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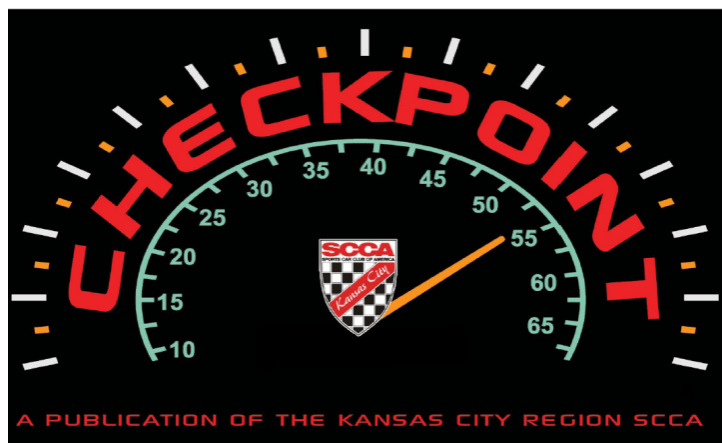
RallyCross Report

Checkpoint Returns in Digital Format

by Jessica Dorn

We are bringing back Checkpoint as a monthly digital newsletter. It has been three years since the last editor, Barbara Garrett, announced the final edition of Checkpoint. Members were encouraged to sign-up to receive news instantaneously to their email inboxes as articles were posted online. There was also an option to continue to receive a printed version of the articles posted online.

While it is definitely beneficial to receive news articles as they are posted, the Board discussed that we still needed a way to communicate with all of our amazing members. Not only will the digital newsletter have the news articles posted by members in the last month, but it will also have a recap of the reports given at the General Membership Meetings in case you were not able to attend. It will include updates from National SCCA as well as upcoming events.



From the RE's Desk



As the song says... "the sun will come out tomorrow" . So it is written! So it must be! We can only hope for sunshine and warm weather. But never mind, the KC Region's programs are up and running regardless of the weather.

A great turnout at the SOLO annual meeting and tech last weekend. It was 61 degrees for 45 minutes! A super event, thank you to Blue Label Racing and Restoration Service for hosting. While waiting for the sky to clear, it is a great time to visit our website. There you will find all the updated 2019 calendars.

The Road Racing starts locally at Hallett on March 30 and 31, moving to Gateway on April 13 and 14th and to Topeka at Heartland Motorsports Park on May 18 and 19.

SOLO starts April 6 with a Test and Tune with event #1 on the 7th at MCC Precision Driving Course in Independence, MO. May 4 and 5 is the MIDiv Solo event in Topeka, Kansas at Heartland Park, with Street Survival School on June 1st back in Independence. Registration is open for these events.

Rally Cross begins March 31st at I-35 Speedway in Winston, MO. April 27th at Stonegate MotorPlaza in Bucyrus, Kansas is the Unnaturally Aspirated show and Shred, with event #2 the following day at the same location. Rally Cross welcomes back Wavespec Performance Rotors as the 2019 title sponsor and is excited to introduce MaxSport Americas as their new 2019 Presenting Sponsor. Also exciting news is the addition of the 2019 Dirtfish Rally Cross National Tour, the Mid-America Challenge at Lucas Oil Speedway in Wheatland, MO on July 19, 20, and 21. What a great start for these programs!

So get those last minute items on your car and get set for a great year of racing. Not sure how to get started? We do have a membership meeting the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Lucky Brewgrille, 5401 Johnson Dr, Mission, Kansas. Come join us for updates on all the programs as well as lively conversation and door prizes. The next one will be on April 2. Hope to see you there.

Until next time: Safe Travels and Happy Trails.

Paula Diehl
KCRSCCA RE

RC Car Challenge & Picnic at Antioch Park

by Paula Diehl

Mark your calendars now!!! The Kansas City Region's June 4th General Membership meeting will be at Antioch Park, 65th and Antioch Rd. We had so much fun karting for our January General Membership meeting, that we thought another racing challenge sounded like a great way to connect with members!



The Pro-Solo RC Car Challenge is a race what you bring event. We will race car vs. car until we find a winner who will be presented with a trophy to back up his or her bragging rights.



We will also be hosting a family picnic with hot dogs, hamburgers, and chips provided. This is a family event, so bring your whole crew. Please bring a covered side dish or dessert and your favorite beverage. Per park policy, alcoholic beverages are officially prohibited. Please be sensible in your beverage choice or drink from a plastic cup.

