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WESTPORT FLEA MARKET

WELCOMES

KANSAS CITY REGION, SCCA

Picture taken by Gini Ragan with Donna Hills' camera.



The Westport Flea Market, the new meeting place of the Kansas City Region has made us feel welcome with signs and service. We meet in a private dining room with waitress service. Some credit cards are accepted for payment as well as cash. The sign pictured above has hung in the meeting room at each meeting and other signs direct you from the main dining room.

We hope you will join us for the General Membership meetings held on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00 pm. The Solo Group also meets on the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00 pm. The Race Group meets on the third Tuesday of each month. All members are welcome to attend all meetings of the Kansas City Region including the Board meeting held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.



RE VIEW

WITH

Gini Ragan

I would like to thank every member who took the time to vote in the Kansas City Region election of officers. In case you did not hear the outcome of the election, the 2009 officers are listed here: RE, Gini Ragan; Asst. RE, Charlie Williams, Secretary, Donna Hill, and Treasurer, Norma Williams. Dale Smith has become the Past RE. The newly elected directors are Jake Diehl, Mike Hill and Joe Tasler. They will join Bill Correll, Scott Peterson and Steve Roberts who are completing the second year of their 2 year terms. In addition, Alex Clark, Gini Ragan and Dale Smith will represent the KC Region as members of the Kaw Valley Race Group.

The Region's calendar is filling quickly with meetings, banquets, conventions and competitions. Starting in January is the 2008 Awards Banquet is being held at the Holiday Inn at 8787 Reeder Road near the intersection of 87th Street and I-35 on January 10. Also in January is the annual meeting of the Kaw Valley Race Group which all members are encouraged to attend. The site for this meeting has not been selected at this time, so please watch the KC Region website for the location. The meeting is held on the second Tuesday of January.

February brings the National Convention to be held this year in Las Vegas. The dates are February 19-21. Bill Johnson, Jr. will be inducted into the SCCA Hall of Fame at the convention. The World of Wheels is usually held in February and we will need help at that show.

Being held after National Convention this year is the Midwest Division Convention which will be March 6, 7, and 8 in Kansas City. Donna Hill is our representative to the planning committee for this convention. She will probably be looking for some volunteers to help on that event. Following the convention the competitions will begin, so you need to be thinking about what needs to be done to your car and making plans so that it is ready in March.

Until next time





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Notes from the National Office

TOPEKA, Kan. (Dec. 9, 2008) –

The Sports Car Club of America Board of Directors have selected SCCA Vice President of Finance and Administration Jeff Dahnert as the Club's next President and Chief Executive Officer. Dahnert will transition to the position Jan. 1, 2009.

Dahnert arrived at SCCA in November of 2004. Since then he has brought transparency and accountability to SCCA's finances, substantially reduced loan amounts and helped bring SCCA Pro Racing back into the black. Evaluating each program and contract to the last detail and pushing for major restructuring, Dahnert has successfully turned around SCCA's finances and given the Club a bright future.

"The quality of applications received for the position was quite impressive," SCCA Chairman of the Board R.J. Gordy said. "We're so pleased to promote someone from within the organization who can bring a fresh and youthful perspective to the position. We're looking forward to moving our Club ahead and forging an exciting working relationship with our new President.

"It's an honor to be chosen as SCCA's next President," Dahnert said. "I'm very proud of what I've been able to accomplish as VP of Finance. It has prepared me for the challenges we currently face in this tough economy and given me great insight into what we can do to make the organization grow. I'm looking forward to interacting with the membership and its leaders as the Club continues to prosper."

Before his time at SCCA, Dahnert spent several years with Sprint as a Senior Financial Analyst.

A Minnesota native, Dahnert received his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Minnesota State University in Mankato, Minn. He is a certified public accountant and recently completed an Executive Development Program at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business. Dahnert, his wife Laura and family, live in Lawrence, Kan.

2009 SCCA National Convention

The National Convention is being held in Las Vegas this year at the South Point Hotel, Casino & Spa Feb 19-21. Many seminars are being planned to the benefit of the membership. It was recently announced that new rates for the hotel have been negotiated and are as follows, rates for Sunday –Thursday are now \$70.00 per night with Friday and Saturday rates being \$120.00, This will average \$95.00 per night for most conventioners. The hotel states that all reservations made prior to the rate reduction will be adjusted.

