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RE VIEW  
WITH  
DALE SMITH

## **And Now, Something Completely Different...**

Hi Everyone,

Hang on for just a second, I'm still trying to figure this out. Let's see, that was 4.3 miles at 45 MPH. 4.3 times 80 seconds per mile equals 344 seconds, divided by 60 seconds equals 5.733 minutes, equals 5 minutes and 44 seconds plus the last cumulative total of 18 minutes and 37 seconds, which equals 23 min.... Big bump in the road, lost my place what was that again? I think we should speed up.... No wait a minute.... Slow Down! No, not a minute, we're only 23 seconds too fast. Or was that 37 seconds too slow? Oh well, just go about the speed limit and we'll try not to get lost....again! Hey, that guy with the orange cones and the clipboard is waving at us. Maybe we should turn around. He sure seems like he wants to tell us something!

That just about sums up my first experience as a navigator in a time, speed, distance rally. I teamed up with Steven Berger again for the "Meet in the Middle". This time, we entered in his Jeep and he drove while I tried to follow the directions and calculate the times. I'm thinking that it must be easier with a softer suspension and a calibrated odometer. Although we finished in the bottom half of the 16 entries, I think we were probably on the podium in terms of "fun had" and we're looking forward to trying again in the fall. We both agreed that it was a great way to spend a beautiful Saturday afternoon! Thanks, Rich, Albert and the rest for all your work putting this event on.

In other news, last night was our first meeting at our new location, Barley's Brewhaus. We had a comfortably full room for the Race Group Meeting and we were all treated to an entertaining program about our newest class, GTA. Ron Keith did a great job telling us about his personal history, the history of the cars in GTA, the current programs and future plans for their class. Next month, Steve Johnson, Past SCCA President, is planning to join us and tell some stories about his experiences since he left for his position with CART. I hope his schedule will allow him to be here!

Our Solo Program will be hosting a National Tour Event later this summer. Congratulations to all who have demonstrated that we run one of the best Solo Programs in the country! This is one of the biggest honors that a Region can receive. It won't be easy, but it is a great opportunity to continue growing and improving our Solo Program and its reputation. There are plenty of things that will require volunteers, so please let Bill Correll, Greg Reno or the Solo Committee know if you are willing to help make this a successful event.

That's it from here, for now. I'll see you all out and about!

Dale

## NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

Registration for the 2008 Solo Nationals is now open. Go to [www.scca.com](http://www.scca.com), click on the SOLO tab, click on National Solo Event and then registration.

NASA competition licenses will now be accepted at SCCA races.

The participant survey has inspired Enhancements for the 2008 National Championship Runoffs. Highlights are listed here.

Schedule and qualifying changes—no split qualifying sessions as each race group will have three (3) 22 minute single class sessions.

Driver numbers from the 2007 Runoffs will be reserved for the first two weeks of registration (providing the driver is still competing in the same class as last year,.)

Driver Registration opens July 8 and numbers will be held until July 22, 9:00 am CDT.

Racing will begin on Friday, Oct 10, with 9 races, followed by a 9 race day on Saturday Oct 11 with only 7 races being held on Sunday, Oct 12, allowing an earlier start on travel time.

Volunteer camping will be the North Paddock.

Volunteers will be able to drive their personal vehicles closer to their work assignments. There will be designated specialty parking and F&C workers may be able to drive to their assigned stations.

Volunteer Registration will open JUNE 10 at 9:00 am CDT.

It has been announced the 2009 National Championship Runoffs will be held at Road America in Elkhart Lake, WI. No location for the 2009 Solo Nationals has been announced.

# KAW VALLEY RACE GROUP announces a DOUBLE REGIONAL JUNE 14 AND 15 HEARTLAND PARK TOPEKA



With a GTA CLASS hosted  
participant party  
(includes drivers, crew, workers and guests)  
in the south paddock  
following dinner  
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The Kansas Tornados (the Kansas members of GTA class)  
will also sponsor the lunches for workers on Saturday.

## SOLO NOTES FROM ONE WHO SHOULD KNOW...



It's been a while since a Corvair has triumphed in a big-time autocross event, and hopefully, that wait has been worth it.

On the April 19th/20th weekend, the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) held it's first (of 4) Midwest Division Championship events at Arrowhead Stadium, Lot L. Over 130 cars were there, each hoping to emerge a winner and qualify for a shot at the National Championship in September. Dick Berger, were there, and Dick was in his dark blue, highly modified C-Prepared class 1965 Monza coupe. In this class, everyone is allowed to lighten, strengthen, and modify their cars within certain guidelines. The biggest problem is the size and strength of the competition — Camaros, Firebirds, Mustangs, all with V8 motors.

