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RE VIEW

With Bill Johnson

A Great Way to End The Year

While our region has nothing to do with the organization or the Runoffs, our people make a huge impact on the overall feel of the event. Partly because of geography, we had a large contingent of workers in various positions from registration to tech. to timing and scoring to race administration to corner workers, representing our region at the Runoffs this year. Regardless of peoples opinion of the event and the weather, the one constant comment through the week was how nice the local region members were. Returning home, all the phone calls and internet chatter seemed to echo the same sentiment. Thanks to all the Kansas City Region members for a tremendous showing of Midwestern hospitality.

Norma Williams and Sharlene Smith, with some help from others worked the membership booth in the paddock down by the pavilion and signed up more than 20 new members. Great job.

The Halloweenie, our last solo event of the year was this past weekend and what a way to end the year. There were almost 130 entries, the weather was unbelievably good, the food was great and everybody was having fun. We even caught glimpse of a couple road racers in the parking lot. This was also our yearly charity event and approximately \$1600.00 was raised for Royals charities. For a club that is aging, it is a tremendous feeling to go out to lot "L" and see the number of young people having fun with their cars and friends at an SCCA event.

Special thanks to Fred and Sharon Bybee. Not only did each of them take me for a ride-along, but Sharon gave up one of her runs and let me have a run in their new Corvette. While I did not do justice to the Corvette, I did have a blast. Fred and Sharon really represent what makes our club special, they love their cars but more than anything, they are great friends. Thanks guys.

The whole event was just a great way to end the year. Thanks to Niel and the entire solo gang.

Thanks again to Willard and Virginia King for the use of their barn for our annual picnic. Willard's' car collection continues to grow and now he is adding a body shop in one of his buildings to help finish some of his many projects. While it was a cold and rainy day outside, it was warm and dry inside the barn and Sharlene and Norma had the place decorated with a Halloween theme. There was a carved pumpkin contest and a toilet paper wrapping contest (unfairly won by Dale Smith) among the activities.

KVRG elections will be held at our November Board meeting, November 28th. Those interested please get your info in to Gini Ragan by Nov 25.

Ballots will be in the mail soon for our regions general elections and we have a good slate of officers and board members. Please be active and vote, our club needs you.

Bill Johnson
RE



Mid-Am Championship Points
Midwest Division SCCA
Presented by SafeRacer.com
 Final Points Standings

Sports 2000

SRF	1st John Nelson	79
	2nd Robin Kirkland	58
	3rd O.L. Kinney Jr	52
	4th Dan Axtell	32

FA

Formula SCCA	1st Willard King	48
	1st Jason Mabee	66
	2nd Craig Chandler	63

FM

	1st Gary Phillips	45
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Formula Ford

	2nd Tim Koch	48
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Spec Miata

	1st Stephen Johnson	78
	4th Mike Asselta	59
	6th Brian Patnode	39

ITS

	1st Aaron Holstrom	73
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ITA

	1st Steven Bachenberg	78
	3rd Travis Nordwald	52
	8th Steve Eberman	32
IT7	2nd Scott Peterson	64



Thoughts and Notes
 from the Editor

As the year comes to an end, the Kansas City Region nominates and elects their officers for the next year. The Board selects, by secret ballot, representatives to the Kaw Valley Race Group, the organization that puts on SCCA races at Heartland Park. The representatives are selected from resumes submitted by members who are interested in being a part of that governing body. The Board also selects outstanding members to honor at the Awards Banquet for their service to the club. These individuals should be nominated by their peers with a form that is included with the ballot that is received in November

The nominating of officers begins with the appointment of a committee. This year the committee members are Pat diNatale, Sharlene Smith, David Long, Jeff Kopp and Vern Maxey. They have worked hard, selecting people they felt would represent the membership and make informed decisions. The committee members and candidates for office all deserve our thanks.

