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A Few Words From Joe:

As we move to the close of 2012, I am very proud to say that it was a very good year for the Kansas City Region. With our very first Rallycross event, our region now offers all four of the SCCA Racing venues. Club Racing, Solo, Rally, and Rallycross. During 2013, we plan to host two more Rallycross events



Joe Tasler, KCRSCCA Regional Executive



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Dear Mom:

Alan Bennett was in a motorcycle accident on October 24th. He had been in Florida visiting a friend from college and was on his way home. While traveling on I-71 in Mena, Arkansas, the motorcycle slid while Alan was turning and he hit a telephone pole. When he finally came to, he realized he was seriously hurt and called 911 but could not tell if they heard him because he still had his helmet on. A trucker stopped and told Alan that help was on the way. They took him to the hospital in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He had a broken left leg which now has a rod from the knee to the ankle. The ball that holds the shoulder to the upper arm was out & shattered which now has a rod & plate, along with a lot of staples, which will be removed in 2 weeks. Alan's wife, Jennifer, his parents Jim and Betty arrived at the



hospital soon and Alan's brother David went down a few days later. The doctor told Alan if he had not been wearing the proper boot, he would have lost his left foot. He also told him that the full riding gear that he had on saved his life. He has now been moved to a rehabilitation center in Fort Smith, AR for therapy and he should be released in about 2 weeks and will be able to return home. Jennifer said that Alan has made a lot of progress, but has a long way to go with a lot of therapy to do in the future. We wish you a speedy recovery Alan. If you would like to send him a card, his address is: 1001 South Liberty Street, Independence, MO 64050.

The last of September, Charlie & Mom, Brian, Jennifer, Seven & Indi Williams attended the "Chump" car race series at Heartland Park Topeka. Brian, John Bowden, Ron Lentz & Chris Funk all drove John's Ford Escort wagon in the race. Saturday's race was 8 hours & 17 minutes long (7.77 hr) and Sunday's race was 7 hours & 6 minutes long (6.66 hr). There were about 40 cars in attendance and the guys finished in 11th place and were still running at the end!

Congratulations to Bonnie & Brian Haupt on the birth of their great-grandson, Nico Vicente Nicoe, who was born on October 30th, weighing in at 8 lbs and 4 oz and was 21" long. He has a full head of dark hair. His mother is Bonnie & Brian's granddaughter, Gabriela. The name Nico is after his great-great grandmother's middle name Nicholson and his great-great-great grandmother's maiden name. He will be baptized in the christening clothes hand made by his great-great grandmother Eleanor Douglas MacPhail. His mother and grandmother were also baptized wearing the christening gown, cap and blanket. Bonnie said he is the most darling baby and fits perfectly in her arms.

On October 30th, the home of Paula Diehl caught on fire, luckily Paula was not home at the time. She arrived at the same time as the firemen did. The fire started in the fish tank in her bedroom and basically destroyed the room. She has heavy smoke damage throughout the rest of the house. Her three dogs and three cats were in the home at the time but all survived. The house will have to be completely gutted and rebuilt so she probably will not be able to move back in for approximately 6 months or so. Paula said that "Elvira", her solo car, is OK because it was in the race trailer and she is looking forward to the solo season next spring.

Ken & Char Keith were sorry to miss the KC picnic but they were excited to be attending the wedding of the son of their childhood friends in Hempstead, Texas (just outside of Houston). The bride and groom are both artists and the wedding was held at the Laughing Frog Organic Farm. The reception was a pot luck dinner with venison and bison chili and a campout that night. Ken & Char "camped out" at the Living Texas Ranch Bed & Breakfast with 7 other family members including the groom's 93 year old grandmother. Ken & Char also spent time visiting several Houston Art Museums and Ken went to several MG restoration shops.

Barbara Correll has been seen driving around town in a new 2013 Ford Taurus that she has owned for about two weeks. You can't miss her because the car is a beautiful "Ruby Red".

