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It's Spring, so Let's

Gear Up

*Open those car hoods and
get them tuned*

Rev up those engines

Align those wheels

*Celebrate the coming of
great weather*

Energize our focus

The first event
for KCRRegion is
March 31, April 1.
SEE YOU THERE

Check out the
new time
and places
for our regular
meetings,
see back page

Read articles
about
Tom Bootz,
2011 Race Group
Top Driver &
Mark Hill
2011 Top Driver
for Solo



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K C Region Schedule as posted thus far

March 31	Test and Tune	MCC
April	Event 1 Solo	MCC
April 15	Event 2 Solo	MCC
May 5	Event 3 Solo	HPT
May 6	Event 4 Solo	HPT
May 20	Event 5 Solo	MCC
June 23	Solo School	MCC
June 24	Event 6 Solo	MCC
July 22	Event 7 Solo	MCC
August 26	Event 8 Solo	MCC
Sept 15	Solo School	MCC
Sept 16	Event 9 Solo	MCC
Oct 7	Event 10 Solo	MCC
Oct 21	Event 11 Solo	MCC

Street Survival School
April 28 and 29

MidDIV
July 7 and 8 - Kansas
August 4 and 5 - Salina
September 22 and 23 - KC

Road Race
July 14 and 15 HPT

Nationals for Solo
September 4 through 7 - Lincoln, Neb

A Word From Joe:

As we move into March, exciting news about our new place to hold our General Membership meetings and our other monthly meeting for our Board,, Solo

Advisory Board and Road Race Group. The American Legion Building is quite large with a Big Hall that can accommodate over 200 people, and there is also a very large parking lot adjacent to the building. Our General Meetings start at 7:30 pm on the First Tuesday of each month, and look forward to increased attendance at our new location.

Joe Tasler



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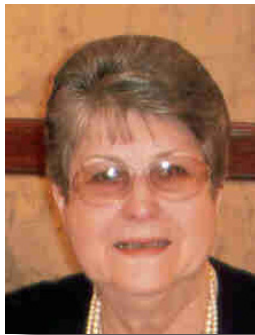
On January 28th, 2012 a little bird flew the nest! Miss Brittney Williams, daughter of Brian & Jennifer left Kansas City to go live in Encinitas, California. Long time friend, Bryce Guthrie flew back and helped her drive out. They left on Saturday around 3pm in her "fully packed" Honda Fit (which included two cats and a fairly large house plant!) and arrived at the apartment about 24 hours later. They live one block from the ocean and she has been posting some beautiful pictures of the scenery. Bryce is a chef at the Firefly Restaurant in Carlsbad, CA and is starting a catering business. Brittney started last week working for the Luecadia Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant as a server.

Chelsea Snyder has a "new man"! She traded in the "old man" for a "college kid", but he has the same name!! Ken has just started attending Kansas City Kansas Community College. He plans on getting a major in Computer Information systems with an emphasis in Web Design.

Bob Henson spent two weeks the first of February visiting former KCR member Jack Campbell. Jack lives on his sailboat which is docked at St. Thomas Island in the US Virgin Islands. Jack had been visiting friends in Kansas City over the holidays and we saw him at the Henson's Christmas party.

Paula Diehl, son Stephen, son Jake and Meagan Vaughn attended "The Michael Jackson World Tour of Cirque du Soleil" at the Sprint Center on February 21st. About 9,000 fans attended the two-hour show. There were hundreds of elaborate costumes, a stream of video images and more than two dozen songs, some of them folded into medleys. Paula said the crowd was on their feet for the last 20 minutes and the production was out of this world! It featured Michael Jackson's life through his music and dance. One of the quotes used was from Michael, "when all life is seen as divine, Everyone Grows Wings".

Dale Leuck moved to Pinedale, Wyoming and spent two weeks in training for a new job. He is now working in the oil fields inspecting oil well pumps. The job sends him where ever they need him so he will be moving around quite a bit.



