



UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE KC REGION CALENDAR

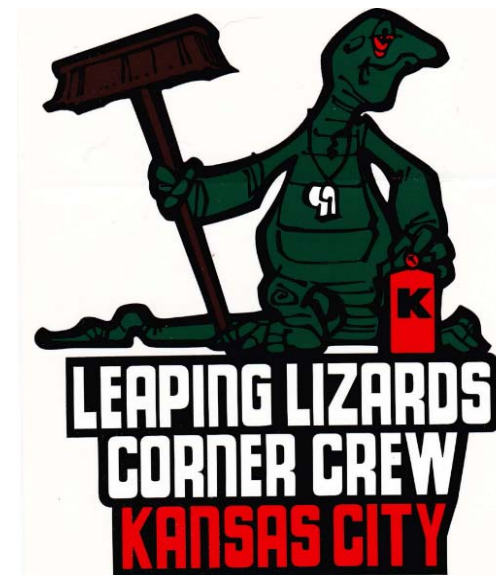
December 29	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meetin, ALP Auxiliary Room
January 5	6 pm	Solo Advisory Committee Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room
January 5	7:30 pm	General Meeting, ALP
January 19	7:30 pm	Road Race Meeting, ALP
January 26	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room
January 29-31		2016 MiDiv Convention, Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, KS
February 2	6 pm	Solo Advisory Committee Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room
February 2	7:30 pm	General Meeting, ALP
February 13	5:00—9:00 pm	2015 KCR SCCA Awards Banquet, Deer Creek Golf Club, 7000 W 133rd St in Overland Park, KS
February 16	7:30 pm	Road Race Meeting, ALP
February 23	7:00 pm	Board of Directors Meeting, ALP Auxiliary Room

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PAX class with 27 other drivers. Once again Smith pushed hard and was amazingly consistent finishing 8th just 3/10 out of 7th. Wright came out swinging and threw down a 1st run that was so fast, that, even he couldn't beat it. It was good enough to slot him into the 22nd spot in Novice PAX. This class was so tight, only 3 tenths of a second faster would have moved him up 5 spots!

In DS class, there were 3 drivers. KCR member Larry Barry in his new '15 WRX had his hands full right off the bat with two other local fast guys, Wes Wood in a R32 VW and Matt Wantland in HIS '15 WRX. Wood ran an untouchable 49.133 on his 2nd run. Barry nearly caught Wantland by pushing it to the limit but stayed in 3rd. In Masters PAX runs, Barry's 2nd run was all it took to help him finish in a respectable 7th spot. He finished the day running almost every run clean.

In CS class, KCR member Jeremy Utterback and his '06 MX5 had no idea that local Brad Holiday in his new '15 BRZ was one of NEOKLA best drivers...with Holiday placing in the top 3 in PAX most events. Well, Utterback made short work of it and his 2nd run of 47.990 kept him in the lead and the win. Holiday, mustered only a 48.187, on his last and best run. In their PAX runs, the two tangled again. This time Holiday's fastest was his second run, a 47.964. It took Utterback his 3rd run, but he threw down a blazing fast 46.929, crushing Holiday and catapulting Utterback into 2nd in PAX overall...just .008 behind fellow KCR member, Mark Hill's top PAX time.

STU class was quiet. Mark Hill's '06 Evo IX ran unopposed but was consistent with all 4 runs within 3/10 of each other. In his PAX runs it was a whole other ball game with 39 other drivers...and with top PAX local drivers like Todd Swain's '89 STS Civic SI and Donald Carl's hot '97 Neon. Hill managed a 45.252 on his second run which was good enough for both fastest time of the day and top PAX time with hot shoe Utterback right on his tail in 2nd. W.B. Sephus ('14 Mustang GT, OK Region) barreled into 3rd, Swain 4th. Holiday came in at 11th and Carl a distant 25th.

