential car buyers where the winners would be awarded \$10, \$20, or \$30 thousand in a cash grant towards the purchase of a new car! Another would create a round of Cash for Clunkers, where an older less safe or more polluting car would have to be traded in to receive a grant toward the purchase.

The number one thing that needs to be different from the 2009 program is that the trade in should not be subject to mandatory scrapping. In that program the trade-in had to be drivable, less than 25 years old, and EPA rated less than 18 mpg and it had to be scrapped! This resulted in approximately 700,000 drivable cars being

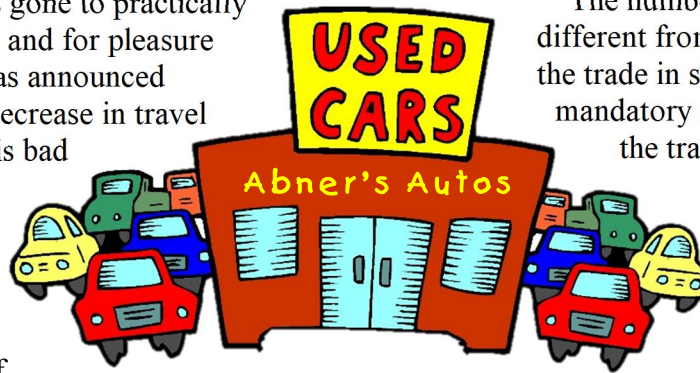
eliminated from the used car market.

We can't afford that this time around. Ironically most of the essential employees are low paid, and could not, in many cases, afford the insurance and registration and property taxes on a new car if they were given one! There are also schemes to just subsidize the car manufacturers directly and continue to count on the old trickle down system in the marketplace.

As for me, I hope there is an open lottery, where you obtain an entry for a nominal amount, say \$5, and it is pure random drawing. The lottery winnings can only be spent towards the purchase of a car – not necessarily a new car – the sales tax, the first year's license, fees, property taxes and first year's insurance. All trade-ins would go into the ordinary used car market and only be junked in the normal course of events.

In the meantime, I plan on keeping my distance, and using a face mask, until the COVID-19 disappears or a vaccine is available. But I am going to participate in AutoCross and RallyCross as events, with social distancing, occur.

—Abner, still Idling Around, and keeping my distance!



SCCA Membership notes •••

If you are a Region-of-Record member of Salina Region, the code on your mailing label (such as RR 02-20) is your expiration date.

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 (coded A or FA). 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. More information is available at www.salinasc.ca.org, www.scca.com, or call Salina Region membership chair Rocky Entriken at 785-827-5143 or e-mail rocky@spitfire4.com.

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• Annual dues are \$15.00 both for single memberships and for family memberships (which includes spouse).

• 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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