We will be at Antioch Park Shelter #1 which is actually closer to 67th & Antioch There is a southern entrance off of Antioch right at the shelter. We have the shelter rented from 6:00 pm on. Paula Diehl, our Regional Executive, will be there at 6:00 pm to start the charcoal.

Please let Paula know if you will be attending and how many additional members of your family will be joining you. They are more than welcome. She just wants to ensure we do not run out of food.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you there.

Paula Diehl, Event Chair.

Coaches Needed for Tire Rack Street Survival



by Paula Diehl

Did you know that a 16 year old is 20% more likely to be killed in an auto crash than an adult? So what can you do to help?

Volunteer to be a Street Survival Coach! Not only do you get to help new drivers make good driving decisions, you also get a free street survival shirt and a complimentary lunch.

Kansas City Region is hosting the annual Tire Rack Street Survival school on Saturday, June 1st at the Metropolitan Community College in Independence, MO. I believe that our Kansas City Region competitors are some of the best in the country. Pass on your skills in an environment that is safe. These students are eager to learn and need our expertise.



Volunteer now. Go to SCCA/StreetSurvivalSchool to sign up for Coaches Training. We also need volunteers to work registration, help with lunch, and be corner workers. If you have questions, please call or e-mail.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.
Paula Diehl, Event Chair



Mid-States Majors Events 1-3 Results

by Mike McGinley

We have completed our first 3 Mid-States Majors race weekends and our first 2 MiDiv Time Trials Series and there has been some awesome racing thus far this year. Here are a few details.

GREEN COUNTRY GRAND PRIX SUPER TOUR MARCH 30-31

Hallett Motor racing Circuit was the host of our 1st race event of 2019 on March 30-31st. In case you are wondering, it was friggin' freezing again this year and many seasoned drivers had uncharacteristic spins on cold tires. The Super Tour drew 151 entries in 7 race groups, with a large field in SRF/SRF3 with 31 entries. Many of our Kansas City Region drivers did well, bringing home 1st place trophies getting a jump start on the season long points race on the way to a Mid-States majors and/or MidAm Championship.

Formula F	Cliff Johnson won both days
Formula 500	Tim Friest won Saturday and David Vincent won Sunday
GT2	Mark Kirby won Sunday
Touring 2	Hans Peter won Sunday
American Sedan	Jim Wheeler won Saturday

ST. LOUIS BACK TO THE FUTURE MAJORS AND TIME TRIALS APRIL 13-14

Worldwide Technologies Raceway, aka Gateway, was the home of our 2nd Majors Road Racing event and the 1st MiDiv Time Trials series. The event attracted 40 race entries and 9 Time Trials entries. The Saturday racing was in dry weather conditions, but the rain clouds let loose Saturday night with torrential downpours all night leaving the infield soaked and the track wet for qualifying. After a bit of sleet/mist during the lunch break a light rain came back for the afternoon racing with many of the drivers racing in the rain on Sunday. A few Kansas City Region drivers made the trip to St. Louis and had great results.

MAJORS RACES

GT2	Mike McGinley won both days
STL	Steve Johnson won both days, set new track record Saturday!

TIME TRIALS

Production A	Kevin Brown earned 170 points, tying him for 1 st place in class
Production C	Adam Pessetto earned 190 points and is leading his class

HEARTLAND SPRING MAJORS AND TIME TRIALS MAY 18-19

Heartland Motorsports Park in Topeka and the Kaw Valley race Group hosted event #3 of the Mid-States Majors Tour and the MiDiv Time Trials Series. We had 71 race entries and 24 Time Trials entries for a total of 95 participants. Saturday's weather was WET, with torrential downpours around lunch time delaying the racing until the lightning let up. It continued to rain all afternoon and most race groups racing in strong downpours with puddles and streams on the racetrack throughout the races. Luckily, there were minimal mistakes and incidents and nearly all drivers finished unscathed. Overnight rain left the track mostly dry for most qualifying sessions, where drivers put their dry tires on to set the fast laps of the weekend thus far for qualifying day 2. The weather cooperated for dry racing Sunday afternoon and there was some great racing. If anyone wonders what to do when you race in the rain, just ask Jim Wheeler, who drove Saturday's rain race like he was on rails, leading from the 1st lap and lapping a majority of the field. He was "Hooked up". Great job Jim.