We were done around 4 pm. picked up the cones, had a trophy presentation and were out of there. What a beautiful day to race...a wonderful site, great folks, and lots of runs. We all had so much fun and picked up some valuable seat time, too. Make sure you come out next year. See you at NEOKLA next March!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1	Meera Aravinth		Matt Horning		Jamie
	Justin Florance		Ken Scrivener	21	Jeremy Utterback
	Erik LaPrade	11	Mitch Moylan (16) - s of Paul &	22	Kylee Timberlake - grd of Ken
	Alexander Leach		Alicia		Ragan
	Zachary Leach		Frank Stone	23	Rodney Giebel
	Teresa Myers	12	Steve Patterson		Ken Snyder
	Andrew Schmidt		Laurie Sheppard	24	Brenda Johnson
2	Jamiah Armster	13	Steve Roberts	25	Janice Fisher
	Mike Palla	14	Erica Hill	26	Melissa Holstrom
3	Ken Keith	15	Tim Fortin		Char Keith
	Molly Logan		Natalie Ruckman - grd of	27	Carl Hayward
4	Hal Kemrite		Charlie & Norma Williams		Kevin Kopecky
	Derek Leach		Charlie Smith		Benjamin Wolf
	Marsha Wolf	16	Timothy Allen	28	Chelsea Snyder
5	Angela Brown		Logan Hall		Eythan Watts - s of Everett
7	Christopher Edmondson	17	Daniel Cahill (1) - s of James &	29	Michael K Bell
	Rygh Galloway		Melanie		Lance Hamilton
8	Rich Bireta		Jeff Evans		Emma Kirkland
	William Schmidt		Craig H Sutherland	30	William H Agnor
9	Tami Brady	18	Jessica Dorn		Stacey Ritter
	Helmut Derra		Michael Laster	31	Charles Davis
	Cora Duncan (7) - d of Geoffrey	19	Tyler Gibson		William A Munholland
	& Danelle	20	John Herrman		Cooper Toombs
	Brian Haupt		Phillip Meredith		Marty Walter
	Lenard Holsworth		Cole Parsons (6) - s of Joseph &		Marv Wolf

Words from Chris, our RE:

First I'd like to congratulate everybody on a year well done with many great events. With these events we have added many new members and I hope we can continue this over the following years. By the time you receive this Checkpoint we will have a look at the new board of directors for our club. I know they will have some great and wonderful ideas for the year to come. Please contact them with any help suggesting volunteering so that we can make this a better year than the last.



I would like to thank the outgoing board members for their hard work these last two years and putting up with it with a wild ride times but without you and your help we could not of done half the things we have done this year.

I would also be remiss in not taking a moment to remember two of our club members Peter Wilkie and Joe Tasler! Now just to take up a little more space and some of you know as I am the past RE I have-decided to take on another project with the club I'm also a member of the national committee to look into division, area and regional realignment! As some of you know St. Louis and southern Illinois region are looking to move into Central division. This Committee is made up of current national board members and two past board members were also chairman and myself. The first part of this committee assignment is to determine the effects to the division if St. Louis and southern Illinois are moved to Central division and then make our recommendation to the BOD! Part two is to make recommendations to the BOD regarding amendments/additions to the bylaws and operations manual required to clarify procedures and establish ground rules for the merging or splitting of divisions, areas and regions.

Third and last, please make recommendations to the board of directors regarding other possible division, area and or regional realignments that would benefit our members. The members who come to our general meetings have heard me talk about this every month now and have been giving me their input and suggestions. Now it is time for the rest of the members to voice their opinion. We have an opportunity to make changes and hopefully improve some things. However, we can't and I can't do it without input. I need everybody to feel free to speak up. I'll take any ideas that you might have. Just call or email me and once again thanks for a year well done!

See you all at the races! Chris Kern

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Dear Mom:

We all look forward to attending the annual SCCA Runoffs. It is a busy time, preparing cars for competition with our friends from all over the US and the workers get to work the best event of the year, then every evening is filled with parties and visiting with those friends (some we haven't seen for a year). So you want to be in the best of health to enjoy all of this. Well, on the Tuesday before the runoffs began, Chris Kern (our own RE) was headed to a station on a turn at Daytona to work a practice session and found a hole in the ground! So to the hospital he went and after 9 x-rays the Doctors said no broken bones but a lot of soft tissue damage! So needless to say his weekend did not turn out like he had planned! He is still recovering now back in Kansas City and hopefully will be all mended soon.

