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RE VIEW

With Bill Johnson, III

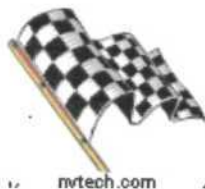
Let's Go Racing

I know a lot of people from both the solo and road race groups have worked very hard over the winter to make our programs better and more successful this year. While most people spend the winter tinkering with their cars or resting up for summer, there is a significant amount of work that goes on over the winter to get our programs ready for the year. For those involved on the administrative side of our programs there really is no off season.

I would like to a special thanks to our race chairman, Alex Clark and our solo chairman, Niel Leon for all of their hard work getting us ready to go for the year. The solo program is adding real timing and scoring software and some other new equipment this year to help make their events run better and to help the program grow. Our racing program has added many new things including online registration, and with Heartland Park nearing completion and the Runoffs looming at the end of the year it's just going to be a tremendous year for racing.

Again, thanks to all who have worked so hard over the winter (including Gary Hartman and World of Wheels) and I look forward to seeing everyone out soon.

Bill Johnson
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THOUGHTS AND NOTES

FROM THE EDITOR

Last month I started using a new software program for publishing. As the year progresses and I become more experienced with this software, you will see more and more changes in Checkpoint. This is the first step in getting the newsletter on line in a professional manner. Having the newsletter on line has been a goal of mine and the Board for several reasons, the main one being we can get the newsletter to you the same day it is completed. The second reason is an economical one, we will probably have fewer copies printed and mailed, thus saving money. This does not mean you cannot have your copy of Checkpoint mailed to you; it just gives us another way to communicate.

Last month we also had 4 new business card ads. I hope you noticed them and if you should need the services of these or any other businesses who advertise here, please give them an opportunity to serve you. Of course if you have a business and would like to let other members know about it, you too, could support the club and place an ad in Checkpoint. For those who already have ads, we will be needing new copies of your business card soon. You can bring them to the meetings or drop them by Williams Engines USA, 2701 West 47th.

Road Racing ~ be part of the show, not just a spectator

While Salina Region is primarily a solo group, the opportunity to get involved in road racing as a race worker is open to all SCCA members. This becomes a bigger deal now that SCCA's club racing Runoffs will take place at Heartland Park Topeka as of this year. The Runoffs is 25 National Championship races over three days after three prior days of practice and qualifying and with the best SCCA drivers in the country all here as well as about 700 race workers.

Every race needs many workers in the various specialties in order to have a safe event. It takes a good number of people who are dedicated and want to see the event a success. If you want to get inside the fence for the Runoffs, you need to work earlier events at HPT (and other tracks if you want). Each worker specialty has a different function, but the goal is the same – to have fun and enjoy the sport of auto racing. Below is a brief description of the different worker specialties.

- **REGISTRATION** ~ The registration workers are usually the first officials the drivers, crew and other workers meet when they arrive at the track. Registration workers organize official entry forms and check driver, crew and worker credentials. If you're efficient, patient and friendly, and like to rise with the sun (the day does start early for registration), this may be for you. A great choice if you want to work under a roof and meet lots of people.
- **FLAGGING & COMMUNICATIONS** ~ F&C offers you one of the best views of racing...trackside. Flag stations, strategically placed around the track where things are most likely to happen, are staffed by these white-clad officials often called corner workers or flaggers. In head-count, it is the largest worker specialty. Corner workers help provide a safe course by warning drivers of track conditions using flags or other signals, communicating course conditions to race control, handling fires, assisting damaged cars, or taking appropriate emergency action needed. F&C workers have the "best seat in the house", but these dedicated diehards spend all day outside on their feet. Remember, we race rain or shine.
- **TIMING AND SCORING** ~ Another specialty generally indoors and out of the elements, T&S uses a variety of equipment from stopwatches to sophisticated computers and electronic sensors to keep lap-by-lap records of each car on every lap. Transponders to track times electronically are required in MiDiv, but staffing is still needed for certain tasks and as back-up.
- **PITS & GRID** ~ Using the qualifying times provided by Timing & Scoring, grid workers line up the cars prior to race sessions and make last minute safety inspections. If you can follow directions, deal effectively with people, tell time and read a schedule, you have the attributes needed. The grid offers you an excellent opportunity to view race cars close up and meet the drivers and crew. Once the race is under way they monitor cars and crews in the pit lane.
- **STARTERS** ~ All eyes, especially the drivers', are on the starter – looking for that green flag signaling the start of the race and the checkered flag at the end. After the green flag drops, a

starter counts and charts laps throughout the race, and serves as a flagger. Starters are usually easy to spot in their black and white striped shirts, worn for visibility.

