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Left to right Al Hermans, Barbara Garrett, guest, Ken Keith, Norma Williams, Charlie Williams, Joe Tasler, Charlie Clark, Roy Lopshire, Ken Ragan, Standing: Mike Hill, Kent Edmondson



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**The first event
Article about
Justin Pritchard's
journey to co-top
driver of the year
2011 for the KVRG
Race Group**

**Exciting
weekend
planned at
Heartland Park
appreciation
for all military
personnel
May 5 and 6**

**Tire-Rack
and
SCCA Street
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School
April 28**

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KC Region Schedule as posted thus far

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

Nationals for Solo

September 4 through 7 - Lincoln, Nebraska

MidDIV-Road Race

April 14-15	Hallett	Rational/IT/National
	Super Tour Event	
	(IT Races Saturday Only)	
May 5-6	Military Appreciation Race/Autocross Weekend.	
	Heartland Park	
	Double Driver School	
	Showcase Double Rational/IT/IT	
	Restricted National Classes	
	PDX/Vintage	
May 19-20	Gateway	Regional/National/IT
June 2-3	MAM	Rational/Rational/IT/IT
July 14-15	Heartland Park	
	Majors Showcase Double National	
	Top 10 Invitational Classes Only	
July 28-29	Gateway	Regional/National/IT
August 18-19	Hastings, Nebraska	Rational/Rational/IT/IT
Oct 13-14	Iowa Speedway	Double Regional
	MidAm Bonus Points	

A Message From Joe's Corner:



April is here and we begin our 2012 Solo and Club racing. All of our upcoming event are posted on our KCRSCCA.org Calendar pages. And with both our Solo and KVRG Club racing using MotorSportReg.com you can go to their calendar and register for the events.

Also I have appointed our webmaster, Kyle Rohde to head up a Communications Committee. He has already held his first meeting and will soon be making up-dates and changes to our website. Look for announcements about the changes from Kyle.

Joe Tasler,
KCRSCCA Regional Executive

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KVRG will be hosting a Military Appreciation weekend at Heartland Park Topeka, May 4-6, 2012.

Events will include a Double Driver's School Friday and Saturday, a Showcase Double Rational-IT Club Race on Saturday and Sunday, Vintage Sportscar races on Saturday and Sunday, a PDX on Sunday and Kansas/Kansas City Region Solo events in the south paddock on Saturday and Sunday.

For information, please go to **www.KVRG.com** or to register for the on-track events go to **www.motorsportsreg.com**

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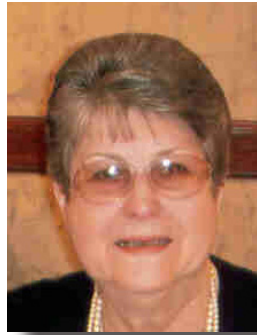
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Dear Mom:

Mom wrote in the February issue of Checkpoint that Ed Sodano was moving to Austin, Texas in the spring. Well, he has now moved but decided to move to Tampa, Florida! He says the weather is better in Florida and Tampa is close to Sebring and not too far from Daytona. But he also added that the downside is, he is now a little too close to Disney World.



On January 29th Glen Sheperd was riding his bike with 4 other bicyclist on Cliff Drive when he hit some "black ice" and went down. The ambulance took him to Overland Park Regional Medical Center where he was diagnosed with a broken pelvis. After 4 days in the hospital, he is now home. He has 3 months of recovery and has been told to just "take it easy"! Glen said he road raced for 12 years (even was on his head once) with nothing more than a few scratches. He took up biking for health reasons and has suffered a broken arm and now a broken pelvis.

Dick Berger recently spent a few weeks in Atlanta, GA. While there, Dick and Suzanne went to Adel, GA to the Dixie Tour, this is the first national tour/solo event of the season, to pick up some Corvair parts that he had bought from Michigan. While signing the waiver at the gate of Gresham/South Georgia Motorsports Park, they recognized an "old" familiar face. Former KCR member, Frank Stoddard was the sign-in guy!! Frank said he now resides in Valdosta, GA (20 miles from Adel) and at 78 years old (by his proud admission) still works for Steeda Performance. Dick said it was really fun to start off the year with so many SCCA "family" friends.