Nick and Nikki Roberts, who reside in Topeka, KS are happy to announce the birth of their son, Ash Christopher Roberts, who was born September 29th, 2015. He weighed in at 7 lb and 10 oz and was welcomed home by his 2 year old big sister, Alpha. Proud grandparents are Steve & Karin Roberts.



Steve Bachenberg and Joanne, his partner recently took a trip to Nepal. Steve said it was fascinating and they were able to trek in the Himalayan foothills, take a float trip on the Seti River (only a few mild rapids), ride an elephant and experience a totally different culture. They sent a picture of them standing in front of the Annapurna Range Mountains at 29,000 feet plus and Steve was wearing a KCR T-shirt!

Kuhn & Wittenborn Advertising, founded in 1978, has merged into Kansas City-based Trozzolo Communications Group. The combined operations will be at Trozzolo's headquarters in Kansas City, which began in 1989. Angelo Trozzolo is President & CEO of the firm that was founded by his father, Pasquale "Butch" Trozzolo, who remains Executive Chairman. Kuhn & Wittenborn's clients include Kansas Speedway, the Vanguard Group & the Stowers Institute for Medical Research.

Pat di Natale was inducted into the Nebraska Auto Racing Hall of Fame (NARHoF) in Lincoln, Nebraska on October 16, 2015. The NARHoF was created in 1998 to honor Nebraskans, both native and adopted, for their contributions to the sport. Pat was honored for his years as a Chief Steward in both SCCA amateur & professional racing series. Beginning in solo events, Pat carved out an impressive career with SCCA in regional & national competition. He was awarded the Governor's Cup twice. He was one of three founders of Pro Solo, the SCCA's professional autocross program. After racing competitively for 20 years, Pat stepped up to the task of racing official as a Steward at Regional & National events, serving as Chief Steward of the National Championship Runoffs from 1996 through 1999. Following a successful career in SCCA amateur racing Pat has served as Chief Steward in their professional racing programs, first with the Trans-Am series & then with the World Challenge series. At the completion of the 2015 racing season, Pat retired from World Challenge, after leading the series for 17 years & helping to make it one of the most popular professional road racing series in North America.

Mom Williams recently received an email from Ron Reynolds about his father, Jesse Reynolds, who is now 99½ years old. Jesse was profiled with 5 others in an article on VJ Day (Victory in Japan) in the KC Star. Jesse served in World War II in the Pacific & was a Navy cook on the USS MacDonough, a destroyer anchored in Pearl Harbor in December 1941. Jesse received a lifetime Achievement Award during the Veterans of Foreign Wars Department of Missouri convention. Today, state VFW officials consider him Missouri's oldest living Pearl Harbor survivor & World War II veteran. Ron said, as a result of that article, Jesse was recognized at the drivers meeting at the NASCAR race at Kansas Speedway on October 18th and was one of the dignitaries on the platform for driver introductions prior to the race. Ron, his brother and one of Ron's sons went with him & after introductions they all went up to the VIP suites. Jesse is a retired mechanic & business owner, has two sons, four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren & four great-great-grandchildren. In February, 2015 Jesse fell while a patient at the Leavenworth VA Hospital & broke his hip. Then he suffered a slight stroke in April but he is back going strong now & walking without any aid.

Bob Hellebuyck called Mom Williams and said due to the fact that he had some health problems the first of 2015, he has sold his building, where they operated Standard Improvement Company on 43rd Street in Westport, and will close his business. Bob & Rachel will move to Costa Rica in the near future.

Registration closes at 9am. First car off at 10am.

THE COURSE

This course was a nice collection of sweepers and fast straights/off-sets with 2 and 3 cone slaloms mixed in between. It drove like a road course...fast and challenging. The infield is nearly as wide as it is at HPT in Topeka but almost twice as long. It's asphalt, but with more grip than HPT. In some area it has undulations that are gentle



during course walk, but come alive at 60 mph. Curbed parking medians are sprinkled around but no light poles.