- **SCRUTINEERING (TECH)** ~ If you want to look at cars more closely, scrutineering (tech) may be for you. Scrutineers conduct safety checks to make sure every car, and the driver's personal safety equipment, meet SCCA safety regulations. They also inspect top finishers in impound after the race. Being interested in cars and technically oriented is a definite plus, along with good people skills. Be prepared to start early and work late...but you get to know the drivers and their cars.
- **SOUND CONTROL** ~ Sound control officials monitor the noise level of race cars on track. Noise levels are recorded, along with weather data and other information important to the stewards, who determine what action to take regarding violations of noise regulations. Being able to read and record data rapidly is a plus.
- **EMERGENCY SERVICES** ~ The medical and fire/rescue specialties come under this heading – doctors, firemen and paramedics. This specialty also includes course marshals whose job it is to make sure all emergency equipment is operational and in place, and the tow truck drivers.
- **RACE ADMINISTRATION** ~ This specialty is a catch-all for a number of necessary jobs. Hospitality gets race results from T&S and provides them and other information to drivers. Paddock marshals may help organize the paddock and help race teams get located. Announcers, press liaisons, radio tech, even the race chairman is included here.
- **STEWARDS** ~ These are the individuals responsible for the overall running of an event, including enforcement of rules. The Chief Steward is the highest authority at a competition event.

For information on how to get a race worker's license contact Rocky Enriken in Salina Region, or Marla Worthington (913-660-9337), the worker coordinator for the Kaw Valley Race Group which puts on the SCCA races at HPT. More information on races at HPT will be found at www.kvrg.org.

An article written by Rocky Enriken based on information he received From Monica Shaw

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Dear Mom:

Brian Williams & Jennifer Bowling "eloped" to Las Vegas, Nevada and were married in the early hours of Monday, February 20*. They drove to California for their honeymoon. They toured Los Angeles and spent a night in the Beverly Hills Hotel. They spent several days in San Diego and took an ocean dinner cruise then drove to Tijuana, Mexico. Welcome to the family, Jennifer.

A write-up and picture in the March issue of Sports Car Magazine was of our Checkpoint editor, Gini Ragan. Gini was honored at the 2005 Runoffs in Ohio and named the Yokohama Advan Volunteer of the Year for her outstanding work in timing & scoring. A wonderful article on the Inside track page was about a super hard working race worker who this year will be Chief of Timing & Scoring at Heartland Park Topeka. Congratulations!

Mom just received this news from Steve Roberts. Even though it is a little late, I found it very interesting. During the summer of 2005 Hendricks Auto partnered with Quaker State to conduct an oil sales contest. For the second straight year, the Superior Lexus North service department had the largest increase in oil sales over the previous year. The top prize was a trip to Daytona Speedway for a Skip Barber Racing school event. Steve and several of his employees went to Daytona for two days and participated in the school. The track has a wet skidpad and acres and acres of open space for the autocross portion, which was a good thing because they let them loose in Vipers. Steve said it was a blast! Later in the event they drove the infield portion of the track in the Dodge Formula cars. This was even more fun as they followed Pro drivers around to learn the line. Finally, several of the faster (or more aggressive) drivers were allowed to run hot laps with out passing. They didn't set any lap records but it was a great time. Steve said that maybe next year they will get to try Road America.

Ron & Sana Lentz spent about 9 days in Florida with the Kansas City Outdoor Club the last part of February. They stayed a couple of days in Fort Lauderdale, visited Key Biscayne, the Everglades, the Keys (all the way down to Key West) and also visited the island, Dry Tortugas. The island was an old fort turned into a prison which served until 1874 and had no bars or cells as the only way to this island is by boat or airplane. Ron said they had a great time and ate seafood every meal except for one. They came home with approximately 80 pictures of alligators.

Pat di Natale of di Natale Creative Services was recently honored by the Kansas City Art+Copy Club when they selected him as Member of the Year. The American Advertising Federation affiliated Art+Copy Club represents Kansas City area creative professionals in the advertising and communications arts. Pat is a founder and long-time board member of the organization.