Last year's divisional champion was back from Wichita to defend his championship in his V8 Firebird, and the 2007 Kansas City Championship-winning Camaro was also entered. A total of 5 V8 drivers and one Corvair — confidence was high in the V8 camp, and not so high elsewhere....

Getting lost on an autocross course isn't something that you want to do, as it counts for time, just like hitting those pesky orange cones that outline the track. One cone equals 2 seconds, and it almost surely means a lost lap. When you only get 4 shots, you have to make every lap count.

DFL (last) after lap one was not a good beginning, but I didn't get lost and I knew that the car was faster than it was being driven. Lap 2 was much better, moving the Corvair into 2<sup>nd</sup>, but behind the Firebird. Lap 3 was better still, and put the blue car in the lead — pylons and off-course excursions didn't help the V8 cars either. For lap 4, the "red mist" overcame good sense and driver ability, and a DNF (Does Not Finish) was my score for this one run. But the Firebird hit cones and got lost too so I was still leading at the end of the first day allowing a few beers to be consumed during the bench-racing at the Saturday night bar-be-que.



Having a 2 and a ½ second lead on day one causes a person to think of all the ways to lose, so getting lost on lap 1 moved me from the top to the bottom in an instant (or as Superman once said, "able to fall from a tall building in a single lap" or something similar...) Lap 2 got me back to 2<sup>nd</sup>, but the Firebird was still ahead of me for the weekend. Lap 3 put me back in the lead, and as I waited in line for my last lap, I noticed the license plate on the back of the T/A — WINNER — I could feel the red mist returning, and told myself (out loud, as I heard later) that TODAY — I was going to be the winner. The Firebird turned in his best lap of the day, but hit a pylon doing it, so the challenge was — beat him and don't hit any cones —

Well, yes, I was 4 tenth's faster than him on the last lap; I had a clean run (no pylons or off courses) and won the event by over 4 seconds for the weekend. I'm already entered in the next Championship event in St Louis on the Memorial day weekend. Hopefully another win is on the horizon....

Dick Berger  
CP 99 Corvair



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## Buetzer Selected as Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup Driver



*NOTE FROM THE EDITOR—Ryan has graciously agreed to share his journal as a pro driver with us, so there will be articles from Ryan as he has time to share. As a former member of the KCR and the Kansas Region, I know we are all interested in watching his career develop. I know his parents must be excited and proud.*

Hello, my name is Ryan Buetzer. I've been running SCCA Solo for the last 9 years, and recently was selected as a driver in the Volkswagen Jetta TDI Cup. I was a member of the Kansas and Kansas City Region SCCA from 1999 until 2005, and have been a Cal Club SCCA member since 2005. I wanted share my experiences and hope you enjoy reading about my journey throughout the year. I'll keep you updated with a report after each race.

### VW Jetta TDI

#### Cup Driver Selection April 3-6, 2008 Phoenix, AZ

The Jetta TDI Cup is the first all-diesel powered race series in North America and is sanctioned by SCCA Pro Racing. The cars are powered by a 2.0-liter, four-cylinder TDI, clean diesel engine. To highlight its environmental dedication, Volkswagen has partnered with Carbonfund.org to certify the entire race series as carbon free.

From approximately 600 initial applications, 54 drivers were evaluated at Firebird Raceway in Phoenix, April 3 -6 2008. The top 30 drivers, age 16-26, will become VW Factory Drivers competing in the 8 race series. The series Champion will win \$100,000, with an additional \$150,000 bonus for being signed by a professional motorsports team within six months. The selection process included karting, autocrossing, road course driving in VW GTIs and Jettas, physical fitness testing, a written test, and interviews.

#### Day 1 – Thursday

We arrived at Firebird International Raceway, and spotted two enormous tents with VW on the side. An amazing first impression; VW certainly went well beyond my expectations. One tent was an air conditioned hospitality area with free food, comfortable couches, Playstation 3, and all you can drink Red Bull. The other housed approximately 20 of the 2009 Jetta TDI Cup cars. Interior striped, bolt in cage, massive crossed drilled front rotors, clean diesel engine, Recaro seat, Michelin slicks, paddle shifters...it was love at first sight. After registration and a quick meeting, we broke into small groups and anxiously got started.

#### Karting

We used a small portion of Firebird West. The course incorporated a variety of corners including: increasing, decreasing, and constant radius turns, along with a chicane section. Although I don't have a great deal of karting experience, I had enough to be comfortable and felt I was running well. We ran two 15 minute session with the instructors taking notes at each corner and times being recorded.