The start was best if you lined up at an angle to straighten out a left hand kink about 50 feet away. Then under medium throttle, an easy 80 ft. right hand 160 degree turn. Then, ASAP full throttle... thru a slight off-set without lifting and head on to a huge reducing radius 270. Although almost no one did it, if you late-apex here, and let your car drift out, you could straight shoot the cross-over/kink under full gas. Stay on it until a medium on-camber right hander, brush the brakes to tuck-in the nose and back on it hard thru an open-ish 2 cone slalom. You arrive with lots of speed to the next tight right hander, if you use big brakes and late-apex...it allowed you carry full gas through another 2 cone slalom before yet another reducing radius, 160 sweeper. This sweeper is flat but a little dusty. The key here is to stay tight on the last inside pointer cone so you can roll on the gas ASAP...and stay on it the full width of the huge lot. You are going so fast here! It's also bumpy and brakes don't work well in the air, but you needed them at the entry to next 110 degree lefty. This is the fastest turn of the course. It's on-camber, which gives you some options on a line but don't drift out too far--to avoid the marbles and as another full throttle straight with an open offset is next. After the off-set, many were unwillingly tested for brake fade at this point, because here came a tight (only 50' apart) 4 cone slalom. To make things harder, the last cone is offset maybe 8 ft. from the gate that depicts the entry to the finish chute and lights. Tiptoe thru the off-set...when the car settles, hammer it hard for the finish...while trying to keep the car pointed straight, (some didn't do that last part....bump, bump, bump, bump). WHEW!

THE RESULTS

In FS class, KCR members Larry Smith and Larry Wright in their '11 BMW 328i locked horns with talented local, Ryan Ameen in his M3. Early on Smith lead in the class with a 53.019 with Ameen in the 55s and in 3rd. Wright was in 5th. Ameen soon got the hang of his new car and dropped to a smoking 49.827. Smith fell to 3rd finding more time but not enough. Wright stood on his 3rd run and stayed in 5th. Both Larry's ran in the Novice

2015 Kansas City Region SCCA RallyCross Class Champions

Class	Name	Number	Car
SF	Lenard Holsworth	62	1997 Dodge Neon
SR	Lawrence Duty	50	2006 Ford P71
PF	Doug Patterson	42	2014 Ford Fiesta ST
PR	Kevin Brown	13	1972 MGB GT
PA	Mark Macoubrie	41	2005 Subaru WRX STi
MF	Tyler Gibson	9	1994 Toyota Tercel
MR	Thomas Ezell	68	1968 Volkswagen Beetle
MA	Jennifer Brown	13	1993 Subaru Impreza

Voting for the Bylaws amendments will take place at the General Meeting held at 7:30 pm on January 5, 2016 at the American Legion Post 370 - 7500 West 75th Street, Overland Park, KS.

At the December General Meeting, another request for a change was brought to light regarding term limits for Board Directors. The Members in attendance agreed that while term limits do need to be included, they did not want to amend the bylaws and send them out again to the Membership at a cost of \$700 (for the third time) this year. They discussed that by passing the Bylaws Proposal in January, we can amend them easier and at a much cheaper cost to the Membership. After passing the currently proposed bylaws, we will gladly revisit the Membership's requests for additional amendments. We hope to see you at the January General Meeting for this vote.

FIVE KCR SOLOISTS ATTEND THE BIG FINALE IN TULSA, November 8
Article and photo by Mark Hill

Forecasted to be cool start for Tulsa in the North East Oklahoma (NEOKLA) SCCA region’s big final event just last November 8th, it soon heated up to be a sunny and blue skied 72 degree day, with smoking-hot and fast autocross action!

Five die-hard KCR members (Larry Barry, Jeremy Utterback, Larry Smith, Larry Wright and Mark Hill) hit the road to challenge themselves and the local NEOKLA go-fast guys. Held in the Fair Meadows horse track infield parking lot at the Tulsa State Fairgrounds, it is the biggest autocross site in a 5 state area, 2nd only to Lincoln’s LAP. Tulsa, home of the largest of two Oklahoma’s state fairs, drew 1.2 million people during its August 11 day run...and all those people gotta park somewhere.