MAJORS RACES

A Sedan	Jim Wheeler won both days
GT2	Mike McGinley won both days
GT3	Jeff McCormick won Saturday
Touring 2	Charlie Peters won Sunday
Formula 500	David Vincent won on Saturday and Sunday
Formula Cont.	Bill Johnson won on Saturday and Sunday
Formula F	Tim Kock won on Sunday
STL	Steve Johnson won on Saturday

TIME TRIALS

PA	Leonard Holsworth earned 40 points
PC	Adam Pessetto earned 240 points
PD	Al Hermans earned 240 points
PE	Hans Peter earned 100 points

My First Race

by Mike McGinley

I guess I have always been what you would call “A Car Guy”. In High School (I graduated in 1974 from Shawnee Mission South) I had my first experiences with “muscle cars”. Everyone was driving them, they were cheap, so was gas, and it seemed the girls thought they were cool. I bought my first muscle car from Andy Klein Pontiac, a 1968 GTO with 48,000 miles for \$1,800 in 1974. That car ignited a passion for performance cars that is as strong as ever today.

I have never looked at cars as “just” a means of transportation. I learned early on that people with muscle cars liked to compete for bragging rights on who had the fastest car. Heck, in the mid 70’s you could cruise by the carwash in downtown Overland Park and find a dozen guys and one girl, Heidi (who has a 427 69 Camaro and she knew how to drive it), who wanted to race. Kansas City International Raceway and the Lawrence 1/8 mile drag strip were popular destinations.

After the GTO, I had many other muscle cars, a 69 428 Super Cobra Jet 4-speed Mach 1, a 70 Boss 302, a 69 GTO Ram Air IV, a 70 Shelby GT500, and a 66 GT350 to name just a few. After graduating from KU with my degree in Business Administration I even got into the car business because of my passion for cars. It was a fun and very successful career, one I enjoyed for 36 years. I got married in 1981. I actually had a wife that loved me so much she agreed to go on vacations to the Mid-America Shelby Meet in Tulsa from 1983-1986. That event included 2 days of open track events at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit in addition to drag racing and a car show.

When I saw the vintage race event featuring Shelby Mustangs, Boss 302’s, GT40’s and Cobras (yes, real ones back then) I realized I could expand my performance experience longer than 11-13 seconds on the drag strip. These guys and gals were out there racing for 30 minutes and boy was it exciting. It looked like a blast to me, but when I mentioned it to Mary she said “not so much”. All that responsibility stuff and expense stuff and you know, logic. Anyway, the seed was planted and I knew when the timing was right it would be something I wanted to try.

In 1996 I was working for a Dealer in Omaha who put on a 2-month challenge letting me name my bonus if we hit the agreed performance level. I told him I wanted to go to the Bob Bondurant 4-day Grand Prix Road Racing Driving School and we agreed on that prize. Of course, I hit the bonus and went on the trip to the school. I figured with all of my years driving performance cars I would have a hand up on the other students, boy was I wrong. After my first ride with the instructor in the school bus on the racetrack I realized I didn’t know the first thing about real car control and finesse. Over those 4 days I learned a lot, knowing that this was just the tip of the iceberg.

After the course I made some modifications on my 75 Jensen Healey and started going to HPDE events at Heartland Park with any club I could go with, Audi Club, Porsche Club, BMW Club, and the SCCA. I sold the Jensen Healey and picked up a 1995

Mustang Cobra R, which was better suited for track day events, it even had a cage, a race seat and fire system. I continued to run the car in HPDE events and tried to read everything I could about driving.

Over the years of attending the events I had some great instructors, including Kent Prather and Britt Brown. At a SCCA PDX event in 2001 Britt Brown was my instructor. After riding with me Britt said "You know Mike, we aren't supposed to be timing these events, but we do anyway, and you are the fastest car on the track. Have you ever thought about racing competitively as opposed to PDX?" I informed him I didn't want to get my car all banged up since I kept it in showroom condition and it was a bit of a collectible car, one of only 250 made.

He said car to car contact was frowned upon in the SCCA and only in rare circumstances does it happen. I told him I'd consider it and he told me about the next race weekend in July. I hooked up with Bob Henson the following weekend who helped me determine my car would fit into the ITE class, and he issued my car a log book after inspecting it. Using my Bondurant School and my PDX events, I was cleared for my Competition license. I registered for the race, bought a GCR (they were printed back then, not online) and actually read the GCR cover to cover. I was ready for my first race!

My 1st race was at Heartland Park in Topeka, it was the Return of the Beach Bunny VII Regional/Driver's School on July 21st, 2001. We ran the 2.2 mile configuration and I was in group 1, one of 34 competitors in the group. When I lined up on the grid for qualifying, I started to get a little scared. I was lined up right next to Chris Albin's VW Golf. I could see yellow duct tape holding stuff in place, a couple scratches and quite a few places that looked like DENTS to me. I thought Britt told me no bumping? What about the part in the GCR about no visible body damage? Oh well, I figured I should out accelerate him so I shouldn't have to worry about it. I did well in qualifying and qualified 2nd in my class and 3rd overall (I did have more horsepower than most other competitors).