It should be noted that times were kept confidential in the karting, autocrossing, and track lapping. I'm assuming they did this in case they wanted to select a driver that might have had poor kart, autocross, and track times, but did very well in the interview and written test. If VW thought the person would be more "sell-able" as a VW spokesman and/or representative, they could select him/her with out much scrutiny. After all, this is a business opportunity for VW, and they want drivers that can help them put their best foot forward.

#### Autocrossing – VW GTI

First course - Course was VERY tight, only a car and a half wide at some points. Very limited on line choice, but the tightness accentuated the need for correct speed going into corners. Going in too fast would immediately result in a cone penalty. First section of the course was a fast lane change. After watching the first 7 people brake or lift navigating this section, I got in and flat-footed it through. The instructor was impressed and assumed I had "done this autocrossing stuff before." I refrained from mentioning I'm a 3-time SCCA Solo National Champion. I've "done it" once or twice before.

#### Physical Fitness

A company that trains elite professional athletes called Athletes Performance completed the physical fitness test. They did a body fat test along with several agility and flexibility tests. A VO2 Max test was also performed using stationary bikes. This test measures the volume of oxygen your can consume while exercising at your maximum capacity. I did extremely well in the VO2 test, but since I run half marathons, I was expecting to do well.

#### Written Test

30 question test ranging from flag identification, oversteer correction, to braking and downshifting. Fairly simple, but like a lot of multiple choice test, their seemed to be multiple answers that were close, but only one a little more "right" then others. They went over the test after we finished. I scored 30 out of 30.

### Interviews

5 minute video taped interview with VW personnel. Basic interview items: tell me about yourself, what is your racing background, what do you think of the event so far, etc.

They wanted to see how comfortable we are with interviews because we'll encounter media interviews during the race season. They want articulate, personable, fun people representing VW and the Jetta TDI Cup.

### Day 2 - Friday

#### Autocross – VW GTIs

The course remained tight, but was modified to have more sweeping increasing and decreasing radius turns. The course egged drivers to fly into corners, but you had to "go slow to go fast", otherwise a huge push would occur.

When the course is tight and small (I would assume about 30 seconds), it's hard to separate the good drivers from the average. If a bigger, faster SCCA Solo National Tour type course was used, the time spread between drivers would grow immensely.

#### Track Lapping – VW GTIs

We used a portion of the West track for lapping in GTIs. The instructors took us out for hot laps and gave pointers on the way. The laps were timed, but they seemed to be much more interested in seeing if you followed directions and took the correct line.

### Driver Selection

Friday evening, they made the announcement of the top 35 drivers, and mentioned the selection for the top 30 drivers would be on Sunday. In random order, my name was called just over halfway through the top 35. It was slightly nerve racking waiting for my name, but I felt confident I would be selected.

### Day 3 - Saturday

The top 35 spent the entire day at Athletes Performance in Mesa, AZ. We had small seminars on health and fitness, and had break out sessions when we were taught lifts, stretches, and agility work outs that would help our driving. VW stressed the idea that being a professional driver demands more than just being a fast driver. Physical fitness is extremely important and necessary to perform to your potential.

### Day 4 - Sunday

Upon arrival, we immediately got in our brand new Oakley VW driving suits and hit the Firebird West track for lead follows in the Jetta TDI Cup cars. Although the cars came off the regular Jetta assembly line, the engines and transmissions were built and installed by a special team, then tested to ensure the 30 cars are as equal as possible. The car felt great, and the brakes are phenomenal. The car has ton of low end torque, with a red line in the high fours. I didn't notice any turbo lag, and was very impressed with the overall power. Very solid feel with minimal understeer unless its driver induced.

After several lead follows, we gathered in the hospitality tent to announce the top 30 drivers. A huge sense of relief came after my name was called. I've been talking about this opportunity for months and wanted it so badly.

We finished the day with a qualify session (which I qualified 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 15), a practice start, and a race.

We had camera crews following us during the evaluation process. There will be a 2 hour documentary on SPEED channel about the selection process and race series later this year. Overall, the entire evaluation process was amazing. Volkswagen did an amazing job. Please keep an eye out for my race reports throughout the year.