THE TRIP

Its an easy trip from Kansas City, really. Head out South on 169 highway. Figure 3.5 hours of mostly two and super -two roads with 65 mph speed limits. It’s a pleasant drive, sprinkled with farm houses and sweeping views of SE Kansas’ gentle rolling hills. Just a few towns to slow you down, but enough to be able to stop for gas and grub. South 169 ties into I-244 West in Tulsa. Take the Yale Ave. exit. Event site is off Yale Ave. It’s that easy.

THE EVENT

Besides its size, other big draws for NEOKLA are that they usually start their season earlier and run later than any other region in the mid-West. It's a great place to get a jump on your competitors or satisfy that one last racing fix. The folks there are just down right friendly, too. The best part is the 50 to 55 second long courses and you always get 8 runs... for \$35 bucks. Your first 4 are your “base” runs...in your usual class. The last 4, done immediately after the base runs, are your “PAX” runs. Pick your choice of “master”, “novice”, “womez” for you uh, women or “PAX” for those more experienced folks. Your PAX runs use the “PAX Index” to determine your placing.

Typically, NEOKLA runs two heats with a lunch break (this event a vender had BBQ pulled pork and BBQ baloney sandwiches). Each heat numbers about 20 to 30 drivers. Get there by 8 am when registration opens if you want to get your choice of heat. (But this event drew around 80 drivers so the run/work order was predetermined)

Our condolence to Richard & Jane Bireta and their family on the death of Jane’s father, Henry Malcolm Hardy, MD on October 5th, 2015. Dr. Hardy was born in England and immigrated to Kansas City with his family in 1957. He was an anesthesiologist at St Luke’s Hospital until he retired.

Our condolence to Charlie & Sharlene Smith and their family on the death of Charlie’s mother, Geraldine “Gerry” Smith on October 12th, 2015, which was her 95th birthday. Gerry was able to celebrate her 95th birthday with a party on Sunday October 11th in Rich Hill, Mo with many family members (Grandson Matt & Irene Smith from Oakwood Village, Ohio were there), friends and neighbors. Gerry & her husband, Arthur Lee Smith were married 60 years and had four children. The family lived and grew up through the years on the family farm Southeast of Rich Hill, MO. The farm is now registered a Missouri Century Farm in Vernon County. Gerry & Arthur Lee had six grandchildren (includes Matt Smith), five great-grandchildren (includes Hayden & Hunter Smith) and one great great-grandchild.

don’t look back

Norma may have retired from the Board of Directors, but she still loves to hear about what is happening with our members. Please call her or email her with your news so she can put it in her column!

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- 19 Mike & Donna Hill - 41 years
- 25 Chris & Lisa Kern - 28 years
- 29 Dick & Peggy White - 51 years



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HALLOWEENIE 2015

A very successful KC Region SCCA SOLO year was topped off with the annual Halloweenie event. Always an annual favorite, this year was helped by excellent weather and some trophies still being contested. A record number of entrants (176) made the racing fun and highly competitive. Thank you to the huge number of volunteers who made this event run smoothly and on time. Proceeds from this event are going to the charity GoBabyGoKC, a local organization that donates and builds modified toy ride-on cars for children with mobility needs. Charity Chair, Jessica Dorn, was hoping to donate 20 cars after the event. However, due to the warm hearts and willingness to dig deep in the pockets of those in attendance, it may be possible to donate as many as 30. Thank you to those who donated items for the silent auction, bidders on those items, and those who gave cash donations.

The club provided the hamburgers and hot dogs and buns, with the event attendees donating the rest of the food. If you went away hungry, it was your own fault. We had over 6 tables filled with home-made and purchased food items that included every imaginable type of item, including "road kill" jerky. Thanks to the cooks who manned 2 grills and put great food out at an impressive rate.

We also hosted a Halloween costume competition and costume competition for the cars. The crowd elected the three top costumes worn by attendees. There were a large number of costumes there, including many super heroes and not so super heroes. Thank you to all who wore a costume. And for those of you who didn't, well next year is only 11 months away. Plenty of time to get one together. The car costume contest was judged by the youth cart drivers, and they did a great job. Crowning the winners in a hotly contested event. Thank you to Kent Edmundson who donated the trophies for these two events.