The business of the KVRG Board is often conducted by conference call, so there are very few meetings that have to be attended away from home. Becoming a candidate to represent the KCR on the Kaw Valley Race Group Board is pretty easy. You need to send a resume to the Secretary, Gini Ragan, either by email to timerragan@sbcglobal.net or to 212 Warner, Bonner Springs KS 66012. The resume should, of course list any experience you think will be of benefit to the whole Board and the reason, if any, you would like to be on that Board. The KCR Board will select 3 representatives to the KVRG at the November Board Meeting. Your resume should be to the Secretary by November 25 so your Name can be placed on the ballot.

Some of the Awards presented at the Awards Banquet are earned by a point system, like the Rookie of the Year, Most Improved Driver, Regional Driver, etc. The Outstanding Member, the Newcomer of the Year and the Event of the Year are all awards that should be nominated by the members for the Board to consider. The following awards are also member nominated awards (the Board cannot know all.) The Edgar Alsbury Award for mechanical contribution to club racing, the Vic Sadler Award presented to a race worker for their contribution to Club Racing, the Crew Person of the Year for outstanding service on a club racing crew and the Spouse of the Year (selected by former winners but nominees welcomed).

So when you are casting your ballots, please take a minute to look over the form that comes with the ballot, and help the Board by letting them know about a contribution made by one of our members that should be recognized by the club.

Both the Board of the Kansas City Region and the Checkpoint staff wish you

A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!

KCR takes on the 34th Solo Nationals at Heartland Park

The 2006 Solo Nationals (26-29 Sep) have come and gone for another year. We wish to congratulate all those competitors from the Kansas City region (including those with dual region membership) receiving trophies this year.

Kansas City Region brought home 3 Jackets for first place this year along with a total of six additional trophies.

F Modified Ladies Drivers: 6 Trophies: 2

T 2 5 Jessica Gray

G Stock Drivers: 38 Trophies: 11

T 1 199 Craig D Wilcox

T 9 136 Greg Reno

Street Touring Ultra Drivers: 48 Trophies: 13

T 1 13 Branden Burkhart

T 4 142 Jerry Irvine

C Stock Drivers: 45 Trophies: 12

T 7 90 Tim Herron

C Prepared Ladies Drivers: 12 Trophies: 4

T 2 35 Elizabeth M Berger

B Modified Ladies Drivers: 2 Trophies: 1

T 1 35 Kiersten S Scharnberg Koch

Street Touring S Ladies Drivers: 5 Trophies: 2

T 2 13 Julie J Avar

Formula SAE Ladies Drivers: 1 Trophies: 1

T 1 55 Gretchen Christenson



Also, better luck next year to the 32 other KCR members who also ran, especially Charlie Clark and

Dick Berger, two of only 8 remaining 100%'ers whom have been to all 34 Solo Nationals held by the SCCA

Jan Schmidt (FML)
Bill Schmidt (FM),
Paula Diehl (BSL),
Kei Joesphson (BSP),
Debbie Pruett (EML),
Ryan Barnard (FM),
Bob Qualkinbush (FM),
Vern Maxey (FM),
Mike Gray (FM),
John Penington (FM),
Ron Kelley (AS),

Jacob Diehl (STU)
Joe Tasler (AS)
Charles Smith (F125),
Randy Eickhoff (CS)
Niel Leon (CS)
Karen Eickhoff (CS)
Kent Edmonson (CS)
Dick Berger (CP) – 100%
Charlie Clark (FP) – 100%

Fred Bybee (SS)
Sharon Bybee (SSL)
Chris Edmonson (HS)
Nick Roberts (FSAE)
David Avar (STS)
Erich Ohlde (FSAE)
Mark Hill (AS)
Jim French (AS)
Eric Beutzer (CS)
Ron Williams (CSP)

KCR Members Participate in the 2006 Runoffs at Heartland Park

The 2006 Runoffs were held at Heartland Park Topeka October 9 thru 15. The Kansas City Region is proud of their two champions as well as the 32 other members listed here who raced.