-Ryan Buetzer

More information can be found at:

[www.ryanbracing.com](http://www.ryanbracing.com)

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## NATIONAL RACING POINTS

Thru May 1, 2008  
(KC Region members only)

Formula Atlantic  
1st Hans Peter 24 pnts

Formula Continental  
2nd Phil Hemes 12 pnts

Formula Ford  
1st Bill Johnson 19 pnts

C Sports Racing  
1st Mike McGinley 12 pnts

D Sports Racing  
2nd (t) Tom Bootz 12 pnts  
2nd (t) Charlie Smith 12 pnts

Sports 2000  
1st Bob Henson 12 pnts

SPEC RACER FORD  
2nd Frank Stone 15 pnts  
6th Robin Kirkland 6 pnts  
7th Duane Dean 5 pnts  
10th Chris Funk 3 pnts  
12th Kelly Toombs 2 pnts

Touring 1  
3rd Mike McGinley 9 pnts

E Production  
1st Charlie Clark 31 pnts  
3rd Brian Haupt 13 pnts  
4th (t) Harvey Kinnard 12 pnts  
5th David Long 11 pnts  
8th Aaron Holstrom 8 pnts

American Sedan  
1st Jim Wheeler (T) 24 pnts  
2nd Bill Tucker 18 pnts  
5th (t) Jeff Kopp 7 pnts

Spec Miata  
4th Stephen Johnson 22 pnts  
6th Mike Asselta 18 pnts



## MID-AM CHAMPIONSHIP- POINTS

Thru May 1, 2008  
(KC Region members only)

Spec Racer Ford  
1st Duane Dean (T) 12 pnts  
1st Robin Kirkland (T) 12 pnts

E Production  
1st Harvey Kinnard 33 pnts  
2nd David Long 24 pnts  
3rd Aaron Holstrom 14 pnts  
4th Brett Whitney 9 pnts



Spec Miata  
2nd Mike Asselta 24 pnts  
13 Brian Patnode 4 pnts

ITS  
3rd Brian Landers 7 pnts  
4th Ryan Staub 6 pnts

ITA  
2nd Tim Gerrity (T) 19 pnts  
4th Jarold Boettcher 12 pnts  
7th Guy Watney 7 pnts

IT7  
1st Matthew Rivard 12 pnts



## THE MIDWEST DIV I.T. TOUR

Points as of May 1, 2008

ITS  
4th Ryan Staub 12 pnts  
5th David Bennett 7 pnts  
6th Brian Landers 6 pnts

ITA  
8th Jarold Boettcher 7 pnts  
11th Guy Watney 6 pnts

ITE  
2nd Mark Kirby 12 pnts

*Drivers with 0 points are not listed.*

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## **YAKETY YAK . . . . .**

Dear Mom:

Follow up on the Blue Valley North High School Robotics team.....Andrew Johnson and his dad, Billy flew to Atlanta, GA for the big competition the first of April. There were about 50,000 students there from all over the USA and even from Puerto Rico. The practice went very well for the BVN team but when it came time for the competition, nothing seemed to go right. But Billy said it was a fabulous experience and he was very proud of the BVN team.

Billy Johnson tells "Mom" that he is having trouble with his travel agent! For the flight to Atlanta, GA with Andrew he requested an aisle seat (due to a mild case of claustrophobia) BUT he got a window seat. Then when he checked into his hotel room - he had a handicap room. The bathroom mirror was hung quite low, so he combed his hair while down on his knees! THEN, to top it all off, he headed to MAM in the motorhome the next weekend (where it was quite cool and very breezy) AND all of the flannel sheets and blankets had been removed!

Matthew Boeckman and Kelly Cannon of Denver, CO have announced their engagement and plan to marry on August 16th, 2008 in Lawrence, KS. Matthew is a Senior Systems Administrator at ServiceMagic and Kelly earned a BS from the University of Kansas and is a second year MBA graduate student at the University of Colorado-Boulder.

Stefan Serrano, grandson of Bonnie & Brian Haupt will graduate this month from Topeka West High School with honors. He has been accepted to the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania. Stefan is the son of daughter, Emily. Bonnie says she has family on the East coast so will visit Stefan.

Jennifer Bennett is working on her UMKC Special Ed portfolio and hopes to complete it in July of this year. She plans to graduate with a Master's in Special Education in the fall of 2008. She is doing her Special Education summer practicum for 8 weeks with Junior High and High School students, this is a big change from the 2 year olds she has been working with. She is a teacher at the Sunshine Center in Independence, MO and in August she will become the lead teacher for an autism preschool room.

Bonnie & Brian Haupt are the proud grandparents (this is #10) of a new grandson, Ethan Matthew Geer. Ethan was born on February 19<sup>th</sup> to Matt & Angie Geer of Overland Park, KS. He weighed 7 lb 1 oz and is their first child. Bonnie baby sat with Ethan for 1 week while Angie went back to her teaching job. The other grandmother then baby sat the next week.

Alan Bennett has been accepted to participate in the 2009 Iron Butt Rally. Alan rode his Ninja 250 Kawasaki motorcycle in the 2007 Iron Butt Rally - this ride is 11,000 miles in 11 days!

Aaron Thomas Holstrom Jr. was born Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008. He weighed 8 lb 2 oz and was 21" long. He is the son of Aaron & Melissa and has two sisters, Makenna (4 in June) and Leila (2 in August). His proud grandparents are Tom & Gloria Holstrom.