I know I speak for all those who were there, an excellent event with lots of great food, track competition and Halloween costume competition. Thank you to all those who brought food, and helped with set up and tear down.

A special thanks to all who drove, the grid and paddock layout was a little different due to the large number of cars entered. Your patience was truly appreciated. A fitting final event for a huge SOLO year in 2015. See you in 2016.

Gratefully,
Georgia Finks and Paula Diehl

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Dottie Johnson	Dick Van Benschoten	15 Barbara Garrett
2 James Allen	9 Gus Jacob	Jameson L Griffith
3 Janice Allen	10 Don Buffon	16 Mark Hill
Dick Berger	Buzz Fisher	Cathy Watts
Kayden Cates (7) s of Chris	Ron Kelley	18 Jerry Irvine
Raymaker & JoAnn Cates	Michael Pearson	19 Lucas P. Hill (7) s of Erica
4 Audrey Hermans	Henry Rompage	Ann Lasater
Bruce McNamara	11 Steve Schmidt	Joseph Parsons
5 Henry Allen(14) s of Timothy & Janice	Thomas Whitehouse	20 Charles Austin
6 Alicia Moylan	12 Melissa Bennett	Alex Donald
7 Nicholas Treaster	Ethan Disher (14) grs of Chuck	Armelinda Schulte
Charles Wilson	& Sue Woloscuk	23 Scott Petersen
8 Jacob Diehl	13 Lillian Bartz (1) d of Jeff & Laura	Dan Wheeler
9 Alexander Hesskamp (12) s of Todd & Christine	Sean Loughery	25 Jim Cote, Jr.
Aaron Holsworth	Mike Erpelding	30 Peter Beren
		Natalie Mullin

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5	Cliff & Tammy Johnson—11 years	11	Nathan & Katie Keith
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RALLYCROSS SEASON IN REVIEW

The RallyCross program for the Kansas City Region SCCA held its final event of the 2015 Championship season on the property of Lenard Holsworth south of Garnett, KS on Sunday, October 18th. The season-ending event was the second half of a double-header weekend, the extra event being a make-up for our rained out June 6th event. The finale event saw the program's largest competitor turnout. The weather was ideal, and the surface held up amazingly well, although we did find more rocks on course than we have before.

One of the challenges for the weekend was the failure of both our primary and spare infrared emitter for the finish line timing system. As a result, we had to resort to the very old-school method of timing with stopwatches. We owe a huge thanks to Chris and Lisa Kern, Linda Duncan, and Kevin Brown who all worked the watches over the two days.

The 2015 season saw some significant gains for our RallyCross program. The Kansas City Region hosted five regional RallyCross events and the two-day Midwest Division National Challenge. The program drew 51 unique competitors over the course of the season from eleven different regions, up 64.5% over last season, and averaged 19.2 competitors per event, up 37% over 2014.

The program also gained three new safety stewards: Mark Macoubrie, Mark Hill, and Jeremy Utterback. Jennifer and Deanna Brown have become proficient at waivers and weekend membership procedures, and Doug Patterson, Matt Crowley, and Jennifer and Deanna Brown have become proficient at timing and scoring procedures in addition to our existing timing and scoring person, Lawrence Duty. We now have multiple people capable of fulfilling the mission-critical roles in hosting a successful SCCA RallyCross event.

With all of the events in the books, we have champions in eight different classes. In order to qualify, drivers needed to compete in at least three events and be members in good standing of the Kansas City Region. Trophies will be awarded at the Kansas City Region Annual Banquet in February along with our new traveling trophy for RallyCROSSer of the Year, the recipient of which is yet to be determined.

Although the 2015 RallyCross Championship season has just ended, the 2016 season will be here before you know it. We will announce the date for our first event sometime in January, and hopefully, we'll have the remainder of the schedule sorted by February. For 2016, we hope to have at least one new venue, and at least five regional events. Just about any car with a solid roof can come RallyCross. Our Grain Valley venue is especially friendly to stock daily-driver cars, so we hope to see more of you join us for some dirty fun and slideways action next year.