2009 Fee Structure

The SCCA Board of Directors finalized the 2009 fee structure for dues, sanctions and insurance at their Dec. meeting. There is a small increase in dues but overall the cost to Regions of running an event will not increase from 2008 to 2009. Volunteer Incentive Programs remain unchanged from 2008.

Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

Fellow MiDiv Members,

It is my distinct pleasure to tell you that Midwest Division's own Bill Johnson has been awarded a place in the SCCA Hall of Fame. Bill's many contributions to our Club undeniably qualify him for this honor. Please join me in sending congratulations to him. The induction into the Hall of Fame will take place at the SCCA National Convention Awards Banquet in Las Vegas, NV on Saturday, February 21st.

Yours For The Sport,

Lisa Noble Area 6 Director

Ken Kern passed away in early December in Cloudcroft, New Mexico where he had made his home for the last several years. A memorial gathering to honor Ken and share memories will be held January 24, 2009 from 1:00 pm until closing at the Westport Flea Market . All members of the Kansas City Region and the Sports Car Club of America are invited to attend and share their stories of Ken Kern. Rev. Ewings will have a short message at 3:00 pm.

Ken has served the Region as RE and received the Vic Sadler Award in 1993 and 1998. He will be awarded his 45 year membership pin posthumously at the Awards Banquet on January 10.

He is survived by two sons, Chris and wife Lisa and their two sons Patrick and Chance and Gary and wife Jackie. He is also survived by the mother of his sons, Sue Woloscuk.

KKK.

Kenneth Konrad Kern was proud of his initials. He thought them appropriate for two of his life's ambitions. As a civil rights investigator dedicated to equality under the law, he was constantly amused when dumbfounded bigots and zealots would ask "Whaaaaat did you say your initials are?" As an auto racing track worker dedicated to both speed and safety, the three K's identified "Kern's Korner Krew", in many minds the best organization like it in America.

In both venues, he was known for being, at the same moment, both outrageous and self-effacing. He liked nothing better than to train someone, goading them with humor and sarcasm, and then stand in the wings applauding their successes. A co-worker remembers the day the funding was cancelled for Kern's outreach program at the University of Missouri/Kansas City. His reaction was typical; he arranged transfers or secured job offers for all of his associates before he himself even began to search for a new position. By doing so, the delay forced him to take a job using his muscles, not his mind, in a warehouse distribution center for months. He never complained.

He earned a reputation as one of the toughest investigators in the civil rights business, and was chosen to lead a team on a sensitive internal investigation which he knew would keep him away from his family in Washington DC for a year. He went anyway. He lost count of the threats he received, especially investigating abuses against Native Americans on reservations. He once told a friend, "A voice on a phone can't hurt me. Let them look me up and we will see." A physically big man with quick reflexes, and a weight lifter as well, his attitude seemed to be that he would prepare himself, and as one of his favorite sayings observed, "Whatever could happen, would!"

He had the same approach to auto racing. Starting in the mid-to-late 1960s, he gradually gathered a large group of workers with the famous (or perhaps infamous) moniker "Leaping Lizards Corner Crew". How this conglomeration got its name illustrates his methods — namely, race cars were on the track, so that's where his workers belonged — on the track. One day, they were on the track when several cars roared at them out of nowhere. The workers scattered. Though potentially dangerous, everyone laughed, including those same workers. One driver told them, "You looked like lizards leaping off a hot rock!" One worker responded "Leaping lizards!" Another added, "What a corner crew!" The name stuck, and with Kern operating as usual in the background, the crew eventually attracted the attention of the Quaker State Oil Company, which sponsored the Lizards for two years. Why? As Quaker State's Dick Lang, head of the company's racing support program, put it: "Corner workers are really the first line of defense in safe racing. Until the fire trucks and ambulances arrive, the workers bear the brunt of the pressure to care for the drivers. The Lizards have shown they can handle it. That's why we've decided to back them."