The ex-Charlie & Norma Williams and now the ex-Guy Watney Avco motorhome will be staying in the Kansas City Region family. The proud new owners are Charlie Clark & Neava Ford.

Graduations: Ryan Ensign, grandson of Ken & Gini Ragan will graduate May 23<sup>rd</sup> from Oak Park High School. Ryan is the son of Pat & Leslie Ensign.

Danielle Henson, daughter of Bob & Linda will graduate May 25<sup>th</sup> from Blue Springs South High School.

D.J. Catlett, son of Mike & Barbara Dickerson graduated from Osage City High School on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

Andrew Johnson, son of Billy & Nancy will graduate this month from Blue Valley North High School.

## **DON'T LOOK BACK . . . . .**

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## **"Meet in the Middle Rally" 2008**

**Rich Biretta and Albert Weaver**

Events like the May 17, 2008 "Meet in the Middle" Road Rally cannot occur without a significant volunteer effort on the part of many people. We mentioned our gratitude to these folks Saturday, but a "Thank You" bears repeating. Thanks again to:

Garry Deaton and Bob Strattan for assuming unexpected checkpoint responsibilities in Atchison and keeping the rally running,  
Randy Gregg and Don Christman for a great Topeka starting location,  
Dan McConnell of the HOA Z Car Club and KC SCCA for event promotion,  
The KC Mini Enthusiasts Club for providing three entries,  
Derrick Carpenter, for working the Topeka start and checkpoint 2, and  
Devon and Anne Marie Biretta, for working the KC start

The concept for the Meet in the Middle Rally started in 2005 at the end of the March Madness Rally sponsored by the Kansas Region SCCA. We were sitting at the finish at the Emporia Zoo bemoaning the fact that there had been a great day of rallying enjoyed by only 10 entries. Why couldn't we boost the size of the entry field by having a rally start in both Wichita and Topeka and a convenient ending location near Emporia?

The first two Meet in the Middle Rallies were held in March 2006 and March 2007 with starting locations in Topeka and Wichita, both rallies ending at the Chicken House Restaurant in Olpe, Kansas. The 2006 event drew 25 cars (15 from Topeka and 10 from Wichita). The 2007 event drew 8 cars, 4 from each city.

Changes made for 2008 included changing the second starting location from Wichita to Kansas City in an effort to draw a larger field of contestants. Given the price of gas, the length of the rally was shortened some two hours compared with the 2007 run. With the help of Dan McConnell, we reached out to the marque clubs in the Kansas City area to draw new participants to the event.

As we put this rally together we had several goals:

- 1) Enlarge the entry field and rally participation in the SCCA MidWest Division
- 2) Attract participation from several local SCCA Regions
- 3) Create the kind of rally that we like to participate in:
  - A) Use fun & interesting roads that participants might not normally encounter,
  - B) A clean time-speed-distance rally without tricks or traps, and no teams lost,
  - C) Timely and accurate results

We met several but not all of our goals. We are deeply gratified by the turn-out of 16 teams. The route was intended to be trap-free, and **everyone** made it to the finish. We hope you agree that the roads were interesting and fun. (Isn't that last stretch in Missouri a blast? **Those** are what rally roads ideally should be!)

We had issues with our route instructions that we will work diligently to improve the next time around. For the KC starters, there was a twisted road sign at 142<sup>nd</sup> and Loring Road that made it appear that was the place to turn after Coit Trucking. (The intended turn was another .08 mile down the road.) We missed recording the SL 55 sign west of McLouth, causing rallyists to drive 35 in a 55 zone for a distance. Lastly, scoring the rally took way too long and for this we apologize. We will have a faster and accurate scoring process for future rallies. We welcome any other suggestions from you.

**Scoring Issues:** We decided to merge leg 3, where there was scheduled to be a checkpoint at the BP Amoco station in Atchison. The Atchison checkpoint worker (Albert) was late, trying to help teams recover from the Loring Road turn problem. Contestants who restarted after getting back on course from the Loring Road turn used their restart time without need for a Time Allowance. We ended up combining the leg times for leg 3 (into Atchison) with leg 4 (into Weston) and scored that as one leg. We offer our sincere apologies for these problems.

**We would like to thank our rally entrants:** We'd like to thank all of you for your involvement, good sportsmanship, and patience during and after the rally. Most importantly, we hope you had fun, and we hope to see you again soon on the rally road!

### **Overall Results**

The overall finish is slightly different than the results we announced at the Weston restaurant. We apologize to our overall winners – Pego Mack and Steve Nelson - and to Bob Strattan and Garry Deaton as well. (As a historical note, it seems I made a similar scoring mistake in 2006, when Pego and Steve ultimately proved to have won the first MITM Rally). The winning margin was three seconds – one second per leg!