CSR		T1	
Hans Peter	1st	Mike McGinley	19th
Mike McGinley	6th	GTL	
GT2		Roy Lopshire	7th
Tony Giordano	22nd	SM	
FC		Stephen Johnson	25th
Phil Hemmes	21st	EP	
S2		Chuck Clark	14th
Jack Platt	11th	Charlie Clark	20th
Al Essig	DNS	Charles Davis*	26th
FF		David Long	29th
Cliff Johnson	4th	Brian Haupt	30th
Tim Koch	24th	Meredith Haupt	DNF
AS		DSR	
Jim Wheeler	4th	Charlie Smith	23rd
		Mark Dalen	DNF
Ted Johnson	8th	Bill Johnson	DNF
Bill Tucker	12th	GP	
Jeff Kopp	15th	Robert Maupins	DNS
SRF		FA	
Chris Funk	5th	Mirl Swan	1st
Ron Lentz	27th	John Strickler	11th
Frank Stone	33rd		
O.L. Kinney	38th		
Kelly Toombs	43rd		

*Charles Davis received the Hard Charger Award for improving his position by 15 places.

There were 38 other members of the KC Region volunteering at the Runoffs. The following members were listed in the Volunteer Directory.

ES -Course Marshal	F&C	Race Administration	Tech
Eric Linnhoff	Mike Asselta	David Bennett	Doug Gill
Ken Ragan	Chuck Austin	Jarold Boetcher	Bryan Harris
ES – Fire & Rescue	Alex Clark	Nancy Johnson	Steve Klein
Bob Thompson	Neava Ford	Steve Roberts	Victor LavViola
Grid	Ken Kern	Sharlene Smith	Michael Pearson
Joel Fish	Hal Kemrite	Norma Williams	Dale Smith
Deana Smith	Chris Keith	T&S	Kyle Ritter
Linda Henson	Steve Nafus	Charlene Keith	Steve Schmidt
Steward	Ken Snyder	John Nelson	
Lyle (Buzz) Fisher	Liason & TV Observer	Phyllis Nelson	
	Bill Johnson Jr	Peter Wilke	
		Gini Ragan	

Other members were seen during the week; as there was no registry for crew or spec-tating members, we'll just say thanks for coming and supporting your region.

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

5 Cliff & Tammy Johnson
 11 Bill & Dodie Rinke - 53 years
 16 Chuck & Alex Clark
 26 James & Sara Nelson
 28 Tom & Linda Crawford - 27 years

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8 Ken & Rita Keifer - 33 years
 24 Marc & Barb Farley - 14 years
 25 Chris & Lisa Kern - 19 years

SPEEDVISION REVISED TV SCHEDULE FOR 2006 RUNOFFS

DATE	TIME (EST)	CLASS
Tues. 11/7	12 p.m.	C Sports Racing
Tues. 11/7	1 p.m.	GT-2
Tues. 11/14	12 p.m.	Showroom Stock C
Tues. 11/14	1 p.m.	Formula Continental
Tues. 11/14	2 p.m.	Showroom Stock B
Tues. 11/21	12 p.m.	Formula Mazda
Tues. 11/21	1 p.m.	Sports 2000
Tues. 11/21	2 p.m.	H Production
TUES. 11/28	12 p.m.	Touring 3
Tues 11/28	1 p.m.	Formula Ford
Thu. 11/30	12 p.m.	GT-3
Thu. 11/30	1 p.m.	Formula 500
Thu. 11/30	2 p.m.	Touring 2
Tues. 12/5	12 p.m.	F Production
Tues. 12/5	1 p.m.	American Sedan
Thu. 12/7	12 p.m.	Spec Racer Ford
Thu. 12/7	1 p.m.	Touring 1
Tues. 12/12	12p.m.	GT-Lite
Tues. 12/12	1 p.m.	Spec Miata
Thu. 12/14	12p.m.	GT-1
Thu. 12/14	1 p.m.	Formula Vee
Tues. 12/19	12 p.m.	E Production
Tues. 12/19	1 p.m.	D Sports Racing
Thu. 12/21	12p.m.	G Production
Thu. 12/21	1 p.m.	Formula Atlantic