Watching these workers trained by Kern and his wife Sue, racing officials realized this was a special crew that no amount of money could buy. In one of two front page articles on the Lizards, Kern was quoted as saying "You couldn't pay me to do this." Typically, since it was a non-paid volunteer position, he spent just as much time as a chief or divisional administrator as he did on the actual corner stations.

Ironically, his method of letting everyone else have the limelight led to an embarrassing situation. A special award, established to honor the best worker of the year, was not given to him until many years after the award's inception. The founder of the crew, the pioneer of many racing safety programs in place today, the tireless leader who could get the best out of all who knew him — how could this be? A friend later explained: "Everyone just assumed that Ken had won it, so they nominated others." Kern loved that rationale.

Like many leaders, he was both a public and a private man. Everyone who knew him had at least one story he would have loved, or hated, to have told about him.

His friends and family will remember him that way.

Submitted by Jim Johnston

“Kansas Rally Weekend – East to Easton (and West to Weston) Rally Pavement Ends (Again) Rally

Rich Bireta

Rally teams from 6 states and 8 different SCCA Regions came to northeastern Kansas for the second running of the Kansas Rally Weekend. Two time-speed-distance rally events were held on two successive days. Saturday, November 8 saw the inaugural running of the East to Easton Rally and Sunday November saw the second running of the Pavement Ends Rally.

Events like these cannot occur without a significant volunteer effort on the part of many people. I mentioned my gratitude to these folks Saturday, but a “Thank You” bears repeating. Thanks again to: Albert Weaver for serving as the Safety Steward and working checkpoints. Derrick Carpenter for working registration and checkpoints Saturday. Dan McConnell of the HOA Z Car Club and KC SCCA for event promotion, Anne Marie Bireta and Jon Shipman for working checkpoints. The boards of the KC and KS Regions of the SCCA for their support and encouragement in allowing us to develop a road rally program in this area.

By staging two events in one weekend I hoped to attract a number of rally enthusiasts from across the SCCA Midwest Division as well as entries from local Kansas City car clubs. Two national caliber rally teams were able to enter the events on their journey home from the US Road Rally Championships, held the previous weekend in Portland, Oregon. Others traveling to the events were Bruce and Charlene Bettinger from Wichita, and Bob Strattan and Ken Olinger from Tulsa.

Saturday’s event, The East to Easton (and West to Weston) Rally started at the Legends shopping center near the Kansas Speedway. The tire warm up and odometer check took the fifteen rally crews due north, across the Missouri River for a scenic tour of Platte and Buchanan counties in Missouri. Although the rally route did not actually go all the way “east to Easton”, the route did bend south and then head “west to Weston”, where the rally teams enjoyed a post-rally meal and conversations at the Weston Brewery.

After four checkpoints and 95 miles of rallying, it was clear why the event was measured precisely to the 0.001 mile (5.28 feet) and timed to the 0.01 minute (0.6 second). In order to remove “rally luck” from determining the winner among the national-caliber teams, such precision was necessary. Even with these measures, the difference between the first two teams was only one point (0.6 seconds). The team of Charles Hanson (Indianapolis, Indiana) and Jack von Kaenel (Arlington, Virginia) won 1st overall and 1st in the Equipped class over Bruce Gezon (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania) and Ron Ferris (St. Louis, Missouri).

In the SCCA Limited class, Bob Strattan and Ken Olinger (NEOKLA Region) won the class ahead of Kansas Region members Lori Goetsch and Martin Courtois (Manhattan, Kansas).

The SCCA Stock class and Novice class winners were Devon Bireta and Jon Shipman. (With this second class win, Devon loses her Novice classification). Second place went to David Avard and Will Marotta (Kansas Region) and third place went to Neava Ford and Charlie Clark (Kansas City Region).

On Sunday morning, ten rally teams met just north of Lawrence, Kansas for the start of the Pavement Ends (Again) rally. As the name implied, unpaved but good quality roads were used as the competitors traveled the route between Lawrence and Perry and back. The use of unpaved roads allowed the design of a much more compact rally route with more checkpoints than Saturday. After 112 miles and 8 checkpoints the rally ended at the historic Johnny’s Tavern in North Lawrence.