The overall results are:

Car	Driver	Navigator	Car	Start	Total
4T	Pego Mack	Steve Nelson	Red WRX	Topeka	42
1T	Robert Strattan	Garry Deaton	Red Escort	Topeka	45
1	Devon Bireta	Anne Marie Bireta	Gold Honda Civic	KC	71
7	Dave Craven	Ivan Cabezas	Blue Mini Cooper	KC	71
5	Dan McConnell	Paul MacRoberts	Blue 350Z	KC	76
3T	Lori Goetsch	Marty Courtois	Red Mini Cooper	Topeka	191
6	John Dority	Jacob Records	Silver Miata MX5	KC	260
6T	Julie Avard	David Avard	Gold Jeep Cherokee	Topeka	263
2T	Randy Gregg	Alan Neukirch	Red Ford Mustang	Topeka	336
4	Pete Kerckhoff	Renee Kerckhoff	Cobra Replica	KC	343
10	Steven Berger	Dale Smith	Grey Cherokee	KC	372
3	Travis Heckes	Lacey Ziegler	Jaguar X	KC	482
9	Kevin Demers	John Bianco	Yellow Mini Cooper	KC	486
2	John Nelson	Phyllis Nelson	Honda S2000	KC	509
5T	Mike VanDam	Ron Kass	Black Crossfire	Topeka	519
8	Tony Ray Dunavant	Lea Craman	Orange GTI	KC	731

Results for each leg are:

Car	Driver	Navigator	Car	1	2	3	Total
4T	Pego Mack	Steve Nelson	Red WRX	9	10	23	42
1T	Robert Strattan	Garry Deaton	Red Escort	12	15	18	45
1	Devon Bireta	Anne Marie Bireta	Gold Honda Civic	14	34	23	71
7	Dave Craven	Ivan Cabezas	Blue Mini Cooper	59	7	5	71
5	Dan McConnell	Paul MacRoberts	Blue 350Z	9	12	55	76
3T	Lori Goetsch	Marty Courtois	Red Mini Cooper	168	17	6	191
6	John Dority	Jacob Records	Silver Miata MX5	1	46	213	260
6T	Julie Avard	David Avard	Gold Jeep Cherokee	71	149	43	263
2T	Randy Gregg	Alan Neukirch	Red Ford Mustang	7	29	300	336
4	Pete Kerckhoff	Renee Kerckhoff	Cobra Replica	11	88	244	343
10	Steven Berger	Dale Smith	Grey Cherokee	0	300	72	372
3	Travis Heckes	Lacey Ziegler	Jaguar X	55	187	240	482
9	Kevin Demers	John Bianco	Yellow Mini Cooper	7	300	179	486
2	John Nelson	Phyllis Nelson	Honda S2000	300	84	125	509
5T	Mike VanDam	Ron Kass	Black Crossfire	243	221	55	519
8	Tony Ray Dunavant	Lea Craman	Orange GTI	300	196	235	731

Other means of scoring are available from Rich or Albert.

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|--|---|
| 1 Chuck Clark Jr. - (9) s of Chuck & Alex<br>Duane Dean<br>Bob Hellebuyck  | 14 Jonie Bell<br>Linda Henson   |
| 2 Gary Fuqua<br>Melissa Giebel - d of Rodney & Tammy   | 15 Barry Johnson<br>Gary Phillips<br>Kenny Wayne Snyder                                 |
| 3 Liz Berger<br>Cliff Johnson  | 16 Fred Gaulter Sr<br>Jill Leonard<br>Rita Sharpe                                       |
| 4 Rebecca Elcode   | 17 Jason Ducey - (9) grs of Fred & Sharon Bybee   |
| 5 Mark Bachenberg  | 18 Isabella Soladti - (10) grd of Ken & Virginia Rozeboom                               |
| 6 Parker Allen - (6) s of Jim & Michelle<br>Victor LaViola   | 20 June Casalmir<br>Bert Swift  |
| 8 Keil Roberts<br>Stephen Wiles  | 21 Allison Kerby  |
| 9 Aaron Rieke  | 22 Makenna Holstrom - (4) d of Aaron & Melissa<br>Chuck Woloscuk                        |
| 10 Bill Johnson (PAST RE)<br>Mallory Toombs - d of Kelly & Kathi   | 23 Amy Giebel - d of Rodney & Tammy<br>Ron Reynolds                                     |
| 11 Robert Maupins  | 24 Alex Rowe - (10) s of Tom & Peggy  |
| 12 Hunter Smith - (12) grs of Charlie & Sharlene   | 25 Maddy Gilmore  |
| 13 Jeff Adkins<br>Christina Allen - (14) d of Tim & Janice<br>Michael J Asselta<br>Albert Hermans<br>Ryan Staub<br>Donna Swift | 26 Rich Bartlett<br>Phil Leonard  |
|  | 27 Chris Jones<br>Quincy Karns - (7) s of Joel & June<br>Adam Smith - s of Dale & Deana |
|  | 29 Rocky Deane<br>Tom Rowe  |
|  | 30 Danielle Sanders - d of Thomas & Tabitha   |