During the race I kept my focus on running smooth laps, and took care when passing other cars. It seemed like I was faster on the straights than many cars, but a lot of the little cars would catch me in the corners (like Chris Albin and Paul Brown). It wasn't until after the race that Paul Brown, Britt's brother, explained to me about momentum cars and not getting in the middle of a heated battle between cars in other classes. At about the middle of the race in traffic when I was going through the bus-stop 8-9 area Chris Albin would come speeding up on my tail. After 1-2 laps like this he started tapping my rear bumper lightly in the exit of 9, before my horsepower took over. After the race in impound I checked my bumper and it was fine, not so much as a scratch.

I had finished 4th overall and 2nd in class, so I felt good, but still wanted to win. I decided since I was new to all of this I'd ask about the bumping in the turn, so I found Bill Johnson's Sr.'s name in the supplemental regulations as the Stewart of the Meet. I told him about the yellow VW Golf bumping me in the turn. He replied, "Oh, that's Chris Albin, you were probably going too slow. Speed up! Anything else?" I said I guess not, thanks Mr. Johnson.

Looking through the results sheet from that race I see many names of people we raced with for years, some are still around and some of them have passed away. Over the years I've met some of my best friends at the race tracks, they too share the same passion for performance and continuous improvement and the thrill of competition. You know, Car Guys and Girls.

Return of the Beach Bunny VII

OFFICIAL RACE RESULTS

SCCA Drivers School/Regional Heartland Park Topeka Kansas
 Victory Margin 13.540
 Race Length 33.000 Miles, Time of 32:09.413, Average MPH 61.573

Date 07/21/2001
 Sanction # 02RS152P
 Track Length 2.2 Miles

POS	#	CLASS	DRIVER, HOMETOWN	SPONSOR	REG.	MAKE	#LAPS	TIME
O/A		-POS						
1	95	ITE 1	JEFF DEMETRI (233576), OMAHA NE			NEB MUSTANG	15	1:45.757
2	15	T1 1	LOREN MOORE (288772)(288772), SPRINGFIELD, MO. N OZM CORVETTE				15	1:48.024
3	32	AS 1	SAM HENRY (279229)(279229), SPRINGFIELD, MO. NOV OZM FIREBIRD				15	1:49.110
4	45	ITE 2	MIKE MCGINLEY (297151)(297151), OVERLAND PARK, K KC FORD				15	1:49.665
5	81	AS 2	DAVID GUINN (6464)(6464), DODGE CITY, KS. NAT WIC MUSTANG				15	1:49.720
6	61	ITE 3	SCOTT ORR (309204)(309204), COLUMBIA, MO. REG STL PORSCHE				15	1:49.761
7	68	ITS 1	MARTY WAGNER (20983)(20983), TULSA, OK. NAT NEO MAZDA				15	1:50.699
8	86	ITS 2	RANDY WAGNER (77882)(77882), VINITA, OK. NAT NEO MAZDAA				15	1:52.801
9	51	# T2 1	NATHA WALDBAUM (296015), OMAHA, NE			NEB MUSTANG	15	1:51.643
10	77	SM 1	DICK FAXON (252189)(252189), SPRINGFIELD, MO. NAT OZM MIATA				15	1:53.809
11	90	# SM 2	WILLIAM PEMBERTON(86281)(86281), BLAIR NEB REG NEB MIATA				15	1:53.100
12	4	ITB 1	CHRIS ALBIN (180831)(180831), MARYLAND HEIGHTS N SIL GOLF				15	1:53.888
13	09	ITE 4	A VANHOLLEBEKE (219997)(219997), TOPEKA, KS. NAT KS MERCEDES				15	1:54.669
14	34	ITA 1	PAUL BROWN (247060)(247060), LAKE QUIVIRA BAT JC HONDA				15	1:56.595
15	26	ITC 1	MARK BUFFON (281430)(281430), PRAIRIE VALLEY, KS KC FIESTA				15	1:56.113
16	42	SM 3	TOM KRAFT (67038), DES MOINES IA			DMV MIATA	14	1:55.861
17	53	ITB 2	RALF LINDOW (272368), OMAHA NE			NEB VW GOLF	14	1:56.595
18	59	SM 4	JARROD IGOU (264866)(264866), DES MOINES. IA NOV DMV MIATA				14	1:55.983
19	62	ITC 2	JEFFREY JENKINS (280503)(280503), SHAWNEE, KS. RE KC FIESTA				14	1:55.887
20	96	ITS 3	WARREN LUTZ (117257)(117257), LYNDON, KS. NAT KS MAZDA				14	1:58.720
21	10	ITC 3	D. J. MANIS (276797)(276797), TOPEKA, KS. NAAT KS FIESTA				14	1:58.307
22	0	ITC 4	JOHN SCHULTZ (180915)(180915), LYNDON, KS. NAT. KS FIESTA				14	1:57.737
23	93	ITC 5	JAROLD BOETTCHER(59407)(59407), BELOIT, KS. NAT KC HONDA				14	1:58.068
24	3	SM 5	STEVE EBERMAN (49664)(49664), LEAWOOD KS. NAT KC MIATA				14	1:58.199
25	6	ITB 3	TIM BRIGGEN (291368)(291368), ARNOLD MO. REG STL RABBIT				14	1:56.699
26	1	SM 6	BILL KUCERA (278969)(278969), JOHNSTON, IA REG DMV MIATA				14	1:57.441
27	98	ITA 2	BRUCE OLSON (138834)(138834), ST LOUIS, MO NOVIC STL VW				14	1:59.991
28	27	ITA 3	GUY WATNEY (232601), OVERLAND PARK KS			KC TOYOTA MR2	14	1:58.514
29	75	ITE 5	BUDDY CISAR (289148)(289148), BELLEVUE NE. NOVIC NEB MUSTANG				14	1:49.687
30	01	ITB 4	NICO PRELOGGAR (292694)(292694), KANSAS CITY, MO KC VW				14	2:04.171
31	29	*ITS 4	DAN CROSSETT (124645)(124645), LITTLE ROCK, AR. ARK MAZDA				12	1:52.526
32	48	*ITS 5	BOB GILL (103118)(103118), SPRINGHILL, KS. NAT. KC NISSAN				10	1:51.453
33	82	*ITE 6	JOHN WALDBAUM (296016), OMAHA, NE			NEB PORSCHE	10	1:52.177
34	11	*ITC	RAY BARKER (155248)(155248), WICHITA, KS. NAT WIC FIESTA				6	2:11.889

