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Majors Invitational Race at HPT track July 14th
 Picture taken on Hot Grid around 5 pm on Saturday - temperature was 100 degrees and there was a 20 minute delay. Grid workers were offering water to all the drivers.



Look INSIDE:

**Ready to
 help new
 and novice
 drivers,
 KCRRegion
 SCCA Solo
 School**



Saturday podium finish for F500 race.
 1st place - Charles McAbee Jr,
 2nd place - Tim Friest and
 3rd place - David Vincent



Doug Hitchcock makes course
 suggestions at a recent event held
 at MCC in Independence, MO



Kansas City Region driver
 Bill Johnson III on podium
 Saturday after winning the FV race

**Albert
 Hermans'
 report**



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as posted thus far

Aug 4-5	Salina Region Midiv	Salina
August 26	Event 8 Solo	MCC
Sept 15	Solo School	MCC
Sept 16	Event 9 Solo	MCC
Sept 22-23	MidDIV	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

August 18-19	Hastings, Nebraska	Rational/Rational/IT/IT
Oct 13-14	Iowa Speedway	Double Regional
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A Few Words From Joe:

Starting in August, we will be having Guest Speakers at our General Membership Meetings and we will be sending out an e-mail to our membership. We are working on having a Guest Speaker at most all of our General Membership meetings this year, so please be watching for the e-mail announcements.



Joe Tasler,

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Dear Mom:

When I picked up the Saturday June 30th Kansas City Star, I noticed on the front page a picture of the Blue Springs Old Chicago & Alton Depot being moved down Main Street in Blue Springs, MO to new site. The picture was showing workers checking to make sure they did not bring down any utility lines. But, as Mom was checking out the picture, I noticed in the background the Kwik Kopy Printing Company which is owned by Kent Edmondson. Wow, they made the front page!!

The eight Hendrick Automotive Group dealerships in Kansas City area are converting from the Superior name to the Hendrick name in the next 10 months. The name change will coincide with dealership upgrades and openings in several new locations. One of the big changes will be the Hendrick Chevrolet Shawnee Mission store at 8300 West Shawnee Mission Parkway in Merriam, which is undergoing a nearly \$5 million renovation and is expected to be completed in late August. Mike McGinley, who has been with the company since 1992 is the General Manager of this dealership and Jeff Kopp is the Parts Manager and he has been with them since 1995.

Congratulations to Brittney Williams, granddaughter of Charlie & Norma, who was named "Employee of the Month" at the Luecadia Pizzeria & Italian Restaurant in Luecadia, CA. Brittney is a server and has been employed there since the first of February, 2012. She says the perks are: she gets free food for one month and she can park her car in the main parking lot. Britt, we are all proud of you.

Ken Ragan was in Wichita, KS recently attending the wedding of his granddaughter, Kaci Lynn Ragan. Kaci, the daughter of Chris & Kim Ragan, married Kyle Larry Kozik on Saturday June 2nd, 2012 at 4:00 pm at the Westwood Presbyterian Church in Wichita. Maid of Honor was her sister, Kayla. In charge of the guest book/gifts was Allison Ensign. Kayla & Allison are both Ken's granddaughters too. Following the wedding was a backyard BBQ dinner and dance reception at the home of friends.

Dick & Suzanne Berger spent 4 days in Panama City, FL celebrating their 36th wedding anniversary. Dick said it was wonderful just sitting on the beach but had to admit he turned red as a lobster.

On the first Tuesday of July, 1957 former KCR member, Bud Reno attended his first Kansas City Region SCCA general meeting. He joined the club on that date. So, on July 3rd, 2012 Bud attended the KCR general meeting to celebrate his 55th anniversary with all of his SCCA friends. Bud, it was good to see you and do come back.

Victoria Wilke, daughter of Peter & Lenora has been accepted to graduate school at Harvard. She will be studying Museum Studies and will graduate in 2 years with her Masters Degree. She lives in Cambridge, MA and works as an assistant curator for the Museum of Comparative Zoology in Cambridge. Her goal is to be a museum director.

Lauren Wilke, daughter of Peter & Lenora is working for the University of California at Davis. She is getting certified as a Mouse Biology Colony Manager. Lauren lives in Davis, CA.

Our condolences to Steve Bachenberg on the death of his son, Mark. Mark was born on June 5, 1984 in Wichita to Steve & Dian & passed away on July 14th. Mark is also survived by a brother John & his family.