On February 23rd, the Bonner Springs Chieftain Newspaper had a picture and article about Kylee Timberlake, granddaughter of Ken Ragan and daughter of Kelly Ragan. Kylee, a Bonner Springs senior, this past month signed a letter of intent to play softball with Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, KS. Kylee has been playing 3rd base for the Bonner Springs Braves since her freshman year. Last year, she was voted second-team All-Kaw Valley League. She is eighth in her class with a 3.98 GPA. Kylee will leave for Salina as soon as school is out this spring to play for the Kansas State Techno Cats, a summer softball league out of Kansas Wesleyan University. Kylee's uncle Chris Ragan also attended Kansas Wesleyan University a few years back.

DON'T LOOK BACK

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A reminder that KCRRegion SCCA and Tire Rack have joined forces to present the 2012 Street Survival School to be held at MCC Training facility on April 28. All young drivers between the ages of 16 and 21 are strongly urged to participate. The event is limited to the first 30 drivers that sign up. Be sure not to be left out.

For more information, visit www.streetsurvival.org,
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Justin Pritchard: A Racing Biography by Meredith Pritchard

I first met Justin at Mid-Ohio. He was racing an SSB MR2. Near as we can remember, the year was 1992.

Justin financed the MR2 for the sole purpose of racing, though it served as transportation to and from the track and also as his daily driver.

Justin Pritchard was born in Kiddeminster, England but migrated to the US with his father and brother at the age of 10. His father was the US rep for an English industrial carpet manufacturer. He settled in St. Louis, drawn there by its central locale and TWA hub.

Go-karts were Justin's first foray into motorsports. He spent hours tearing up and down the streets of Clayton on his neighbor-friend's kart. This didn't escape the attention of local police who, more than once, escorted Justin home after a brief chase.

Pritchard dreamed of racing in Formula One. He read racing biographies and autobiographies, following racing news, and continued to conjure up ideas that would put him into the seat of a real racing car.

He spent one season in the MR2 before relocating to Columbus, OH, and finding himself in an opportunistic situation. He friended a local racer with multiple formula cars who had little knowledge or interest in car setup. Justin convinced the car owner to allow him to prep the cars. Justin busied himself learning about formula car preparation and in little time, the cars were front runners. In 1994, Pritchard finished 2nd in the NE Division, but the out-of-date FC was no match for the competition at the Runoffs.

In '96 Justin's father loaned him money for a Van Dieman Formula Continental. Finally in the seat of a competitive racing car, Justin was a formidable opponent, and went on to prove it with a win at the Runoffs that same year – the first of his four National Championships.

It was after Pritchard out-qualified Danny Wheldon at Road Atlanta in 1997 that Van Dieman offered him a brand new car in exchange for retiring his older model.

After winning the Championship in '96 and sitting on pole in '97, Justin arrived at the '98 Runoffs eager to win, but learned that GoodYear had given his tires to another competitor. Pritchard visited the Hoosier tent. Not only was he supplied the necessary tires for the week, but soon after the Runoffs he was asked to test for Hoosier at Gingerman, which resulted in the selection of the R35 compound as a competitive tire choice for formula car racers. In 1999, Pritchard was winning races on Hoosiers and the rest of the field was taking notice. In that same year, Pritchard's first son, Luke Alan, was born.

In 2001, Justin gave in to the itch to rally. He rented a rally-prepared truck and entered the 100 Acre Wood Rally in southern Missouri. This was the first of many rally cars and events to come.

In 2002, Pritchard suffered a life-threatening illness, pancreatitis. While recovering in the hospital, his Mini arrived from the U.K. Good friend and fellow motorsports enthusiast, Bryan Cohn, traveled to the NYC docks to collect the Mini on Justin's behalf. This would be Justin's first rally car, for which Bryan would serve as co-driver. In the same year, Justin's 2nd son, William James, was born.

Justin was lured by engineer and designer, Don Sievenpiper, to assist with car development for Piper formula cars. In 2002, while still recovering from energy loss from his 3-month hospital stay, Pritchard pulled off his 2nd Runoffs win – this time in a Piper Formula Ford.

In 2003 he returned in a Piper Formula Ford and clinched the National Championship once more, becoming only the fourth driver to repeat wins in Formula Ford, putting him amongst names such as Skip Barber and Bruce May.