Nick Roberts, son of Steve & Karin, attended the PRI show in Florida in December for SAE purposes. He met several people from other colleges and was amazed by the vast resources available at this event. While at one of the seminars, he found out about a summer event in England in July. There are several SAE supporting colleges in this event that will conduct forums and classes for areas of motorsports, chassis, brakes and aero are included. After talking to family and his SAE advisor, he applied and was accepted for the program. The event is being held near the heart of Formula 1 team bases and the colleges are arranging a tour or seminar with one of the teams. Nick and the KU SAE team have the chassis done and are working on the suspension and drivetrain for the 2006 car. They hope to be testing by early April.

Ken & Gini Ragan have returned from a vacation trip to Arizona. They visited friends in Apache Junction (in the Phoenix area) then Ken, Gini and their friends drove to Tucson to visit Gini's sister, Tootie. They all visited the Indian ruins up by Sedona and also visited several places in the area that Gini had visited as a teenager.

Cliff Johnson recently headed to the Atlanta, Georgia area and picked up his new Piper Formula Ford race car. His wife, Tammy stayed at home to babysit their new puppy. They have a new Golden Retriever puppy, who is 8 weeks old. His name is Oscar. No sleep in that household!

Pat di Natale will leave on March 14th for the first race of the SCCA Pro Racing World Challenge series. This race will be held in Sebring, Florida and Pat will be the Chief Steward.

Bill & Dottie Johnson are the proud owners of a new motorhome. They flew to Ontario, California and drove home a 2004 Monaco. It is a 40 foot Diplomat and is the same as new. It has 3 slide-outs, 3 full beds (when you make out the 2 full sofas) and 1 1/2 baths. Their old Monaco motorhome was sold to a fellow traveler who was on their Mexican trip.

Ron Lentz & his brother, Phil Lentz will be in Bristol, TN to watch the Busch race and the Nextel Cup race on March 24* & 25th.

Chuck & Sue Woloscsuk who will soon be moving to New Mexico have sold their home in Overland Park, KS to Meredith Haupt. Meredith will be moving in the last of May. Chuck & Sue will leave for NM this week to check out several homes that are for sale. They are looking in the Timberon area which is on the South side of the mountain and close to where Chuck's mother lives.

Ready to go racing is Jeff Goodnow, who will be driving an ITE Acura Integra type R. William "Steve" Smith has his novice license and he will race the ex-Jack Campbell Lola Club Ford.

Chuck & Alex Clark, Michaela, Jack, Chuckie & Brian will be arriving at the race track in style this year. They are the proud owners of the ex-Chuck & Sue Woloscsuk motorhome.

Our condolences and thoughts are with Stuart Miles and his parents. Stuart's brother, Jay, 31 years old, died February 22nd as a result of an accidental fall from a roof while working on a house at the Lake of the Ozarks

don't look back.....

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- 1 Pamela Hughey
Paul Moylan
Norma Williams
- 2 Leo Maurice Eberman - (3) grs of Steve Eberman & Mary Merola
Theresa Hartigan
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Ken Yockey
- 3 Matthew Boeckman
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Jeff Gilbert
Emily Long - d of David & Lynn
Barney McCray - 97 years young
Dale Smith
- 4 William Gilbert
Dale Hotze
Gary Kern
Harlan Moore
- 5 Roy Lopshire
- 6 Susan Graham
Stephen Johnson
Branden Burkhart
- 9 Jon Riekenberg
- 10 Phil Hemes
Sarah Watney - d of Guy
- 11 Joseph Soladti - (5) grs of Ken & Virginia Rozeboom
Claudia Wight

- 17 Will Burke - (4) grs of Dick & Peggy White
F Kent Egy
Hannah Stecklein - (8) grd of Bob & Jane Gilmore
- 18 Dodie Rinke
Tom Simmons
- 19 Robert Thompson
- 20 Brian Drennon
- 21 Monica Morrey - d of Joseph & Diane
- 22 Nicole Smith - d of Dale & Deana
Rebecca Wilkie
- 23 Linda Feighner
- 24 Rob Harsh
Aaron Javorsky
Braden Johnson - (5) s of Stephen & Brenda
Niel Leon
Ken Reinhardt
- 25 Julie Avard
- 27 Alec Bartlett - (13) s of Rich & Dena
Robert Henson III - (7) s of Bob & Linda
- 28 Robin Kirkland
Austin Merit - (5) grs of Ken & Rita Keifer
Debra Pruett
- 30 Cherie Atwell
Bob Bornkessel
Tammy Giebel

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- 7 Fred & Sharon Bybee - 44 years
- 11 Bob & Linda Henson - 25 years
- 12 Mike & Kelly (Keifer) Merit
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2006 World of Wheels Report

Ah, another year, another 5 days of being around car enthusiasts that are as varied as the stars in the skies. The good news is that apparently everyone who participated got moved in, showed their vehicles and then made it home ok despite the rather foul weather on Sunday evening.