Sunday’s event saw different winners from Saturday’s. Bruce Gezon and Ron Ferris won the overall and the combined Equipped / Limited class over Charles Hanson and Jack von Kaenel. First place in the Stock class went to Bruce and Charlene Bettinger of the Wichita Region. First place in the Novice Division went to Steve Berger and Dale Smith, Kansas City Region. Dale, KC’s Regional Executive, met a personal goal by completing a rally event while receiving no “maximum penalties” on any leg of the event.

I am very pleased with the turn-out of fifteen teams on Saturday and ten teams on Sunday. The route was intended to be trap-free, and everyone made it to the finish. I hope you agree that the roads were interesting and fun. (Isn’t that first leg in Missouri a blast? Buck Creek south from Oskaloosa is one of the best roads in northeast Kansas. **Those** are what rally roads should be!)

Several improvements we made in our processes since the last rally in May. We used a new method for scoring that allowed the initial scores to be posted within 20 minutes of the end of the event. There are still some areas for improvement in our events. Specifically I noted that several of the checkpoint zones were not deep enough to accommodate all of the cars that were there at one time.

I hope to see many of you at our next road rally event. Preliminary plans for 2009 include a rally school in conjunction with the Meet in the Middle Rally with starting locations in Lawrence and Kansas City and another Kansas Rally Weekend in November.



East to East Rally Results:

			SCCA	
Car	Crew		Class	Total
1	Charles Hanson / Jack von Kaenel	Black Contour	E	1
2	Bruce Gezon / Ron Ferris	Silver Mini	E	2
7	Bob Strattan / Ken Olinger	Silver SHO	L	129
10	Lori Goetsch / Marty Courtois	Red Mini	L	142
12	Devon Bireta / Jon Shipman	Gold CR-V	S (Novice)	202
16	David Avard / Will Marotta	Blue Mazda M3	S	230
15	Neava Ford / Charlie Clark	Green CR-V	S	267
5	Bruce Bettinger / Charlene Bettinger	Gold Volvo	S	302
6	Adam Miller / Christina Miller	Beige BMW 328i	S (Novice)	340
13	Dale Smith / Al Hermans	Red 240Z	S (Novice)	414
9	Angie Covey / Mark Covey	Blue Subaru STI	S (Novice)	423
14	Karl Mayo / Krista Mayo	Green BMW Z3	S (Novice)	522
8	Ken Ragan / Gini Ragan	White Equinox	S (Novice)	531
4	Dan McConnell / Paul MacRoberts	Blue 350Z	S (Novice)	568
11	Patrick Wank / Christopher Wank	Red Audi A4	S (Novice)	669

Here are the leg-by-leg scores:

			Sugar	Platte	Hardesty		
		SCCA	Creek	River	Lane	Weston	
Car	Crew	Class	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Chuck Hanson / Jack von Kaenel	E	0	1	0	0	1
2	Bruce Gezon / Ron Ferris	E	1	0	0	1	2
7	Bob Strattan / Ken Olinger	L	24	1	101	3	129
10	Lori Goetsch / Marty Courtois	L	45	65	24	8	142
12	Devon Bireta / Jon Shipman	S (Novice)	70	18	106	8	202
16	David Avard / Will Marotta	S	6	63	154	7	230
15	Neava Ford / Charlie Clark	S	74	26	159	8	267
5	Bruce Bettinger / Charlene Bettinger	S	172	86	41	3	302
6	Adam Miller / Christina Miller	S (Novice)	126	66	60	88	340
13	Dale Smith / Al Hermans	S (Novice)	86	10	300	18	414
9	Angie Covey / Mark Covey	S (Novice)	112	300	6	5	423
14	Karl Mayo / Krista Mayo	S (Novice)	272	159	3	88	522
8	Ken Ragan / Gini Ragan	S (Novice)	122	80	141	188	531
4	Dan McConnell / Paul MacRoberts	S (Novice)	300	119	145	4	568
11	Patrick Wank / Christopher Wank	S (Novice)	300	199	112	58	669

Pavement Ends Rally Results:

