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Words from Chris, our RE:

1<sup>st</sup> I would like to thank Mike Hill for all his hard work on another fantastic Street Survival School! (there will be more to say after the event I'm sure)

2<sup>nd</sup> To Charlie Clark and the rest of the KVRG board thanks for all the hard work on the Majors race at Kansas Speedway which will be the biggest event held by KVRG in a very long time. Please come and watch your club members race against some of the best drivers in SCCA!

We also had a big membership drive at GARMIN on Wednesday the 27 we had a booth there manned by Charlie Clark and Brad Smith talking all things SCCA. We also had a display manned in the parking lot by Jim Wheeler and myself showing a few cars.

It has been great to see more members coming out to our events and meeting each month! Please remember to bring your short clips to the general meeting for fun and prizes!

See you all at the races!

Chris Kern



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## June Trivia Question: Who is the KCR Regional Treasurer?

**All correct responses will be entered in a drawing to win a \$35 gift certificate towards an event of your choice. You can still respond to last month's question of "Who is the KCR Regional Secretary?"**

**Only one response so far all year which means that person is going to get the gift certificate unless more respond!**

**Winner will be announced at the December General Meeting and in the January 2016 Checkpoint.**



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Thank you to the following members for attending the KCR SCCA General Meeting on May 5, 2015. Your names will be entered in the year-end drawing for a free National membership.

James Cahill	Tony Giordano	Jeremy Salenius
Charlie Clark	Al Hermans	Brad Smith
Donna Cross	Mike Hill	Charlie and Sharlene Smith
Paula Diehl	Chris Kern	Ken and Chelsea Snyder
Jessica Dorn	Vern Maxey	Morgan Spencer
Phil Edmondson	Ed Nicholson	Dave Vincent
Neava Ford	Doug Patterson	Charlie and Norma Williams
Tim Friest	Ken Ragan	Ben and Steve Wolf
Barbara Garrett	Henry Rompage	

## ***Fastest Time of the Day-Solo***

### **May 17, 2015 - 2015 Event #4**

<b>1</b>	<b>Shawn Hill</b>	<b>08 Mike Wilson</b>	<b>33.19</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Brad Smith</b>	<b>1989 Red Devil</b>	<b>35.813</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Mark Hill</b>	<b>2006 Mitsubishi Evo IX</b>	<b>37.059</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Jerry Irvine</b>	<b>2005 Mitsubishi Evo MR</b>	<b>37.817</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Mason Herrick</b>	<b>2006 CRG Kart Santana</b>	<b>38.462</b>

## ***Fastest Indexed Times-Solo***

### **May 17, 2015 - 2015 Event #4**

<b>1</b>	<b>Mark Hill</b>	<b>2006 Mitsubishi Evo IX</b>	<b>31.277</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Jeremy Salenius</b>	<b>2008 Mini Cooper</b>	<b>31.355</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Shawn Hill</b>	<b>08 Mike Wilson</b>	<b>31.705</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Jerry Irvine</b>	<b>2005 Mitsubishi Evo MR</b>	<b>32.242</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Greg Cheney</b>	<b>2014 Ford Fiesta</b>	<b>32.339</b>



## June Birthdays



- |    |  |    |  |
|----|--|----|--|
| 1  | Chuck Clark Jr. - (16) s of Chuck & Alex |    | Barry Johnson                                |
| 2  | Melissa Giebel                           |    | Kenny Wayne Snyder                           |
|    | Max Mallinen - s of Michael & Elizabeth  | 16 | Dominic Arbeitman                            |
| 3  | Liz Berger                               |    | Charles William Kleinhager III               |
|    | Doris Frede                              |    | Jill Leonard                                 |
|    | Cliff Johnson                            | 18 | Billy Dean Neeland                           |
| 4  | Maryann Neeland                          | 19 | Freddie Charlesworth - s of James & Vicki    |
|    | Nicholas Schall                          |    | Christine Hesskamp                           |
| 6  | Parker Allen - (13) s of Jim & Michelle  |    | Donnie Robert Spears                         |
|    | Victor LaViola                           | 20 | Bert Swift                                   |
|    | Courtney Utterback                       | 21 | Allison Kirby                                |
| 7  | Meghan Andela                            |    | Jennifer Voyles                              |
| 8  | Keil Roberts                             | 22 | Makenna Holstrom – (11) d of Aaron & Melissa |
|    | Stephen Wiles                            |    | Chuck Woloscsuk                              |
| 9  | David P Dyer                             | 23 | Caleeh Abdul-Rahmaan                         |
|    | Richard Moncayo                          |    | Amy Giebel                                   |
| 10 | Bill Johnson (younger one)               |    | Bradley Macias                               |
|    | Mallory Toombs - d of Kelly & Kathi      |    | Dr Ron Reynolds                              |
| 12 | Hunter Smith -grs of Charlie & Sharlene  | 26 | Phil Leonard                                 |
| 13 | Christina Allen - d of Tim & Janice      | 27 | Alpha Lee Roberts – (2) d of Nick & Nicki    |
|    | Albert Hermans                           | 28 | Alec Mitchell                                |
|    | Ryan Staub                               | 30 | Gary Michael Lester                          |
|    | Donna Swift                              |    |  |
| 14 | Linda Henson                             |    |  |
| 15 | Donna Cross                              |    |  |