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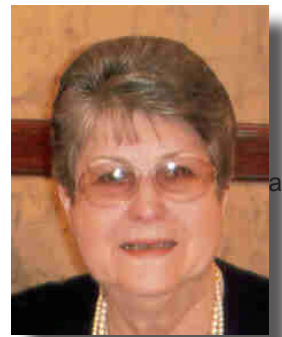
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KCR Region Novice School

The sun rose at 5:53 AM and a short 67 minutes later MCC began to come to life with event setup. As the students began to trickle in, some for the first time, the air was filled with anticipation and excitement. The initial participation cap was expanded from the original 30 to 36 in the days before the event. On the day of, there was one cancellation but by the time the classroom session began at 9:00 AM there were 5 walk ups that we could not turn away. So, with 40 students and 14 instructors, the knowledge transfer began. The fundamentals were explained in the classroom on tarmac which was followed by the instructor assignments and then the course walk. This took longer than expected and combined with assigning workers to the course resulted in a delay of approximately 45 minutes before



**Students having fun
and learning new skills,
Barbara Garrett and
Sonja Hitchcock**



**Thank you to all instructors,
pictured Mike Hill,
Shawn Hill and Aaron Hargis**

the first cars began their runs. As the first began, a concern began to develop about whether a storm that was situated to the northwest of the event site would track southeast and complicate our day. As the cloud cover thickened, the temperature began to drop prompting some to don jackets or hoodies. And then the deluge started, all 6 drops. The storm passed and the clouds began to thin. At about the time we broke for lunch, the sun was shining brightly as the instructors took to the course for their fun runs as the students attacked the sandwich trays. After all the food had been consumed and almost everyone fed, the afternoon sessions began. As the times fell, the temperature rose and the atmosphere soon began to resemble that which we have suffered through in the week and a half since. The fun stopped just before 4:00 PM and after a final review the students were released to terrorize the streets. At the end of the day a good time was had by all. Of the 40 students who started the day, 27 made it to Event #6 the next day.

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Faithfully submitted,
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AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Schaden Wallace -
(8) grs of Dick & Suzanne Berger
Cole Whitney -
(11) s of Jason & Tiffany
- 3 Steve Bachenberg
Zackary Darpinian
Justin Walker
- 4 Ben Peterson
- 5 Ali Eldadah
Christian Els
Mark Killen
Guy Watney
Todd Wayman
- 6 James Garten
Zachary Ingalls
- 7 Matthew Deardorff
- 8 Michael Kinney
- 9 Barry Heuer
- 10 Cheryl Williams
- 12 Logan Whitney -
(17) s of Jason & Tiffany
- 14 C J Berger -
(9) s of Liz
- 15 Rick Berger
- 16 Samuel Hitchcock -
(11) s of Doug & Sonja
- 17 Brian Clark -
(12) s of Chuck & Alex
- 18 Jennifer Bennett
Brandon Newey
- 20 Kathy Giordano
Elizabeth Mallinen
Mathew Morgan
Jeff Sumpter
- 23 Andrew Johnson
- 24 Todd Hesskamp
- 25 Andrea Berger
Ellouise Suzanne Coryell -
(3) grd of Dick & Suzanne Berger
Steven Harris
Charles Kleinhagen
- 26 Aaron Collins
Austin Crowder
- 27 Dale Leuck
- 28 Kelly Toombs
- 29 Glen Beckerdite
Roy Freeman
Sharlene Smith
Charlie Williams
Aria Woodall -
(15) grs of Chuck & Sue Woloscsuk
- 30 Kyle Rohde
- 31 Donna Hill



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 Alan & Jennifer Bennett - 25 years
- 19 Tom & Peggy Rowe
- 20 Randy & Karen Eickhoff
Brian & Bonnie Haupt - 36 years
- 23 Glen & Barbara Shepard - 49 years
- 26 Kent & Sue Edmondson - 28 years

The Kansas City Region tried something NEW! And it was a Success!

I am going to start this article off by copying the article that Jim Wheeler wrote for SportsCar as it will clarify what the Kansas City Region did. Jim gave me permission to copy his article. This Race/Solo Crossover was held at the Majors Invitational Race at Heartland Park Topeka on July 14th/15th.

From Jim Wheeler (driver) - "The KC Regional Executive Joe Tasler, put together a program that started out as a way to expose solo racers to road racing. At the solo meeting he asked for anyone who would be interested in being a race crew member for the HPT races. At the race group meeting he asked for racers who would welcome a one-time crew person. Norma Williams did the work of putting the solo folks with a racer. The result was that about half of the KCR racers had an additional crew person. In my case, Lance Hamilton, was my one and only crew person, since I never have a crew. Lance had done a few solos and he ran his modified Monte Carlo at the last PDX at Heartland Park. I remember the car at that event, since he was out there with about 25 Corvettes. Lance did tire pressures in the hot pits and towed the wounded Miata back from post race impound on Saturday. I enjoyed having him hang out and help, and I think he will be back, either as crew or as a racer."and now for Lance's view.