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1. Dottie Johnson
2. James Allen
William Frede
Anna Mithelavage
3. Janice Allen
Michael Armstrong
Dick Berger
Jack Schneider (10) s of Chuck & Alex Clark
4. Audrey Hermans
Bruce McNamara
William Rogers
5. Henry Allen (5) s of Timothy & Janice
William Anderson
Mike Hamilton
6. Yulieth Campuzano
Bill Crescenzo
Douglas Doyle
Alicia Moylan
7. Gary Marcy
Craig Snyder
Bob Willoughby
8. Jacob Diehl
David Gilmore
9. Arthur (Gus) Jacob
10. Don Buffon
Buzz Fisher
Ron Kelley
Christian Mathews (9) s of Greg & Lyna
Henry Rompage
Ron Shaw
11. Vincent Dean
Jodi Patnode
Steve Schmidt
Ben Surman
Richard R Wahaus
12. Melissa Bennett
Ethan Disher (5) grs of Chuck & Sue Woloscsuk
14. Ken Pruett
Chris Trusler
15. Peggy Rowe
16. Matthew Britton
Mark Hill
Trey Keifer
17. Jessica Long
18. Jerry Irvine
William Smith
19. Mark Dalen
20. Charles Austin
Armelinda Schulte
Joe Spence
21. Kyle Bagby
Ken Rozeboom
22. Leah Hendrix
23. Clayton Gaulter
Scott Petersen
Scott Ruggiero, s of Andy & Billie
24. Lenny Mullin
25. Jim Cote Jr.
27. Cynthia Hinman
28. Tyler Calvert
Geoffrey Crawford
29. Pamela Albarelli
30. Peter Wilke

8 DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Erik LaPrade
- 2 Keith Albarelli
Van Bedell
- 3 Thomas Boldry
Ken Keith
Phyllis Nelson
Eric Strautman
- 4 Charles Capehart
Eric Linnhoff
Marsha Wolf
- 5 Joe Deters
David Ducey
- 6 Tressa Barnes d of Steve & Julie
- 7 Christopher Edmondson
- 8 Rich Bireta
William Schmidt
- 9 Brian Haupt
- 10 Chris Peterson
- 11 Mitch Moylan (7) s of Paul & Alicia
Frank Stone
- 12 Steve Patterson
- 13 Steve Roberts
- 15 Marilyn Brown
Sharon Bybee
Natalie Ruckman (8) grd of Charlie & Norma Williams
- 16 Charlie Smith
Christian Marcussen
Andy Ruggiero
- 18 Michaela Newton (13) d of Chuck & Alex Clark
- 20 John Herrman
Phillip Meredith
Brian Ruggiero s of Andy & Billie
- 21 Phillip Frick
- 22 Jacob Ducey (5) grs of Fred & Sharon Bybee
Anthony Shores
Kylee Timberlake (13) grd of Ken & Gini Ragan
- 23 Rodney Giebel
Ross Matheson
Nancy Pratt
Ken Snyder
- 24 Brenda Johnson
- 25 Janice Fisher
- 26 Melissa Carlson
Char Keith
- 27 Ryan Buetzer
Benjamin Wolf (12) s of Steve & Marsha
- 28 Joshua Albarelli
Christian Herron (8) s of Tim & Laurie
Chelsea Snyder
Lauren Strickler (14) d of John & Kathy
Bill Tucker
Sean Willoughby
- 29 Michael K Bell
Emma Kirkland (14) d of Robin & Brenda
- 30 Michael P Asselta
- 31 Lizzy Graham d of Larry & Susan
Stacey Ritter
Cooper Tombs (14) s of Kelly & Kathi
Marty Walter

Kansas City Region
Sports Car Club of America
October General Meeting
Creekside Pub and Grille
9916 Holmes Rd, KCMO

The October meeting of the KC Region, SCCA was called to order by the RE, Bill Johnson on October 3, 2006. Bill asked for a motion for approval of the minutes of the September meeting as printed in Checkpoint. Motion was made by Neava Ford, the second by David Long and the minutes of the September meeting were approved. The financial report was given by Lorena Irvine, Treasurer.

Norma William, membership chairman, reported we had 581 members. She also introduced our guests, Rich Bireta from the Kansas Region, and Pego Mack and Mike Dickerson from the National Office. Norma will be working in the membership tent at the Runoffs and she encouraged members to help her by working a 4 hour shift during the race days. She also brought T-shirts that may be purchased and worn proudly showing your club affiliation. She also reminded members of the annual picnic to be held at the King Farm in Gardner KS on October 21st.