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Sue Kinney
- 3 Meredith Pritchard
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Jeremy Salenius
- 4 Max Kurlbaum
Randy Miller
Ronny Steward
Max Williams - s of Keith & Cheryl
- 6 Shawn Hill
- 7 Curtis Town
Dick White
Michael Zinser
- 8 Al Essig
- 9 Drew Arnold
Jim Johnston
- 11 Glen Shepard
- 13 Isabella Williams - (4) d of Keith & Cheryl
- 14 Lynnet Asselta
Gary Hammann
Sue Woloscuk
- 15 Keith Williams
- 16 Roger Patrick Manning
- 18 Michael Hill
Patrick Hughey
Lee Mixon
- 19 Kaleena Harmer
- 20 Max Irvine - (14) s of Jerry & Lorena
- 21 Richard Hedden
Jason M Lobdell
- 22 David Bennett
Everett Lee Watts
- 23 Greg Cheney
- 24 Charlie Clark
- 25 LaVone Daily
- 26 Don Gawf
Jeff Kopp
- 27 Joshua Holsworth
Jacqueline Kern
- 29 Dan Axtell
Morgan Baskett Jr
Kevin S Brown
Teresa Frisbie
- 30 Lisa Kern
Linda Stone
James Vang
Rodney Winters
- 31 Larissa Bell - (17) d of Richie & Jonie
Spencer Kuehl



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Aaron & Melissa Holstrom
- 20 Mark & Rosalie McMasters Hill
- 10 Aaron & Melissa Holstrom
- 21 David & Angela Ducey - 13 years

My first involvement with SCCA goes a ways back. I was driving a 1964 MGB on a sunny afternoon when I came to the local 4H county fair. It looked interesting so I drove in. Almost immediately I came upon a group of cars that were loosely assembled next to a field. As I drove by, someone flagged me down and asked if I would like to enter their Field Trial. I had no idea what they were talking about but soon found myself sliding around in the dirt with my, not so trusty, MGB. That was 1971. I joined the club the following spring and here we are 40 years later.

Most of my SCCA years were spent participating in Road Rallies and Autocrosses. Autocrossing (Solo) was my favorite however. The MGB quickly gave way to a Datsun 240Z which gave me some Divisional success but not so well at the National level. My next move was into a Datsun 1200 that I built up for competition in E prepared. That's when success started to arrive with 3 National championships in 1981, '82, and '83.

The next move was into the C Modified with a LeGrand Mk25 chassis. That car which had been previously road raced needed to be rebuilt after it suffered from contact with an Armco barrier in a racing incident. That car saw the first Solo race in 1984 and earned several National Solo Championship titles, 2 in C modified and 5 in B modified.

Sometime around 2004 I began to tire of the Solo scene and learned that yard work can actually be done on the weekend instead of chasing cones. Driving a garden tractor around trees however didn't quite fill the void. It was then, in the fall of 2004 with my yard neatly trimmed, that I watched the Runoffs at Mid Ohio. That was it. My love affair with Sport Racers was rekindled with the new breed of cars that looked somewhat more like a racecar than a shoe box.

In the spring of 2006 I ran my first Road Race in a Speads Dsr at Gateway International. Oh yeah, that's way better than the garden tractor, although I'm back to doing yard work during the week. Seems like a reasonable trade to me. The learning curve was pretty steep with that car which was campaigned midway thru the 2008 season. It was sold and replaced with a Stohr WF1.

With the Stohr in hand and my sons for crew we earned a podium finish at the 2008 Runoffs at Heartland Park in Dsr. For reasons that now seem to escape me, I switched to a turbo charged engine for the next 2 Runoffs only to re-affirm that there are many ways to wreck an engine.

Now that both of my sons have started families and made me a grandpa' I needed to find a new crew for 2011. As most of my friends are of the same vintage as me, I made a move to Havoc Motorsport for the 2011 season. In hind sight this would seem to have been a good move as the team was able to give me a car that went to the front in the 1st turn and never look back for a win at the Runoffs. 30 years to the month after the first Solo championship in 1981.