## June Anniversaries



- |   |                                   |    |                                   |
|---|-----------------------------------|----|-----------------------------------|
| 2 | Brett & Cindy Whitney - 14 yrs    | 14 | Steve & Marsha Wolf - 13 yrs      |
| 5 | Tony & Kathy Giordano - 16 yrs    | 19 | Bill & Dottie Johnson - 61 yrs    |
|   | Ken & Char Keith - 44 yrs         | 22 | Stephen & Brenda Johnson - 19 yrs |
| 8 | Ken & Chelsea Snyder - 19 yrs     |    | Bruce & Kittie McNamara - 52 yrs  |
| 9 | Chuck & Marty Walter - 43 yrs     | 23 | Bill & Barbara Correll            |
|   | Charlie & Norma Williams - 59 yrs |    |                                   |



## The Leaping Lizards



*Sue Woloscsuk*

The origins of the Leaping Lizards corner crew date back to the the late 1960's, when a small group of five or six people from Kansas City were working corners at the local road race tracks. By the mid-70's, the number of Kansas City corner workers had grown to about 30, and it was at this time that the group got its name.



On a cold spring day in 1973 at Mid-America Raceway (St Louis), some of the workers were lying in the sun on the track between races trying to get warm. A group of showroom stock cars, with showroom stock mufflers, was let onto the course without anyone telling some of the more distant corner crews that they were out there. As the cars came to the corner, the workers leaped to their feet and off the track. One of the drivers said it looked like a bunch of lizards leaping off a hot rock. The name 'Leaping Lizards' stuck.



Russ Scholta, who worked with the Lizards before becoming a driver (which is not uncommon), worked for Quaker State Oil and thought it would be good publicity for the company if they sponsored the Lizards. Quaker State liked the idea and so the Leaping Lizards became the first corner crew to have a national sponsor. Quaker State provided hats, shirts and jackets with their logo on the front and the Lizard logo on the back. They also gave banners to display on the corner station, patches, decals and, of course, several cases of oil.





The Leaping Lizard logo was designed by Kansas City artist/driver Bob Burrows and appears on most race cars from the Kansas City Region. The Lizards sometimes also give the decal to special racers, such as Paul Newman when he was running his own car at the Runoffs.



They also had a message board called the Lizardgram, made by [Tony Giordano](#), that was used to give messages to the drivers on the pace laps, and a flag to display on the corners so drivers would know where the Lizards were working.



In 1979, a Crash and Burn school run by the Leaping Lizards was featured on the cover of the Kansas City Star magazine. Now called Crash, Fire and Rescue (CFR) schools, these are still organized by the group every other year.



In the 1970's the Lizards first went to the Runoffs and there have been some members of the group at every Runoffs since then. Four Lizards have been MidWest Divisional Administrators of Flagging and Communications, and two have been National Administrators of F&C.



Some of the current Lizards are second-generation kids who grew up at the races. We hope the tradition goes on for more generations to come.



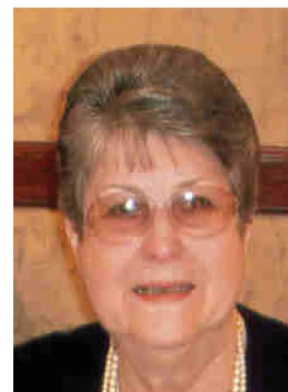
The American Legion is hosting a Chili Cook-Off & Car Show on August 8. The event begins at 9:00 am. They would like us to come out, taste some award-winning chili and bring our cars. Cars should plan on showing up around 11:00 am.



## **Yakety Yak...**

Dear Mom:

Update on our Checkpoint Editor, Barbara Garrett. Barbara had surgery on June 2, to get rid of the macula puckers in her right eye. This will be the 15th procedure on her eyes. Then next week she will travel with her brother to the Glenn Miller Festival in Clarinda, IA. This will be only the 2nd time her Dad has missed a Scholarship Competition since 1977.