			SCCA	
Car	Crew		Class	Total
2	Bruce Gezon / Ron Ferris	Silver Mini	E	5
1	Charles Hanson / Jack von Kaenel	Black Contour	E	10
3	Bob Stratton / Ken Olinger	Silver SHO	L to E	152
4	Bruce and Charlene Bettinger	Gold Volvo	S	278
7	Devon and Anne Marie Bireta	Gold CRV	S	464
10	Julie and David Avard	Gold Cherokee	S	473
8	Steve Berger / Dale Smith	Grey Jeep	S (Novice)	543
5	Jason Schnurr / Curtis Barkley	Blue 280 Z	S (Novice)	631
9	Ken and Gini Regan	White Chevy SUV	S (Novice)	884
6	Dan McConnell / Garth Durre	Red Dodge	S (Novice)	1438

and the leg-by-leg scores:

Car	Crew	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
2	Bruce Gezon / Ron Ferris	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	5
1	Charles Hanson / Jack von Kaenel	2	3	1	0	1	1	1	1	10
3	Bob Stratton / Ken Olinger	9	1	46	1	6	72	17	0	152
4	Bruce and Charlene Bettinger	21	53	61	7	36	53	47	0	278
7	Devon and Anne Marie Bireta	30	70	112	53	65	113	20	1	464
10	Julie and David Avard	19	103	100	24	13	12	46	156	473
8	Steve Berger / Dale Smith	58	53	167	9	110	128	10	8	543
5	Jason Schnurr / Curtis Barkley	0	41	13	57	141	55	300	24	631
9	Ken and Gini Regan	128	159	11	82	124	147	142	91	884
6	Dan McConnell / Garth Durre	126	282	129	300	113	122	300	66	1438



YAKETY YAK

Dear Mom:

My apologies to Ethan Preston Hill, who was 2 years old October 19th. Ethan is the son of Shawn & Holi Hill and will be the "big brother" to the new baby who will arrive the first of April. Sorry Ethan.

Lucas Payne Hill arrived on November 19th, 2008. He weighed in at 8 lb 13 oz and was 21¾" long. He was welcomed home by "big brother" Jordan who will be 13 in January and proud mother, Erica. Grandparents are Mike & Donna Hill.

Kyle & Stacey Ritter spent a weeks vacation in Honolulu, Hawaii. Kyle was going to visit the SCCA Hawaii RE while there but the RE was in Topeka, KS attending the Runoffs. Kyle said this was his 28th trip to Hawaii. His father was employed by TWA when he was growing up so they made many trips there. In August Kyle & Stacey got a new puppy. He is a Bischon Frise and his name is Cona (boy).

Nancy Johnson finished the 2008 Waddell & Reed KC half marathon that went through downtown, the Plaza and to 18th & Vine. She said it took her a little over 2 hours. Waiting at the finish line was her husband, Bill and her daughter, Micaela. Micaela had 1 dozen roses for her mom and Bill told Micaela that he had never received roses. So Micaela answered, "If you had finished a race this season, you would have received roses too"!!!!

Meredith Haupt also ran in a 5K marathon at Shawnee Mission Park in Lenexa, KS.

OUCH!! Phyllis Nelson's mother, Irene Palmer fell at Thanksgiving and broke her shoulder. John & Phyllis made a trip to Sarasota, FL to help her during recovery.

OUCH!! Donna Swift crashed while riding in a bike marathon in Kansas City and broke her arm.

OUCH!! Chelsea Snyder had appendectomy surgery the last of November and is now home recuperating. She will require additional surgery in about a month.

There was a very interesting article in a recent KC Star about Brian Haupt. Brian, owner of Carriage & Motor Works, who was a Rockhurst engineering prof is very busy at nights and on the weekends (when he is not racing his 1983 Mazda RX7). He and a partner-in-crime are working on a zero-emission power plant which will use the ocean for its power. It will be totally underwater, located some number of miles out in the ocean where the water is deep enough that it will be at least 150 feet below the surface. Brian says it will probably be five years before they will have a finished product because they will have to go through a lot of testing. If everything goes well, he will not be worried about his retirement but Brian says he won't quit his day job just yet.