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Brett & Cindy Whitney  
5 Tony & Kathy Giordano  
Ken & Char Keith - 37 yrs  
8 Ken & Chelsea Snyder - 12 yrs  
9 Joe Tasler & Theresa Hartigan  
Chuck & Marty Walter - 36 yrs  
Charlie & Norma Williams - 52 yrs  
11 Dale & Deana Smith - 31 yrs  
14 Steve & Marsha Wolf  
15 Steve & Dian Bachenberg - 34 yrs  
Claes & Christina Lillig  
18 Scott & Jill Pruett - 14yrs  
19 Bill & Dottie Johnson - 54 yrs  
22 Stephen & Brenda Johnson - 12 yrs  
Bruce & Kittie McNamara - 45 yrs  
23 Bill & Barbara Correll

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**KCRSCCA April 2008 Board Meeting**, April 29, 2008, Barley's Brewhaus, Kansas City MO (not approved)

**Board Attendees** Dale Smith, Gini Ragan, Charlie Williams, Donna Hill, Bill Correll, Bill Johnson, Jeff Kopp, Scott Peterson, Steve Roberts, Jim Wheeler, Norma Williams. Guest Ken Ragan

**March BoD Minutes:** *Motion to accept: Jim Wheeler; Seconded: Bill Correll; Passed*

**RE Report and Secretary Report Dale Smith and Donna Hill:** No reports

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**Checkpoint: Gini Ragan** - On track to mail in next few days. Not for profit permit inquiry — we do not qualify

**Treasurer's Report: Charlie Williams**

**KVRG: Bill Johnson** - Bill passed around copies of the track rental agreements

**Double Regional June** Registration on DLB open Tuesday 4/29

- E-mail advertising going tonight and flyer will be put on website
- Copies of entry form and supplementals supplied

**Double National Labor Day**

- \$495.00 entry fee - subject to change Work on ways to save some money
- National racing numbers off again this year - will be a challenge to make our numbers

Note: Nationally — racing down ~20% (exception SE down ~10%)

**Financial reporting** quarterly this year - info for first quarter with Craig Kirchner now

**Runoffs**

- If you want it to stay at HPT, e-mail to BOD (50 e-mails would go a long way to bod@scca.com) Runoffs at HPT is good for our region. (If the runoffs leave HPT — HPT will not host Solo Nationals.)
- HPT update - wall at 2 and 9 being moved

**Shifting Gears, PDX Chair, Street Survival Program: Jim Wheeler** - Shifting Gears — 4<sup>th</sup> week of production. SCCA paying expenses. Very encouraged about future of show. Looking for "per show" sponsors based upon content. Next show is April 30. GTA will have section 3. Street Survival — May 10 at Kansas Speedway — have 30 entries PLUS 12 on a waiting list.

**Event Coordination: Steve Roberts** No report

**Asset Management: Scott Peterson** - Inventory listing progress — none to date

**Communication: Jeff Kopp** - Banner ads on kcrscca.org for sponsors and advertisers — anyone who is currently helping/supporting the club should get a banner ad automatically linking to their home page. Jeff will prepare sample banners. Decision on request from Travis Nordwald on Dave Gran's "Go Ahead - Take the Wheel." Suggest giving the book to all PDX drivers. More discussion to come in May. Schedule opt out on hardcopy newsletter discussion for May; Idea to create dedicated solo area on web

**Membership: Norma Williams - Membership 616!!!!!!** Donna to contact newbies — absolutely before next meeting - ABSOLUTELY. Starting to compile roster/directory/list of folks

**Solo Advisory Committee: Bill Correll** - EventsEvo School - 57 slots filled; Event #2 - 109 entrants; Midiv - 124 entrants; Next Event - 5/4 Discussion regarding Crown/SCCA dotted line link. For concerns — call Pete Lyons. Donna to call Pete and will report via email to BoD. Scott left a message with Howard Duncan regarding the Crown website & their use of SCCA intellectual properties. Scott will share response from Duncan. Kansas Region and Crown's "agreement" is not a concern or issue for KC Region.

