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Cars ready to go at first Solo event
April 1 held at MCC
in Independence, MO



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KC Region Schedule as posted thus far

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

Nationals for Solo

September 4 through 7 - Lincoln, Nebraska

MidDIV-Road Race

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:

Congratulations to the Kansas City Region SCCA members. Last week at the Board of Directors meeting, Norma Williams reported that

our membership is at 505, highest it has been in years. This represents an increase of 25 members, we are well on our way to our goal of a 10% increase in membership for 2012. Way to go KCR.

Joe Tasler,
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Dear Mom:

Dick Berger recently spent 16 days in the Atlanta area with his family - Suzanne, Tara and grandchildren. He and his mother, Betty then traveled to Callabassas, CA (a Los Angeles suburb) to visit his sister for 4 days. Across the street neighbor is Miss America 1999. Dick said he found some great "Corvair" roads while visiting in CA and decided that even Atlanta traffic wasn't so bad after all! He thinks he is done traveling for about a month or so.....

Mike and Donna Hill, along with Mike's sister and two nieces took his 84 year old mother on a cruise to Cozumel, Grand Cayman and Jamaica. They went diving in Cozumel where Mike's regulator malfunctioned and tried to drown him!! They also dove at Grand Cayman. They met an interesting couple (about their age) from England and talked about cars, gas prices etc. Turned out they also had a 2000 Porsche Boxster S. Mike said everyone survived this trip but all decided the next time they will go to a small island in Mexico that Mike & Donna visit regularly.

On April 15th, 1962 Charlie Smith & Sharlene Bartley were married, so on April 15th, 2012 they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at their home in Pleasant Hill, MO. In attendance were their mothers, Gerry Smith, Rich Hill, MO and Allene Duzan, Nevada, Mo. Also attending were several from the wedding party, many family members, friends and KCR members.

Brian Haupt has been busy with a special project! The Bells of Peace Carillon, a rare and vintage electronic carillon. It was Hallmark founder Joyce C Hall's family gift for the rededication of the Liberty Memorial in 1961. Some 40,000 people gathered for the ceremony, with two former presidents, Harry S Truman & Dwight D Eisenhower, as featured speakers. The world's foremost carillonneur, John Klein, performed his own composition written just for the occasion, entitled, "Bells of Peace". The bells continued to sound at the Liberty Memorial until the mid-1980's, when they fell into disrepair & silence. In the early 1990s, the carillon was moved to St. Mary's Episcopal Church in downtown Kansas City where it remained for 15 years and could be heard throughout downtown announcing the noon hour and at special times. The bells again became quiet in 2009 when St Mary's was renovated. Now, the bells have been moved to St Therese Little Flower Parish, a Catholic parish smack in the heart of a neighborhood once dubbed by local media as, "The Murder Factory". This parish, founded in 1925 is at 58th & Euclid Avenue in Kansas City, MO. Electrical Engineer and KCR member Brian Haupt is helping his close friend, Rev. Jeff Hon with the installation of these bells. They have spent hundreds of hours poring over pages & pages of schematic drawings. They then patiently & tediously wired & soldered each of the tiny bell rods & hammers, and each amplifier in the complicated system to three different power sources - conventional 120-volt AC, and both low & high voltage DC. The system operates on pre-solid state transistor technology with 1960s-era vacuum tubes, the kind that were in old television sets. Haupt & Hon are giving their time free to this project. And when they hear the bells ring again, they said they will be paid in full. The Bells of Peace Carillon cost the Hall family some \$61,000.00 in 1961 but they say you could not replace it today for \$600,000.00. The original carillon purchased by Halls had 305-bells but more were later added making it the largest electronic carillon system in the world. When talking to Brian this week, he stated he is working on the loud speakers that will be installed in the tower. Hopefully the Bells of Peace will sound again soon in the Blue Hills Neighborhood.

Kylee Timberlake, daughter of Kelly Ragan & granddaughter of Ken Ragan, was honored with numerous recognitions and awards at the Bonner Springs High School 2012 Senior Recognition Night. Kylee, the 2011-12 student council secretary was named one of the Salutatorians & was one of the Academic Excellence Awards winners with a GPA 3.5+. She also received 16 scholarships including the Kansas Wesleyan Softball Scholarship and was one of three to receive a special award as a Kansas City Star Scholar Athlete. Ken says he is a "very proud Grandpa".

Cheryl Williams & Mom Williams attended "A Royalty Tea" on April 21st at Anna Marie's Tea Shop in Liberty, Mo. This was to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee and William & Kate's first Anniversary. The desserts were "William's Chocolate Biscuit Cake" and "Kate's Fruit Cake with Icing".

A Kansas City Web development agency, River City Studio, has become part of the Trozzolo Communications Group marketing firm. Angelo Trozzolo, agency president, says the merger strengthens the agency's digital & technology services. Angelo says, "We have created a \$12 million agency made up of 50 highly talented, experienced, entrepreneurial team members".

Charlie Williams, son of Keith & Cheryl, broke his wrist last night while playing basketball at a Boy Scout meeting. He has an appointment with an orthopedic surgeon tomorrow morning. And this happened shortly after his parents bought him a 1987 Porsche 944 to solo!