As stated in a previous Checkpoint, there were cars shown by Chuck Clark, Andy Ruggiero, Greg and Lyna Matthews, Brandon Burkhart, Ben Rodriguez and friend Tera Duke, Tyler Calvert, Hal Kemrite, Zack Ingalls, David Stewart and Steve Roberts.

Thanks to Dick Berger, Charlie Clark and Victor LaViola who dropped by to share their expertise. Also a special nod to Chuck Clark for furnishing racing tapes, Ken and Chelsea Snyder for filling in on Friday and David Bennett for assisting with the display. Diligence under fire awards go to Greg and Lyna Matthews, Hal Kemrite, and Andy and Scott Ruggiero for manning the table for hours on end. Norma Williams requisitioned a big supply of SCCA literature for us to pass out and a VERY special salute to Zack Ingalls who not only put in more time than anyone else, but kept our display neat and organized AND came to our rescue with another TV when our primary suffered a DNF.

As mentioned on our website, I feel we planted a lot of racing seeds in the minds of future enthusiasts and certainly got the word out that there is a venue for people who would love to experience the thrill of driving a car at speed without the devastating risk to themselves, others, and their pocketbooks. It was worth the price of admission to see the looks on the faces of all the children who got their picture taken standing beside the ASE car furnished by Steve Roberts.

I'm sure that in the rush and crush of a long weekend I have overlooked someone who was part of our endeavor and I extend my apologies for the slight. Thanks again to all who made this a successful event.
Parnelli Hartman

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More on Risk Management

In the last issue of SCCA's Inside Line (December 2005), this section ran an insurance overview article from Pete Lyon, SCCA's Risk Management Outsourcer. To continue with the risk management theme and especially timely for the beginning of the year, we are printing the following message from Tasha Goodale, SCCA's Solo Director, on the Minor Waiver program. Although Tasha is speaking in response to questions asked by the Solo community, her details of the processes for the Minor Waiver program are the same in all competition venues.

Minor Waivers

Recently I received several questions regarding minor waivers and the proper procedures to follow. So I thought I would follow-up to the Regions with a reminder that there are procedures and guidelines on minors from Risk Management posted on the SCCA web. Go to www.scca.com click on "Inside SCCA", click on "Insurance".

Below are some responses to reoccurring questions that might help resolve some of the confusion:

1.Minor waiver forms may be executed by the parents/legal guardians away from the event. However, the waivers must be "received" and signed for on the waiver form by an Adult SCCA Member AT the event as part of the registration process. A region may, at its option, require the parents to sign the waiver in the presence of an event official or have the form notarized prior to the event.

2.Minor drivers, passengers, course worker (and any other minor whose official capacity requires him/her to enter a "hot" area), MUST have a waiver on file that is signed by BOTH parents/legal guardians. "HOT" areas may be defined by the region (in compliance with the applicable SCCA event rules) but must include, at a minimum, the course and grid/staging areas. Other minors may be

admitted to non-hot areas on a per event basis with a waiver signed by just one parent/guardian. It is highly recommended that both parents/guardians sign the waiver.

3.Minor waiver forms may be issued on an annual/multi-event basis (good for the calendar year) IF both parents/legal guardians sign the waiver. The waiver must be filled out as "ALL SCCA EVENTS" and "ALL DATES" in the appropriate section at the top of the waiver form. The region must develop some sort of system to verify that an annual/multi-event waiver is on file. Alternately, the region can issue a minor yellow ID card. Blank forms are available from Risk Management.

Hopefully this will help clear up some of your questions but if you are still unsure, please feel free to contact me or the Risk Management Department. Good luck and have fun,

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Kansas City Region, SCCA
General Meeting, March 7, 2006
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The meeting was called to order by the RE, Bill Johnson, III. Bill announced the appointment of Lorena Irvine as Treasurer. He also announced copies of the minutes of the February General Meeting and the January Board are available. He then introduced Barb Lindquist of the National Office for special presentations.

Barb again thanked the club for their assistance at the National convention. She had Certificates of Appreciation for several members who contributed many hours behind the scenes. The certificates had a TV show theme in the naming of the awards.