Mike Dickerson talked about membership. He mentioned the VIP, a program encouraging members who are not a part of the racing family to participate by allowing them to spend time with the specialty of their choice during Race Days. He also mentioned Bill Tucker, who is associated with the Spinal Injury Association will be featured in the Membership Tent at the Runoffs. Pego was hopeful of getting KCR members to volunteer to work checkpoints during the National Road Rally to be held around Topeka Oct. 20 – 22. However, upon hearing about our picnic, she made her plea short.

Rich Bireta talked about the KCR's Eleven-Elevenths Rally scheduled for Nov. 11, 2006. It will start at Creekside. It will start with a Driver's Meeting at 12:51 with first driver off at 1:11 pm.

Pat diNatale reported for the Nominating Committee. The committee consists of Pat, Sharlene Smith, Jeff Kopp, David Long and Verne Maxey. He said they are looking for good people to be candidates and if you are interested in being a candidate, please contact a committee member.

Bill reported representatives to the KVRG Board will be elected at the November Board meeting. Members interested in representing the KCR should send a resume to the Secretary, Gini Ragan prior to that meeting.

Tom Rowe, banquet chairman, reported the 2006 Awards Banquet will be held Jan. 20, 2007 at the Holiday Inn at 87th and I-35 in Overland Park. He will be contacting members who have traveling trophies about their return. He hopes to be able to provide a nice banquet at a lower rate than has been possible for the last couple of years.

Niel Leon, Solo chair, reported on the Evolution School, which was successful, and the Solo Nationals held at Heartland Park in September. Several members talked about their experience at the Nationals.

Chuck Clark reported for KVRG including the request from Heartland Park to man the Trans Am race and weekend test days for them. HPT will provide lunches and Saturday night dinner. Alex Clark, race chair, expressed the need for workers, especially F&C. Neava Ford, F&C chief, also encouraged members to come work the weekend event.

Mike McGinley announced that Superior Chevrolet had been asked to man the GM Parts tent at the Runoffs and you might be able to find him and Jeff Kopp there during the week.

Charlie Williams had door prizes that were won by knowing answers to questions derived from the current Checkpoint.

Bill, our RE, reminded members of dates of KCR happenings and requested that we be gracious hosts at the Runoffs and wished everyone Good Luck! Also, please be kind to our waitresses.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gini Ragan, Secretary

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KANSAS CITY REGION OFFICER NOMINATIONS FOR 2007

REGIONAL EXEC-DALE SMITH

ASSISTANT RE-CHARLIE WILLIAMS

SECRETARY-GINI RAGAN

TREASURER-DAVID LONG

DIRECTORS

MARK DALEN
MEREDITH HAUPT
JEFF KOPP
TOM ROWE
CHARLIE SMITH
JIM WHEELER
NORMA WILLIAMS

Dear Mom:

The 2006 Missouri State Champion in PPC (Police Pistol Championship) match was Ken Keifer and he has some beautiful trophies to show for it! This match was held at the Pioneer Gun Club range out by Powell Gardens on September 23rd. The course is fired with a semi auto pistol or revolver at different positions ranging from standing, kneeling, prone, right hand barricade and left hand barricade. Time limits range from 20 seconds to 2 minutes 45 seconds. Ken's pistol is a custom built 38 special revolver and Ken reloads his own match ammunition. This is just one of several shooting matches he competes in throughout the year. He has won several other titles and matches. Ken is a NRA Firearms instructor and also teaches hunter safety classes. He competed in June 2006 in a benefit match for Special Olympics, he won in one class and was 2nd in another - out of some 200 entries. Ken practices at the Pioneer Gun Club 2-3 times a week.

Logan Farley, youngest daughter of Curtis, performed at Tivoli Theater at Worlds of Fun for 5 weeks of Halloween shows. Logan was a dancer and this was her first professional show. She is a freshman at Park College studying Interior Design.

Al Essig's mother, Kathryn, recently fell while in her basement and broke her hip. She pulled herself up the stairs and called for help. She has a hip replacement now. Kathryn is 91 years old and lives in her house alone. She also insists on mowing her own yard!