Charlie & Sharlene recently had visitors from Cincinnati, Ohio. Son Matt and his wife, Irene stopped by to check out the "new house" and to introduce their new puppy. They had been to Salina, KS to pick up Skyler, a Australian Red Heeler puppy and were on their way back home. They also brought their two other dogs, Saffron & Sophie, both are Australian Blue Heelers. Sharlene said the two older dogs understand and react to commands in Dutch. Irene was born in Holland. Grandmothers, Allene Guzan of Nevada, MO and Gerry Smith of Rich Hill, MO were also guests of Charlie & Sharlene while Matt & Irene were there.

Our condolences to Kent & Sue Edmondson family on the death of Kent's father, Eddie. He was 93 years old and had been living with Kent & Sue for several months. Eddie and his wife, Wanda formerly lived in Camdenton, MO.

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Kansas City Region SCCA RallyCross #1

October 14, 2012

By Jerry Irvine, RallyCross Chair

RallyCross is a cross between stage rallies many of you have seen on TV and autocross. Like autocross, a course is set up in a field that allows for moderate speeds. Unlike autocross, though, and more like stage rally, the times are cumulative. That means the cone you hit is a 2 second penalty and a gate missed is a 10 second penalty that stays with you to the end. So, the goal is to navigate the course as quickly as you can, without collecting any penalties.

The KCR SCCA Board of Directors has been searching for a suitable RallyCross site in the greater Kansas City Area for guite awhile now. We have had some leads and are still actively working a site near Tonganoxie, Kansas. The lead that proved fruitful for 2012 was the property of Lenard Holsworth. After a site visit, photos taken and discussions with our Midwest Division RallyCross Steward, Jim Rowland, we were able to organize the first ever Kansas City SCCA Region RallyCross event. It was held October 14th near Garnett, Kansas at Lenard Holsworth's

RallyCross is new to the Kansas City Region, but our surrounding regions have been putting on events for the past few years now. I was grateful to receive assistance in getting our program started from several of these surrounding members and want to thank them for their help. Jon Simmons and Jan Gerber from Nebraska Region, Jim Rowland, Scott and Jeanie Creech from Ozark Mountain Region and Lawrence Duty from Wichita Region provided mentorship to several first timers. The course design was by Jon Simmons, who had also set one of the courses at the RallyCross Nationals. Safety Steward was provided by Jim Rowland. Event operations guidance was given by the Creech's and Lawrence Duty. Thank you all for your help. I believe most of these folks participated in the RallyCross Nationals the week before.

Prior to the event, the region experienced a much needed rain, causing concerns among the entrants. I received several phone calls, emails and texts asking me how the property would handle the rain. Would it be a swamp? Would it be cancelled? Will I get stuck in the mud? Lenard expressed to me that the property drained well, as it was basically the high land in the area. What the rain did do was to quell the clouds of dust I experienced at the RallyCross Nationals held the prior weekend in Tulsa, OK. The top part of the land was dry, but not dusty. The lower part of the property was wet and I would say just the right amount of muddy. After the storms left the area, the wind picked up,

the clouds went away and we were left with perfect weather. It was truly a great day to be outside with my RallyCross friends.

The event was run just like an autocross. Our region's Chief of Equipment, Bob Buxbaum, brought the region's van and trailer stocked with cones, timing equipment and all the equipment needed to put on an event. We had the course set up and ready to go around 10ish. After getting 27 people through registration, we were ready to go.



A quick drivers meeting was held to inform many of the first timers what to expect and who to talk to for more information. It was great to see the unbridled enthusiasm that the first timers showed. After discussing course working and stressing safety, we were ready to go. We set the run order for the Stock class cars to go in heat 1 and the prepared and modified cars in heat 2. We gave 6 runs for everyone, but we split the heats into a morning session and an afternoon session, with 3 runs per session.