The Lucy and Ethel award was presented to Norma Williams and Sharlene Smith. The LaVern and Shirley award was presented to Nancy Johnson and Linda Hensen. The Trail Blazer Award went to Victor LaViola, Gary Hartman and Vern Maxey. The Marathon Man Award went to Ken Snyder and the Iron Man to Bob Henson. The Captain America award was presented to Billy Johnson. Barb concluded her presentation asking members to return the questionnaires the National Office had mailed.

Lorena gave the treasurers report and Gini Ragan reported on Checkpoint.

Niel Leon, Solo chair, gave the Solo report. New timing equipment is being ordered.

Dan Cargill will be the chairman of the April 9th event and Jerry Irvine will chair the Divisional April 29 and 30.

Victor LaViola reported the CFR School was well attended with 107 registered. Jim Wheeler has the record of having the first Miata on the HPT track, on a trailer.

The Mid-Div website was recognized at the National Convention. Jeff Kopp is the webmaster.

David Long announced on line registration for races sponsored by KVRG should be available by the weekend.

Jeff Kopp, Race Group Chair, announced Chris Bovis of Heartland Park will be guest speaker at the March Race Group meeting.

Bill announced Rich Davison, Sr. has volunteered to build memento trophies for those members who receive traveling trophies at the Awards Banquets. He showed the trophy Rich has completed for the Mechanic of the Year.

Gary Hartman talked about the display the Region will have at World of Wheels and asked for volunteers to work in the booth.

Steve Roberts announced the Solo vs Race Groups Challenge will be Wednesday, May 17.

Charlie Clark, Area 6 Director, talked about the Runoffs track and proposals from the Rally Board for this years National Championship.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Gini Ragan, Secretary

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS IN THE
MIDWEST DIVISION
Including the
SOLO SCHEDULE FOR THE KANSAS CITY REGION

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HOST REG.
April 1 & 2	R/DS/PDX	Heartland Park Topeka	KVRG
	Solo Nat'l Tour	Little Rock AR	ARK
April 8 & 9	RNI	HMRC	AVRG
April 9	Solo	Truman Sports Complex	KCR
April 22 & 23	RNI	MAM	MVRG
April 29 & 30	Solo II Div.	Truman Sports Complex	KCR
May 6 & 7	RNI	GIR	STL
May 27 & 28	RNI	MMP	MS
May 29	Solo	Truman Sports Complex	KCR
June 3 & 4	Solo II Div.	Walnut Grove	
June 10 & 11	NI	HPT	KVRG
June 18	Solo II	Truman Sports Complex	KCR
June 24 & 25	SRC	MNP	MS
	Solo II Div	Salina KS	WICH
July 1 & 2	RNI	HMRC	AVRG
July 2	Solo II	Truman Sports Complex	KCR
July 15 & 16	RR/PDX	HPT	KVRG
July 29 & 30	RNI	MAM	MVRG
Aug 6 & 7	SR/PDX	HMRC	AVRG
	Solo II Div	Topeka	KS
Aug 12 & 13	NRI	GIR	STL
Aug 19 & 20	Solo MO-KAN	HPT	
Aug 27	Solo II	Truman Sports Complex	KCR
Sept 2 & 3	NI	HPT	KVRG
Sept 3 & 4	Solo II Div	St Louis	STL
Sept 16 & 17	SR*E	MAM	MVRG
Sept 17	Solo II	Truman Sports Complex	KCR
Sept 23 & 24	ProSolo Finale	HPT	SCCA
Sept 26-29	Solo Nationals	HPT	SCCA
Oct 2-8	Test Days	HPT	HPT
Oct 9-15	Runoffs	HPT	SCCA
Oct 22	Solo II	Truman Sports Complex	KCR
Oct 28 & 29	RR/PDX	GIR	STL
Nov 4 & 5	Mid-Div Conv.	Omaha, NE	NEB
Nov. 11 & 12	ARRC	Road Atlanta	AR

UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE KC REGION CALENDAR

April 1 & 2		R/DS/PDX at Heartland Park Topeka
April 4	7:00	Solo Group, Creekside
April 4	8:00	Annual Meeting and General Meeting Creekside, 9916 Holmes Rd, KCMO
April 9		Solo at Truman Sports Complex
April 18	8:00	Race Group, Creekside
April 25	7:30	Board Meeting at Creekside
April 29 & 30		Divisional Solo at Truan Sports Complex
May 2	7:00	Solo Group, Creekside
May 2	8:00	General Meeting, Creekside
May 16	8:00	Race Group
May 17		Race/Solo Challenge
May 30	7:30	Board Meeting, Creekside

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