John and Phyllis Nelson traveled to Sarasota, Florida to visit Phyllis' parents, Charles and Irene Palmer. They recently moved into a high rise retirement community, Bay Village. But John and Phyllis were back home in time to work at the Runoffs! While in Sarasota, they traded their PT Cruiser in for a 2007 Honda Accord EXL. The new Honda's color is desert mist (gold).

Jim Wheeler and his brother were recently on a fishing trip to Minnesota. The last evening at dinner Jim's brother had a big juicy hamburger and Jim chose a spinach salad! Jim became very ill on the trip home then went to bed sick for three days. He finally went to the Doctor who confirmed Jim had e coli. Jim is feeling much better now.

One of the October featured artists at the Images Art Gallery was Ellen Wolf. Ellen's show was called, Mixed Media and Ellen said it was all new work and she was tired! The show was open October 6th thru the 28th. Ellen is also a part time teacher at Penn Valley Community College this year teaching "Survey of Art History"

Did you know???? Merry Nafus is a certified balloon artist. Hubby, Steve (while checking out the black and white balloon arch at the Runoffs) told us that Merry builds balloon arches.

Mike Farley is traveling to Gettysburg, PA. He will spend 3 days at the Battle Field. His great grandfather, John W. Hart received the Medal of Honor for his services at this battle field during the Civil War. This is Mike's first trip to this area and he will be staying at a Bed and Breakfast that was built in 1789 in a room named 'Nook'. Mike will be stopping at Mid-Ohio race track on his way home to watch the vintage races. He will be taking pictures in the Victory Lane.

Our condolences to the Willard King family on the death of his mother, Wanda Provence King Bailey on September 23rd. Wanda was 89 years old. Our condolences also to Ken Yockey on the death of his mother, Elizabeth Yockey. Elizabeth who was 86 years old passed away on September 26th.

Mom heard the rumor that Andrew Johnson, son of Bill and Nancy, escorted Danielle Henson, daughter of Bob and Linda, to Andrew's high school homecoming dance.

Cassie Lindstedt, daughter of Cathy and Tom Ibarra, who graduated from Kearney High School is one of the eight individuals receiving the 2006 James H Hale scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to dependents of Kansas City Star employees who attend college following high school graduation. Cassie is working toward a minor in photography at Central Missouri State while she majors in marketing. She also plans on getting a minor in French and studying abroad.

Virginia King had surgery on her right knee a few weeks ago. Her husband, Willard (not to be outdone!) broke his right foot. Seems the race car rolled over his foot in his garage. He fell down and twisted his leg. Both are recovering. Virginia said they plan to buy a wheel chair built for 2!!!

A picture of Mike and Mary McGinley's multi-level deck was in the Star newspaper recently. Last summer they replaced their pressure-treated lumber deck with a red cedar one at their Overland Park home. Mary said they receive many comments from people who use the walking trail behind their house saying it's the best deck they'd ever seen. A grill area and screened-in-section gives the deck a year-round appeal.

Bill (RE), Nancy & Arthur Johnson attended the Kansas State-Louisburg football game in Manhattan, KS on Fathers Day weekend. They attended the game with daughter, Micaela, who is a freshman at Kansas State. Bill said he saw Kent (KS RE) and Kathy Prather there. Also attending the game was David Long, whose daughter, Emily attends Kansas State. This was David's first college football game.

Charlie and Sharlene Smith have sold their Raytown Repair business and property. They will not be retiring soon as they will stay for one year to help the new owner, Rob Stanley of Pleasant Hill, MO. Rob was an ASE Master Certified Technician at Adams Toyota in Raytown for the past 19 years. The 3 years before that, Rob was employed at Charlie Williams Import Car Center in Westwood, KS. Charlie and Sharlene own a farm in Pleasant Hill where they will retire in a few years.

Steve and Dian Bachenberg will soon be first time grandparents. Proud parents are their older son, John and Molli, who reside in Coralville, IA. Molli is a student at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. Baby Bachenberg will arrive the first of November.