**Old Business:** KVRG appointment tenure schedule — Motion to table — Jim Wheeler 2<sup>nd</sup> Bill Correll Passed

**New Business:** New site critique — Barley's Brewhaus (Jim told Bob to STFU — WOO HOO!) Positive response. Motion to move general to Barley's: Gini 2<sup>nd</sup> Donna Passed - Begins with Race Group Meeting - General Meeting — change in June (May will be at Creekside)

**Open Forum**

- Charlie has 4x8 dry erase board — SOLO wants it!

**Adjourn Meeting**

*Motion to adjourn: Jim Wheeler*

*Seconded: Billie Johnson*

*Passed*



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City	State	Zip
Business address	Telephone	
City	State	Zip
Occupation	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married: Spouse's name	

Which address would you like mail sent to, and which phone number, or both, would you prefer to be listed in the Region roster? Mail: ☐ Home ☐ Work Telephone: ☐ Home ☐ Work ☐ Both

What areas of SCCA activities are you most interested in?

- ☐ Pro Racing ☐ Club Racing ☐ Road Rally ☐ Pro Rally  
☐ Solo ☐ Worker/Official ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Annual National Dues		Annual KC Region Dues		Total
Regular member	\$60	Regular member	\$20	\$80
Regular member + Spouse*	\$80	Regular member + Spouse*	\$30	\$110
Family membership**	\$95	Family membership**	\$25	\$120
First Gear membership	\$45	Age 24 and under		\$45

\*Spouse must be regular member's spouse.

\*\*If applying for family membership (Husband, wife and children), indicate names and dates of birth of children under 21:

Name	DOB
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- ☐ Regular member - \$80 ☐ Regular member and spouse - \$110 ☐ Family - \$120  
☐ First Gear - Age 24 and under - \$45

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☐ Enclosed is my check or money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ Exp \_\_\_\_\_

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## 2008 Midwest Division Schedule

June 14/15	RRX	KVRG	HPT
June 21/22	MIDIV Solo Series	WICH	
July 5/6	RNI	AVRG	HMRC
July 26/27	RR	NEB	MPH
Aug 2/3	MIDIV	Kan	HPT
Aug 2/3	RNI	STL	GIR
Aug 16/17	RNI	MVRG	MAM
Aug 30/31/1	NN	KVRG	HPT
Sept 12/13	ProSolo Finale	National Office	HPT
Sept 13/14	SR	AVRG	HMRC
Sept 14-19	Solo Nationals	National Office	HPT
Oct 6-12 National Championship Runoffs		National Office	HPT
Oct 25/26	R*r	STL	GIR
Nov 8&9	2 Days of Rally	KC and KS	
Nov 15/16	Midiv Convention	MS	Memphis

S=Drivers School  
R=Regional (MidAm)  
R\*=Bonus Regional (MidAm)  
R=Regional (non-points)

N=National  
I=IT Tour  
E=Enduro  
ProV=ProVee

C=Performance Driving Experience (PDX)  
HC=Hill Climb  
CT=Club Trials  
TT=Track Trials  
MRRS=MIDIV Road Rally Series

### Tracks:

GIR—Gateway International Raceway—St Louis MO  
HPT—Heartland Park Topeka—Topeka KS  
HMRC—Hallett Motor Racing Circuit—Hallett OK  
NSS—Nashville Super Speedway—Nashville TN

MAM—Mid-America Motorplex—Glenwood IA  
MMPH—Memphis Motor Sports Park—Memphis TN  
MPH—Motorsports Park Hastings—Hastings NE  
TSC—Truman Sports Complex

### KC REGION, SOLO SCHEDULE

6/7 - BMW Club Event  
6/8 - Regional Event #4  
7/20 - Regional Event #5  
8/17 - Regional Event #6  
8/29-8/30 - Goodguys Car Show - Kansas Speedway  
8/29-8/31 - National Tour (Event dependent on Chiefs schedule)  
9/28 - Regional Event #7  
10/4-10/5 - KC Championship  
10/19 - Regional Event #8

There may be additional special events added as they develop.  
Please note that these dates are subject to change, especially the Oct. dates, due to no Chiefs schedule out yet. All events are at Lot L, Truman Sports Complex, unless noted otherwise.

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UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE  
KC REGION CALENDAR

June 3	8:00	General Membership Meeting Barley's Brewhaus, 16649 Midland Dr I-435 and Midland, Shawnee, KS Solo Group meets prior to the General Meeting
June 7		BMW Club Event
June 8		Regional Solo, Event #4
June 14 & 15		Two for the Road Double Regional—HPT
June 21 & 22		Midiv Solo Divisional, Wichita
June 17	8:00	Race Group—Barley's
June 24	7:30	Board Meeting-Barley's

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