Article written by Tom Bootz,
next month will feature the co-winner
of Race Group driver of the year, Justin Pritchard



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MARY KAY

CHECKPOINT asked me to share how I got into Solo. There are number of influences that brought me to SCCA solo competition. One, is my Dad. No, he didn't do SCCA solo, but he was a car enthusiast and enjoyed talking tech and watching auto racing. I remember when he first took me to SCCA's Grand Prix at Lake Garnett, in Garnett, KS, a KC region event. It was a challenging 2.8 mile narrow road race course around the lake. It fanned the flames of competition in me.

As a teenager, I spent a few years racing around in a friend's V.W. in an abandoned strip mine by Clinton Lake, near Lawrence, KS. Things didn't get really heated up until I got my first car. It was a '67 Chevelle Super Sport with a 396. You're thinking...that's way too much car for an 18 year old! Well, to me, oversteer was not a bad thing and I spent most of my young adult life sideways. It was thrilling driving at the limit!

Fast forward to about 7 years ago. My brother told me about SCCA Solo. Racing in a parking lot? Nah... not interested. But, he kept urging me to just "try it," I looked at the KCR web site and others...it did seem kind of cool. I remember driving to Arrowhead Stadium, lot "L", feeling anxious about the unknown, but when I saw how big and open it was, I exclaimed "this IS cool," out loud. My very first run hooked me (No! I didn't spin out, why do you ask?) and I can count on one hand how many events I've missed since. I started, briefly, with a '97 Dodge Neon R/T, then 5 years in a '01 Honda S2000, and for 2012 season I'm driving my JAYHAWK Racing's #45 "Wicked White" Mitsubishi Evolution IX.

So, you probably think I autocross because of all the things I just said, but I found something even better about it. The people. It's the people involved in solo—from all walks of life. They too have inspired and challenged me. If you have been around, you know what I mean. If you are new, get ready to be a part of the SCCA family of friends, spouses, and kids. They are helpful, generous and unselfish. It is a wonderful group that supports each other, encourages and helps each other...to better themselves and just have fun in this exciting motor sport.

My wife, Rosalie, (my fan, cheerleader, supporter and confidant) is the only one that really knows how much of myself I put in to my racing last year. In short, here is my basic approach. Because it's my body and mind that controls the car it starts with a proper diet, exercise and self-discipline. A good car set up really helps, and thanks to Jake Diehl's tuning business, "I've got grip." To get more seat time, I've traveled to other regions---for me, once a month is not enough practice. Before the event, I try to walk the course at least three times by myself to help me memorize every element. During an event, I analyze each run, and not just what I did wrong, but what I did right. After the event, I consider what I didn't think about enough, and go over my times and others with my calculator, sometimes looking back at other events for comparison. Overall, I'm always trying to find small ways to better myself---small things can add up and every tenth counts. Amazingly, this HAS added up for me—and I have been honored to receive the Driver of The Year for the past 3 years.

Thanks for letting me tell my story. I hope it inspires you to believe in yourself, to discover your abilities and to "find some time" out there.



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The "Question of the Month":

What do the letters ALP stand for?

UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE KC REGION CALENDAR

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|-----------------|---------------|---|
| March 6 | 6:00pm | Solo Advisory Committee, ALP, 7500 West 75. O.P., Ks Aux. room |
| March 6 | 7:30pm | General Membership, American Legion Post, Big Hall |
| March 20 | 7:30pm | Race Group Meeting, American Legion Post, Lounge area |
| March 27 | 7:00pm | Board of Directors, American Legion Post, Aux. room |
| March 31 | 9:00am | Test and Tune Solo, MCC |
| April 1 | 9:00am | Event #1 Solo, MCC |
| April 3 | 6:00pm | Solo Advisory Committee, American Legion Post, Aux. room |
| April 3 | 7:30pm | General Membership Meeting, American Legion Post, Big Hall |

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