At "The Runoffs" - Charlie Smith and Charlie Williams, on the Smiths' golf cart, were traveling Friday night between the Workers tent and the tent where KCR/KS Region party was held. They were traveling right along with NO lights and in the DARK!! Suddenly they found themselves "high centered" in the big sandpile behind the concession stand and they could NOT move. After much laughing they finally freed themselves and continued on. Does anyone have any pictures???????

Ellen Wolf's mother, Daisy Caress who lives in Parsons, KS, recently celebrated her 88th birthday. Ellen and Victor LaViola visited Daisy on her special day, October 22nd.

A wonderful article and two pictures in the Sunday, October 15th Kansas City Star featured our own Bill Tucker from Blue Springs. Bill drives a 1986 Chevrolet Camaro in American Sedan class in SCCA racing. Bill, who sustained a spinal cord injury and subsequent paraplegia after falling from a ladder in 1995, finished 12th at the Runoffs this year out of 24 starters. Wow, what a fantastic drive! Congratulations Bill. Bill was introduced to racing by his friend, Ken Deitchman. At the Runoffs on Saturday at the noon hour, Bill was at the SCCA membership tent with his racing Miata and the United Spinal Association representatives from New York.

When the NASCAR races were at the Kansas Speedway recently, the teams hired some local people to help them with their PR work. Jennifer Williams worked for the Dale Earnhardt Jr #8 Nextel Cup team.

Paul Yonally called this week to inform Mom of the whereabouts of Marv and his son, Barry Wolf. Barry owns American Auto Electric Inc., at 7740 Shawnee in Leavenworth, KS and Marv works for Barry part time.

Tootie Ney, sister of Gini Ragan, who lives in Arizona recently fell in the parking lot of her apartment complex. She was going out to lunch but instead ended up in the hospital with the bone above her ankle broken. Tootie will have surgery in the near future when they will put in a plate and pins. Get well soon, Tootie.

Don't look back

Midiv 2006

This years Midiv convention was held at the Embassy Suites hotel in downtown Omaha, Nebraska. Across the street from the hotel was Omaha's revitalized city market area with lots of shops, restaurants and bars. All the streets were the original brick roads and the area had kind of a little New Orleans feel to it with all the iron overhangs and awnings with grass growing out of them. Their restored Union Station sat up on the hill about a block away. It was great to be able to walk out of the hotel to grab a quick bite to eat for lunch or dinner. The hotel and surrounding area would make a great weekend getaway.

Kansas City Region members attending were Dale Smith, Chuck and Alex Clark, Charlie Clark and Neava Ford, Charlie Smith and Bill Johnson. Overall attendance was down just a little with approximately 90 people this year.

There are meetings and seminars for a variety of different interests, the bulk of the convention can really be broken down into 2 categories, the Executive Committee meeting and the Awards Banquet.

The Executive Committee meeting is where all of the divisions business is conducted and always the hottest and most time consuming subject is scheduling our races. This year was no exception as the scheduling part took up most of the meeting and left us with some important unfinished business, like the Worker Recruitment and Retention program originated by our own Dale Smith and the fate of our dwindling drivers schools.

Trying to get all of the regions schedules and the tracks schedules to fit together has become an almost impossible task. Right now there is a consensus among RE's in our division that we have too many races, and while we talk about it, no one wants to give up one of their own events. Soon that may have to change because the reality is, our schedule is outgrowing our worker base and it is unrealistic to expect our current workers to do any more than they already are. With the Runoffs at Heartland Park and Sec. Miata gaining national status, our divisions National races were all well attended but many of our Regional races suffered. The financial viability of our events, as a division is also becoming more of an issue.

All of this is actually a good problem to have. Not that long ago a couple of our division tracks had fallen into disrepair and we were worried bout having enough places to race, then MAM came along and now we have a new track in Hastings Nebraska and the prospect of a couple more in the near future. Our future RE's will face some tough decisions.

At the road race roundtable, the owner of the new track in Hastings Nebraska made a short presentation. He is extremely enthusiastic about SCCA and apparently so is the town. The drive for us is supposed to be about 4 ½ hours and it sounds like it could be a great "club" track for us. The track is finished and has already had several non SCCA events along with the Rally Cross Championship. There will be a Regional race there next year, but the date is not firm yet.