In '04, he again turned up at the Runoffs in a Piper FF and was leading by a large margin when a body fastener fell beneath the brake pedal, restricting movement. Without brakes, he spun off course, losing his lead and contention for the title.

I'm not sure which Championship win I witnessing from the hillside at Turn 8 of the Mid-Ohio Race Course, but I remember the announcer using his name over and over as he called out the action of the race. I recognized the name but it wasn't until I returned home and located a picture of Justin, taken in the Mid-Ohio paddock standing near his MR2 with his name displayed over the door, that I knew this was the guy I had met years ago. And it was on that same hillside that mutual friend and racer, Erik Skirmants, introduced us again.

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Eventually Justin became a better rallier than the Mini and after a roll he retired the Mini and invested in a VW Golf. In 2005, he won the Group 2 Regional-National Championship, sold the Golf and, in '06, purchased a Mark II English Escort which he restored and rebuilt. After only one rally entry (and win), he was offered more money for the Escort than he could refuse. In 2007 he bought a Subaru rally car which he raced in the PGT class. That ended with a hit to a tree, a broken sterum, a written-off rally car, and a painful recovery.

In 2007 and 2008, Pritchard was still competing in road racing, this time in a Piper Formula B. He won the Formula B Championships in Atlanta both years. And in 2009 he returned to FC class and finished 2nd at the Runoffs in his first Runoffs attendance since 2006.

It was at the Runoffs in 2009 that we were introduced...again... by mutual friend, Erik Skirmants. By January 2011 we were married and by March he was preparing for his first season in an EP Mazda.

After a rocky start to the season and a busy race/travel schedule from Columbus, OH to the MidDiv tracks, Justin brought the car to Ohio to compete at Mid-Ohio and Road America in preparation for the Runoffs. Thus began his winning streak. By the time September came around, Justin was reasonable comfortable in a race car with a roof, and he proved it in the rain at the Runoffs, finishing 1st and scoring his 4th National Championship.

But he hasn't given up on rally. In December, he acquired a Subaru to compete in the Rally America series. He traveled to Michigan for the Snodrift Rally in January and the 100 Acre Wood Rally in Missouri in February, where he racked up three 1st and a 2nd (in class).

The racing adventures are far from over. One thing about Justin, whether in car prep or simply in life, he's always changing and moving. That's how he stays ahead, stays interested, and keeps winning!

You're Invited to Military Appreciation Race/Autocross Weekend May 5-6, 2012

The Midwest Division of the SCCA and the Kaw Valley Race Group will host a Club Race event at Heartland Park racetrack, Topeka, KS. There are grandstands along the start/finish line, and several other viewing areas around the 2.5-mile, 14-turn racetrack.

Show your Military ID at Registration Building and there is no charge to watch the Racing and Autocross Events.



We invite our Military members and Families to attend

It is not often that we have Two of our racing events at the same race track facility over a weekend. We invite you to come watch our Club Racing drivers compete in wheel to wheel competition over the 2.5-mile track, and our Solo drivers compete with 4 runs each, on the 20 acre asphalt autocross pad. Both of these venues show SCCA racing at its best.

Heartland Park, Topeka Kansas, May 5-6, 2012 0700 – 1700

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And the same weekend, the Kansas City and Kansas Regions of the SCCA, will hold a Solo (aka autocross) event on the autocross pad at Heartland Park. If you want to enter your car, we will have special Military discounts of \$25 to drive in the event.

To Register, see the link below for May 5-6. Registration will not be open until approximately 30 days prior to the event dates.
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What can military personnel do

for free on May 5 and 6th?

UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE KC REGION CALENDAR

- April 3 6:00 pm Solo Advisory Committee Meeting, ALP**
- April 3 7:30 pm General Membership Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room**
- April 15 9:00 am Solo Event #2, MCC**
- April 17 7:30 pm Race Group Meeting, ALP Lounge Area**
- April 24 7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room**
- April 28 8:00 am Street Survival School, MCC**
- May 1 6:00 pm Solo Advisory Committee Meeting, ALP**
- May 1 7:30 pm General Membership Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room**
- May 5-6 9:00 am Solo, Event 3 & 4 and KVRG Race Heartland Park, Topeka. KS**

Military Appreciation Weekend, See details inside

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