Victoria Wilke, daughter of Peter & Lenora was married October 25, 2008 to Roger Ardrey. They were married at the Barry Christian Church in Kansas City North. Lenora said the bride looked radiant and her sister Lauren Wilke was the Maid of Honor. The ceremony was followed by a dinner at the Embassy Suites Hotel. The couple honeymooned in Maine and have established their home in Melrose, MA. The bride works at Harvard University School of Anthropology Museum and the groom works for Target Corp.

Kent & Sue Edmondson and a group of 6 from Blue Springs, MO were in Florida on business the same week as the launch of the space shuttle Endeavour and its 7 astronauts. They all watched the launch from the Visitors Center, which is 5 miles away with over 12,000 other viewers. Kent said it was great but the traffic jam getting back to their motel was bumper to bumper.

Micaela Johnson, daughter of Bill & Nancy celebrated her 21st birthday in October in Paris, France. Her aunt, Mary Beth Bednar, who lives in New York and Micaela spent one week of partying and having fun.

Pat & Pam Hughey will miss the KCR Awards Banquet this year, held on January 10th because their daughter is getting married.

Joe Tasler, newly elected KCR board director and who autocrosses a 2004 S4 Audi, recently sent me a little back ground on what he has done. For over 20 years, he was the Manager of Charter Sales and Operations for Continental Airlines. In 1983 (when Frank Lorenzo took over the airline) Joe decided to take an early out and went into business as a "Charter Broker". While working with Continental, he only had the use of their airplanes for the charter business they did. As a charter broker, he could quote all of the airplanes in the world. From as small as a Beechcraft King Air - up to B-747's and anything in between. A charter broker does not own any airplanes but is an expert in arranging charters for his customers. Joe worked in this business from 1983 to 2004, at which time his son, Jonathan and his partner bought the business from Joe.

The Air Charter Team, owned by Jonathan Tasler, son of Joe, and his partner has been busy putting together aircraft charters for the Obama campaign since February of 2007 starting with Obama's announcement tour to Iowa. In 2008, Barack Obama flew 416 flights on planes ranging from Gulfstream to Regional Jet to ultimately his dedicated Boeing 757, flying all over the country and places as far away as Amman, Jordan and Hawaii. Of course, there were plenty of other flights to coordinate as well for Michelle Obama, Joe Biden, Jill Biden and a team of surrogates flying all over the country in support of the campaign. Air Charter Team was responsible for coordinating and managing every

aspect of the flight including catering (Gates BBQ was a favorite when flying through Kansas City), weather (snow and ice are never fun), and finding quick solutions when a plane breaks down. Over the course of the past several election cycles, Air Charter Team has coordinated campaign charters for Hillary Clinton, Chris Dodd, John Kerry, John Edwards and Howard Dean to name a few. In the election year of 2000 they also flew a few charters for the current President and Vice President (Bush and Cheney). Air Charter Team flies more than just presidential candidates. They flew charters for the Military Veterans to visit the World War II Memorial in Washington DC, also charters for CEOs to attend meetings (no CEOs of automakers though) and also a few entertainers as well. With any luck, Jonathan hopes to be able to spend some time with his father, Joe at autocross events in 2009.

Shawn Hill & his buddy, Jamie Forrester spent the first week of December in Colorado snowboarding. They hit the slopes at Keystone, Loveland, A Basin and Vail. This was their 2nd year to snowboard together but both have been doing this for 5 years.

Jennifer Bennett recently received her Master of Education in Special Education from the University of Missouri-Kansas City on December 12th. Her father and half sisters drove down from Lincoln, Nebraska. Her parents had not seen each other since their divorce just before Alan & Jennifer's marriage. Her father remarried and had the twin girls and his second wife passed away a year ago, the day after Christmas. All of the family went out to eat at Boling's on the Plaza before the graduation. Jim & Betty Bennett, Alan's parents, hosted an open house reception for Jennifer on Saturday. After church Sunday, Alan & Jennifer took her mom to KCI to fly back to Washington D.C. Jennifer said it was a great week. Congratulation.