From Lance Hamilton - "Jim took me under his wing and spent almost all of the time I was out there teaching me how he does what he does. I learned a TON about Club Racing and that alone made the time and effort well worth it. I was able to help him out with some things he might not have been able to get done had I not been there. I checked his tire pressures right as he came off the track after practice and qualifying. And just being there to hand him a tool, help him get buckled in or handing him a water while waiting on the false grid. I would most certainly participate in an event like this if the opportunity presents itself again."

Another driver and crew member were: Brian Haupt and Darren Crozier

From Darren - "This weekend was quite an experience. I worked all weekend with Brian, helping when I could. Most of it was an information exchange, most time was spent managing tires, pre and post race checking the car and drinking lots of water! The wealth of information obtained thru a working relationship with a driver is invaluable. I found that they are as enthused about racing as I was even after a number of years on the track. Not only did I establish a good and hopefully lifelong relationship with Brian, I was afforded an opportunity to meet and interact with many of the other drivers who were equally forthcoming with information. Over all I think it was a huge success. PS: I am already signed up for the next race with Brian."

Another driver and crew member were: Charlie Clark and Gary Wolfe

From Gary - "This experience gave me a more informed perspective of what it takes to be a road racer (not to distract from the effort Solo drivers and crews have to expend). I have always wanted to work with some type of race team. The past weekend race looked like a pretty good ending result for Charlie (finished 4th Sunday). I think a good incentive for Solo drivers to participate in this program would be a free event entry at a Solo event at Blue River. Also if the Solo driver worked more than one event with a road racer you could give them a gas card for 50.00 or 100.00 (according to the number of races worked) to offset expenses for races outside of the KC area. You could also have a rotation of stories written by the helpers talking about their experience. I think it would give the helper a better chance to know what goes on during the day by having a schedule from the race team and the race officials. The helper could also take pictures or video of the event happenings for their team and the Checkpoint newsletter. I would like to participate in this program next year."

Another driver and crew member were: Chuck Clark and Dick Van Benschoten

From Dick - "I would like to do it again. I feel that I really was able to give Chuck some help, which was gratifying to me. And it was slightly surprising how much more interesting practice, qualifying and racing were because I was involved with the "team" and knew the driver. I learned a bit about how Chuck "conserved" his tires using tire pressure, attacking/or not attacking some of the turns and running practice, qualifying and then racing tires. The 'dividend' was learning how to keep a lap chart from Alex! Next year I would like to help again and try to be there both days. PS: I wish I could have brought Chuck better luck on Saturday."

Another driver and crew member were: Dave Vincent and Joe Tasler

From Joe - Joe said that Dave had a full crew of helpers including family and friends so he kept very busy taking pictures. He took a total of 235 pictures of drivers, crews and the races.

Another driver and crew member were: Tim Friest and Al Hermans

From Al - "I enjoyed working with the racers. I actually did more for Dave Vincent as he was having more problems with his car and he had a radio that could be used during the race. Tim's car was mostly ready except for changing tires and taping up gaps in the bodywork and Dzus fasteners before and between race servicing. For the most part, I did a lot of standing around as several items were handled by the drivers. I would do it again." PS (from Norma): Al stayed around after the races and helped both Dave and Tim pack up and load the trailer. We even left the track before he did!

Another driver and crew member were: Bill Johnson III and Jeff Bartz

From Bill - Bill said his new crew member, Jeff arrived Sunday and was a great help.

Thank you to all seven of the drivers who participated and also to all seven of the crew helpers. I feel that this is a very worthwhile program and I would recommend we continue doing it next year. We had 13 KCR drivers entered in this Majors event, so we had over 50% of them with a "new" crew member.

Written by: Norma Williams

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How many students participated in the
June Solo School?

UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE KC REGION CALENDAR

August 7	6:00pm	Solo Advisory Committee Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room
August 7	7:30pm	General Membership Meeting, ALP
August 21	7:30pm	Race Group Meeting, ALP Lounge Area
August 26	9:00am	Solo Event #8, MCC, Independence, MO
August 28	7:00pm	Board of Directors Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room
September 4	6:00pm	Solo Advisory Committee Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room
September 4	7:30pm	General Membership Meeting, ALP
September 4-7		Solo Nationals, Lincoln, Nebraska



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