After the stock cars had made their first run, it was evident we found a particularly muddy spot on the sloping land. A decision was made to adjust the course and get the cars into a more favorable part of the property (not so muddy.) Remember, we were running by class and the times are cumulative, so a course change such as this would not have any effect on the class order. After about 45 minutes, the stock cars had taken their 3 runs, so we did a quick worker change and got the prepared / modified cars on course. We allowed for a 1 hour lunch break, and then we got back to it in the afternoon. After everything was said and done, we were completed with pick up and out the gate by 4 pm.

I want to give many thanks to Lenard for allowing me to co-drive with him and his other codrivers in his newly acquired Dodge Neon. With snow tires, it was able to get through the mud and field very well.

There were many cars in attendance, with the majority the Subaru WRX and STi. It was great to see these all wheel drive turbo charged cars attack the start and blast away.

One of the hiccups for this event was the results. We do not have any RallyCross participants that have the software on their home computer, so we are still waiting on results while the Autocross results person compiles and audits the results. Thank you for your patience.

I am looking forward to more events next year to and working out the hiccups that a new program will see. Feel free to contact me at Jerrylrvine2007@gmail.com if you have any comments or questions or need more information.

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THE ANNUAL KANSAS CITY REGION SCCA PICNIC

The Kansas City Region SCCA Annual HALLOWEEN PICNIC was held on October 27th, 2012 at the Willard King Farm in Gardner, Kansas. The day was a beautiful sunny day but a little on the chilly side. Thirty three hearty souls attended this picnic and every one had a great time. Sharlene Smith & Norma Williams transformed the barn into a delightful party place with black table cloths & Halloween decorations. We changed the time to eat to 1:00pm and instead of grilling, Sharlene Smith made "spooky meat balls". The food was fabulous and plenty of everything. Several members brought canned goods for REAP. The M&Ms in the jar, that everyone guess on the total number, was a tie with Glen Shepard and Brian Haupt having the same number. Sharlene read a story about a pumpkin which had lost an eye so the attendees were ask to find the 8 "eyeballs" that were hid in the barn! Willard King arrived in his recently sold 1936 Ford three-window coupe, Brian & Bonnie Haupt drove his father's blue 220S Mercedes Benz, Cliff & Tammy Johnson were in their 911 Porsche and Phil & Nick Hemes arrived in Phil's red Ferrari.

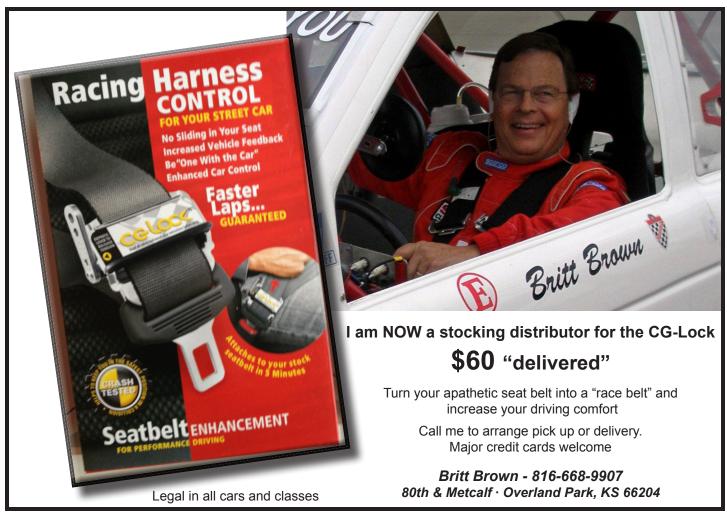
Thank you to: Willard, for "loaning" us the barn for the day & putting out the signs

Scott & Jimmy (Willard's guys) for preparing the barn for a party Charlie S & Charlie W for all of their help in setting up & taking down, getting ice etc

Sharlene for being my "partner in crime" getting ready for this big day

The annual picnics are great fun and a way to spend a wonderful day with fellow KCR members so if you haven't attended one, please think about doing so next year. It was a relaxing fun filled day!

Norma Williams and Sharlene Smith, co-chairmen



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December 4 6:00pm Solo Advisory Committee Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room

December 4 7:30pm General Membership & Annual Election Meeting, ALP

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