Charlie & Sharlene Smith with their grandsons, Hayden & Hunter traveled to the South rim of the Grand Canyon over the Thanksgiving week. They left Monday evening and when the boys woke up Tuesday morning they were in New Mexico. On the way, they rode the Sandi Peck Tramway up the mountain at Albuquerque, NM. They also viewed the Painted Desert and walked the trail at the Petrified Forest in Halbrook, AZ. They went to Winslow, AZ to see the enormous Meteor Crater. They drove the scenic roadway to see the famous red rocks of Sedona. After spotting a lot of elk at the entrance of the Grand Canyon National Park they spend a day driving around the canyon. Their last point of interest was the Carlsbad Cavern National Park in NM, where they walked the big room cave, which is the size of 14 football fields. After a wonderful trip they dropped the boys off in Texas and headed for Missouri. They traveled 3,640 miles thru 7 states and had 66 hours of driving time!! The hardest part of the trip was finding a motel with any grass for the dogs and they also had a hard time finding a Taco Bell.

The annual "Dog's Best Friend Party" was held on Saturday, December 13th at Meredith Haupt's home. Meredith inherited the party when she purchased the home from Chuck & Sue Woloscsuk several years ago.

Looks like a trip to Vegas for the Johnson family. Bill, the old one, will be inducted into the SCCA Hall of Fame at this year's National convention.

Our condolences to the Paul Yonally family on the death of his father Al Yonally on November 20th, 2008. Al was 91 years old and used a walker with a SCCA car sticker on a plexiglass form on the front (thanks to son, Paul). Al was the Roeland Park, KS police chief from 1961 to 1977.

Our condolences to the Ken Kern family - son Chris & Lisa Kern and grandsons Patrick & Chance and son, Gary & Jackie Kern. Ken was a member of the KCR family for 45 years and one of the original Leaping Lizards. Ken had been residing in Cloudcroft, New Mexico for the last few years and passed away the first of December.

don't look back.

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Happy New Year, All!

The 2009 Midiv Solo Schedule is official with all sites now confirmed. The program will take a little different look this year and that information will be presented at the Midiv Convention in March and sent out at that time.

There are 3 **Midiv Solo Series events sponsored by SPS and RS Racing** - Blytheville, AR, Salina, KS & Neosho, MO (just south of Joplin, MO).

There is one **Midwest Division Solo Championship event sponsored by Tিরerack** - Lincoln, NE. This event - while held in Lincoln - will truly be a group effort. Experience from around the region will be recruited to fill vital roles for the event.

April 18/19 Blytheville SPS/RS Racing Midiv Solo Event 1(Mid-South Region) June 27/28 Salina SPS/RS Racing Midiv Solo Event 2 (Salina Region) July 11/12 Neosho MO SPS/RS Racing Midiv Solo Event 3 (Ozark Mountain Region) August 22/23 Lincoln Tিরerack Midwest Division Solo Championship (Nebraska Region)

I will begin collecting information from throughout the region to develop a database with contact information and skill sets for region solo chiefs. Not only will this help with the larger events, but will also provide ALL regions with a resource tool for every critical area of a successful solo program. One thing I've heard often is that "XYZ" region does a great job at "123" positions, but no one knows who does what well, how they do it, what are the driving forces are for their success, etc. One dynamic document will help provide that information to Midiv regions. Midiv has a reputation of doing the deal very well. Let's make sure *everyone* has all the tools to do the deal even better!

There is some fine tuning being worked out now on some aspects of the 2009 Midiv program and the results will be shared once finalized.

Specific detailed schedules will be posted on www.midivsolo.org but I wanted you to see the overall schedule now.

I'm looking forward to a very successful 2009 Midiv Solo program! See you at the Midiv Convention in KC!