On Sunday afternoon, May 17th Charlie Emerson Williams graduated from Blue Valley High School. The graduation was held at Kemper Arena for the 340+ seniors. Charlie received the Chancellor's Scholar Award from the University of Missouri, Kansas City. Charlie is the son of Keith & Cheryl and the grandson of Charlie & Norma. On May 23rd Keith & Cheryl hosted a graduation party at their home for Charlie.

Charlie & Norma Williams' granddaughter, Anna Ruckman received "The Toni Griggs Award" at a Park University ceremony last month. This award is given to honor a student who has made an outstanding contribution to Park University through leadership, service and work performance. The award was named in honor of a lady who had been an integral part of the workings of Park University and a dear friend throughout the years to many park students, faculty and staff. Toni was the first recipient of the "Park Family" award. Anna is majoring in Graphic Arts and will be a senior this fall. Her parents are Carl & Betty (Williams) Ruckman of Lee's Summit, MO.

An email from Ellen Wolf, informed Mom Williams of the insanity of their lives! (quoting Ellen). It took her & Victor LaViola eight weeks of donating, gifting, trashing & cleaning to clear out over 15 years of stuff they had accumulated, but the building is now EMPTY! There is a contract on the place, closing has yet to be determined, hopefully by the end of June. It took five truck loads to get moved. The last trip was two huge trucks towing two vehicles with Ellen and their ancient Labrador bringing up the rear in their van. They made the 1500 mile journey unscathed... again! Now they should be able to unpack and settle in to life in Tucson. Ellen said the move was bittersweet – hard to say goodbye to the apartment & studio. But the hardest was saying goodbye to the friends they both made over the years. They are glad to be close to grandkids and she enjoys drinking her morning coffee while staring at the glorious Catalina Mountains. She says we are all welcome to visit anytime, there is a cup of coffee and a back porch chair waiting for us and she said....we will like the view!

It is difficult for Mom to hear about all the news of the KCRSCCA membership now that she is retired. So if you have any news of you or your family, please email her at [kcmomwilliams@aol.com](mailto:kcmomwilliams@aol.com). I know that a lot of interesting news is out there so please let me know what you are doing!!!!

**don't look back.....**

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**The KCR Bylaws Committee will be presenting the proposed changes to the KCR Bylaws for Member consideration and vote at the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, July 7 at 7:30 pm at the American Legion in Overland Park, KS.**



THE KVRG MAJORS EVENT IS JUNE 19 - 21 AT THE SPEEDWAY AND WE NEED YOUR HELP. THE SITE WILL OPEN ON FRIDAY, JUNE 19 AND WORKERS ARE NEEDED TO WORK THE COURSE FOR THE TRACK TEST DAY ON JUNE 19 AS WELL AS HELP WITH TRACK WAIVERS AND SELLING GARAGE SPACES AND RV SPACES FOR THE WEEKEND. YOU CAN ALSO WORK COURSE, OBSERVATION OR CONTROL IF YOU CAN MAKE IT OUT SATURDAY AND/OR SUNDAY.

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE KC REGION CALENDAR**

June 13 & 14		Solo Midwest Divisional #1 at Neosho, MO
June 16	7:30 pm	Road Race Meeting at ALP
June 19- 21		KVRG Majors Event at Kansas Speedway
June 27		Solo Event #6 at MCC
June 30	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room
July 7	6:00 pm	Solo Advisory Committee Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room
July 7	7:30 pm	General Meeting, ALP
July 11	7:00 am	SOLO Event #7 at HPT
July 12	7:00 am	SOLO Event #8 at HPT
July 18-19		RALLYCROSS MiDiv National Challenge at Thunder Valley Sand Drags; Grain Valley, MO
July 21	7:30 pm	Road Race Meeting at ALP
July 25	7:00 am	SOLO School at MCCC
July 26	7:00 am	SOLO Event #9 at MCC
July 28	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room
August 1-2		SOLO Midwest Divisional Championships at Lincoln, NE
August 4	6:00 pm	Solo Advisory Committee Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room
August 4	7:30 pm	General Meeting, ALP
August 8	9:00 am	CHILI COOK-OFF & CAR SHOW, ALP
August 23	7:00 am	SOLO Event #10 at MCC
August 25	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room
August 29		RALLYCROSS Event #3 at Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley, MO
September 1	6:00 pm	Solo Advisory Committee Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room
September 1	7:30 pm	General Meeting, ALP
September 12		RALLYCROSS Event #4 at Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley, MO
September 27	7:00 am	SOLO Event #11 at MCC

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