The awards banquet featured guest speaker Bob Woodhouse, the nations largest Viper dealer. Bob entertained with stories of racing in the highly competitive World Challenge series. It would be safe to say that Bob has no problems pushing the limits of what he says and the stories he tells. Quite entertaining.

This years big award winners were: Sherri Huxtable won the England-Stipe award recognizing long term service to the division, considered our divisions highest award. Frank Deringer was the divisions Worker of The Year. The Workers Choice award went to our own Charlie Clark. Driver of the Year went to Chris Albin from Southern Illinois region.

Rocky Entriiken also announced some of our divisions racing accomplishments and among them were: The Midwest Division had 6 National Championship drivers, our largest number ever. KC Region had 7 MidAm champions, more than any other region. Kansas City Region had 6 national division champions.

Other notes of interest: Alex Clark is the new DA of Flagging and Communications replacing Des-Moines Ron Shaw. Division officers remain unchanged with Chuck Clark as Chairman, Jan Rick as Vice Chairman, Chris Safranek as Secretary and Betty Martin as Treasurer.

Special thanks to Candy Gerber and all of the Nebraska region people for their effort in putting on the Midiv convention. Last year at this time no one wanted the convention but Candy stepped up. They were great hosts and a lot of fun was had by all.

Next years convention will be in St. Louis and the following year in Memphis. While this years convention was heavy on the road race side, St. Louis has a strong solo program and promises to place a heavy emphasis on solo at next years convention.

Bill Johnson
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THE KANSAS CITY REGION ANNUAL PICNIC

Saturday morning, the 21st of October we were awakened to the "pitter patter" of raindrops. As the morning proceeded forward the raindrops became heavier, the weather temperature dropped and we finally resolved that this would be one of those very rainy picnic days! As we arrived at the Willard & Virginia King barn it was obvious that the rainy weather had not dampened the King's spirits. Everything was ready for us - including a very warm and cozy barn. In fact, the horses and cats were very comfortable and ready to greet us. Sharlene and Norma soon had the barn decorated for Halloween and the guests started arriving. Sixty nine hearty KCR members and friends soon filled the barn. The food was fabulous and so much to choose from, I'm sure we all extended our waistbands. There was a decorated jar filled with black & orange M&M's (actual count was 640) and the closest guess was Jimmy Miller, an employee of the Kings. The decorated pumpkin contest was great. We had about 10 very different decorated pumpkins on display. First place went to Willard King - the pumpkin was carved by his grandson and was a picture of Willard's race car. Second place was won by Dale Smith and resembled a beer cooler. There were several "giveaways" and then we had a mummy-wrapping-contest. First place was Dale & Deana Smith, second was Chuck & Alex Clark, third was Keith & Cheryl Williams and fourth was Bill & Nancy Johnson. A special "thank you" to my friend, Sharlene Smith, who is always there and such a wonderful help! Thank you to Willard & Virginia King for use of their barn, putting out the signs and having chairs brought in. Thank you to Dale Smith, who had the kegs of beer there, bought ice, made coffee and furnished the tables. Thank you to Chuck Clark for getting the grills ready and for the use of their motorhome. Thank you to KC Raceware for donating 1 keg of beer and to Collateral Media for donating 2 kegs of beer. Thank you to those who helped at the registration table; Gini Ragan, Phyllis Nelson and Sharon Bybee. And thank you all for attending this picnic and we hope you had a great time.

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NOV 11		11—11THS RALLY	CREEKSIDE PUB & GRILLE
		Drivers Mtg 12:51,	First Car off—1:11
Nov 21	8:00	Race Group, Creekside Pub & Grille	
Nov 28	7:30	Board Meeting, Creekside Pub & Grille	
Dec 5	8:00	Annual Meeting and Election	
		Creekside Pub and Grille, 9916 Holmes Rd	
Dec 15		Race Group Party (no meeting this month)	
Jan 2		Solo Group, prior to General Meeting	
Jan 2	8:00	General Meeting	
Jan 16	8:00	Race Group	
Jan 20		Awards Banquet, Holiday Inn, 87th & I-35	

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