Donna Hill 2009 Midwest Division Solo Steward

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| 1 Tammy Johnson
Joan Pond | |
| 2 Christopher Keith
Brianna Moylan (7) d of Paul & Alicia | |
| 3 Joseph T Morrey
Nizam Sarib | |
| 5 Nicholas Allen (11) s of Timothy & Janice
Sue Edmondson | |
| 6 Chris Stevens | |
| 8 Cole Helbert s of Cliff & Tammy Johnson
Marci Hillhouse
Joel Karns | 20 Cooper Allen (12) s of James & Michelle
Jeff Goodnow
Stefan Guglielmino grs of Brian & Bonnie Haupt
Katlin Morgan |
| 9 Ellen Wolf | 22 DJ Catlett s of Mike & Barbara Dickerson
Thomas Sanders Jr
Jennifer Williams |
| 10 Rob Gill
Richard Hartpence | 23 Jordan Hill (13) s of Erica
Lorena Irvine |
| 11 Vern Maxey
Kittie McNamara
Elaine Nelson (1) grd of John & Phyllis
Nick Rowe (7) s of Tom & Peggy | 25 Chance Kern (11) s of Chris & Lisa |
| 13 Jerry Behnke
Chris Conant
Alex Serrano (14) grs of Brian & Bonnie Haupt | 26 Fraser Elliott
Mickey Makay |
| 14 Angela Ducey
Lilly Anne McLaughlin (4) d of Rick & Jennifer
Justin Mutch | 27 Charles Casteel
Andrew Edmondson |
| 15 Hays Horton Boughan
Bob Dimond Jr | 28 Thomas Moore Jr |
| 16 Deana Smith | 29 Andrew Fairchild
Paul Yonally |
| 17 Justin Kaeberle | 30 Peyton Herron (4) d of Tim & Laurie |
| 18 Michael Staub | 31 Virginia King
Karl Anthony Schmidt |
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2009 MIDWEST DIVISION SCHEDULE

Date	Event	Sponsor	Location
Feb 21, 22, 23	National Convention	National Office	Las Vegas
March 7 & 8	MiDiv Convention	MiDiv Committee	Kansas City
March 14	Crash, Fire and Rescue	Des Moines Valley Reg.	Des Moines, Iowa
March 14/15	Double National	MidSouth Region	Memphis, TN (MMP)
March 28/29	Regional/National/IT Tour	St. Louis Region	St. Louis MO (GIR)
April 4/5	Regional/National/IT Tour	Ark Valley Race Group	Hallett, OK (HMRC)
April 18/19	SuperSchool/Regional	ARVG, MVRG, KVRG	Glenwood, Iowa (MAM)
May 2/3	Double National	Kaw Valley Race Group	Topeka, KS (HPT)
May 1-3	Pro Solo		Lincoln NE
May 23/24	Double Regional <i>provisional</i>	MidSouth Region	Memphis TN (MMP)
May 30/31	Regional/National/IT Tour	Missouri Valley Race Grp	Glenwood IA (MAM)
May 29/31	National Tour Solo		Blytheville AR
June 5-7	ProSolo		Blytheville AR
July 4/5	Regional/National/ IT Tour	Ark Valley Race Group	Hallett OK (HMRC)
Aug 1/2	Regional/National/IT Tour	St. Louis Region	St. Louis MO (GIR)
Aug 15/16	Regional/National/IT Tour	Missouri Valley Race Grp	Glenwood IA (MAM)
Aug 21/23	MiDiv Solo Series		Lincoln Air Park
Sept 5/6	Double Regional/Bonus Race`	Kaw Valley Race Grp	Topeka, KS (HPT)
Sept 4-6	Pro Solo Finale		Lincoln NE
Sept 8-11	Solo Nationals		Lincoln NE
Sept 14-21	Test Days at Road America		Elkhart Lake, WI
Sept 22-27	National Championship Runoffs		Elkhart Lake WI
Oct 9-11	National Rallycross		Fountain CO
Oct 24/25	Double Regional	St. Louis Region	St. Louis MO (GIR)
Nov. 6-8	ARRC	Atlanta Region	Road Atlanta

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Jan 6		Solo Group Meeting, prior to
Jan 6	8:00	General Meeting
		Westport Flea Market, 817 Westport Rd
Jan 10		2008 Awards Banquet, Holiday Inn, Lenexa KS
Jan 13		KVRG Annual Meeting
Jan 20	8:00	Race Group Meeting, Westport Flea Market
Jan 24	1:00 pm	Tribute to Ken Kern, Westport Flea Market
Jan 27	7:30 pm	Board Meeting, Westport Flea Market
Feb 3		Solo Group Meeting, prior to
		General Meeting, Westport Flea Market

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