Our condolences to Gloria Holstrom and Aaron Holstrom family on the death of their husband, father and grandfather, Tom Holstrom. Tom, who was 63, passed away on April 19th, 2012 in Blue Springs, MO, after being diagnosed with a rare form of leukemia last fall. We will all remember Big Tom for his passion for racing and as Charlie Clark's long time racing partner. We will also remember the wonderful stew dinners he was famous for at the Runoffs. At the KCR year end Awards Banquet, Tom was awarded the 2011 Crew Person of the Year.

Our condolences to Bob and Janice Qualkinbush. Bob's father, Charles passed away on March 30th at the age of 82 years old. He was the former president of Blue Springs Bank in Blue Springs, MO.

Kris Mandt, 54, from the Des Moines Region and a long time race worker at Heartland Park Topeka race track passed away on March 31st. Kris was usually seen working in emergency services/rescue. He was survived by his parents and a son, Michael.

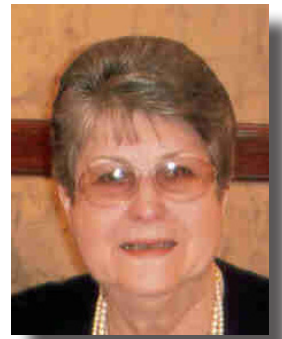
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My first day of Racing by Tim Steger



INDEPENDENCE, MO (April 15, 2012), by Tim Steger — First off, as an Aerospace engineer, I don't do thing without planning. I have had my racecar, a bone stock 93 base Miata, for about 25 days. I recruited a co-driver, who had won a trophy in the past in his own car. I figured he would help me get the car ready, then potentially help improve my driving skills. And yet, after the weeks of planning and wrench time, I realized I had more fun today than I thought possible with my clothes on.

First on my plan was the car preparation. This car had over 175k on the clock, and while it was mostly well taken care of, there were still some nagging things like a small intermittent antifreeze leak that needed to be resolved. I did not want the car blowing up, or simply failing, on the first track day. With the aid of my Co-Driver Dave, we fixed the water leak. This included the not so simple task of replacing the belts, timing belt, and water pump (the actual culprit). Some additional basics like new spark plugs and an oil change, then the car was ready for Street Class E stock. My one nagging concern was the all season no name radials, hard sticks of butter I feared.



Race Day was here, it was windy, rainy, and almost cold. Not my first choice, however this was spring time in Kansas City. I had read multiple forums and race suggestions.

Slow is fast, the importance of position, let the momentum carry you through a corner, don't forget your traction, and even the basic, feel the car. Yet, while walking the course before the drivers' meeting, I was wondering if I can actually do this. As I limped the course (thanks to a very recent soccer knee injury), all of the things that I had read, almost immediately gone blank.

Hours later, I sat with my heart racing in the driver's seat ready to go. I had watched numerous drivers take their lines. I spoke with many of them on track conditions, car setup, and how the course felt. I had even taken a parade lap, in fact almost hitting a cone on that lap, I bet I would have been the first to ever do that. Back at the starting line, I was so much more nervous than I thought I would be. Nerves were shaking, a quick pep talk from Dave, and the flag dropped, so I was ready. Dump the clutch and we were off. This car made all sorts of new wonderful sounds. First run was slow, uneven, but a clean run, no cones. Somehow my first run felt even better as I was a passenger with Dave's first run. Three corners in I felt that we were heading in too hot, next thing I knew we were rotating, then farming in the grass. So I won round one, by default. Unfortunately, by the end of the day



he had me beat by just over a second. With the same car, same setup, and same awful all season tires, to be within a second of the seasoned co-driver, I felt pretty good.

Next thing I knew and all four runs were over. I had improved my time on every run and was solidly hooked on this racing feeling. Where else can you pay less than \$50 and drive your own car like you stole it? I met a ton of really good people. Everyone I ran into was more than willing to give advice. They asked and actually seemed to care about how my run was. Once again, I am hooked, next step better car preparation, new tires...

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d of Lenard & Mary
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| 4 Scott Peterson
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d of Jim & Michelle
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s of Mike & Lynnet
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Georgia Finks
Aaron Thomas Holstrom (4)
s of Aaron & Melissa
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s of Jeff & Sandy
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grd of Victor & Ellen | 20 Pasquale Trozzolo |
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d of Doug & Sonja
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Chris Coulter |

- 28 Norman Dively
29 Ryan Davis (13) grs of Chuck
Scott Tucker
30 Jeff Jenkins

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- 3 Bert & Donna Swift - 32 years
4 Bill & Beth (White) Burke - 16 years
6 Chuck & Sue Woloscuk - 18 years
13 Keith & Cheryl Williams - 17 years
15 Rodney & Tammy Giebel - 31 years
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Family membership**	\$85	Family membership**	\$25	\$110
First Gear membership	\$45	Age 24 and under		\$45

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- ☐ Regular membership - \$85 ☐ Family membership - \$110 ☐ First Gear - Age 24 and under - \$45

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May 19-20 9:00am Rational, National, IT, Race Group, Gateway, St. Louis, MO

May 22 7:00 pm Board of Directors Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room

June 2-3 9:00am Rational, National IT Race Group, Pacific Junction, Iowa

June 5 6:00 pm Solo Advisory Committee Meeting, ALP

June 5 7:30 pm General Membership Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room

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