CHIEF OF TIMING AND SCORING: Nedelet Dutt

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Time Posted 2:50PM

* NOT RUNNING AT FINISH

NEW RACE RECORD

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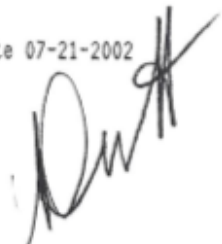
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CLASS WINNERS		
AS #	32	Race Average 61.022 MPH
T1 #	15	Race Average 61.144 MPH
ITA #	34	Race Average 57.973 MPH
ITC #	26	Race Average 57.921 MPH
ITS #	68	Race Average 60.149 MPH

CLASS WINNERS		
SM #	77	Race Average 59.102 MPH
T2 #	51	Race Average 59.257 MPH
ITB #	4	Race Average 58.740 MPH
ITE #	95	Race Average 61.573 MPH

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Together We Win:

Recap of the 2018 Awards Banquet

by Jessica Dorn

The off-season isn't just for tearing down and rebuilding our cars, it is also for gathering with our race family to remember our trials and celebrate our triumphs. On an unusually warm and snow-free Saturday in February, our members did just that. We returned to Deer Creek Golf Club for a happy hour (or three), a delicious meal, and the chance to cheer on the members who finished the 2018 season at the top of their classes. Listed below are the honors and awards from the banquet.

Outstanding Members

David Williams
Charlie Clark
Ed Nicholson
Shayne Cook

Chris Kern
Mike McGinley
Jim Wheeler
Jonathan Griffith

Tim Friest
Jonathan Burchardt
Alex Peterson
April Turner

New Member of the Year

Ryan Gregoire—2018 New Member of the Year

RallyCross Awards

Dan Colburn—Stock FWD
Larry Smith—Stock RWD
Brad Bonack—Stock AWD
Ian Jennings—Prepared FWD
Howie Johnson—Prepared RWD
Mark Macoubrie—Prepared AWD
David Williams—Modified FWD
Todd Wicker—Modified RWD

RallyCross Driver of the Year

Brad Bonack—2018 RallyCross Driver of the Year



Solo Awards

James King—1st Place AS
Joe Dobronski—1st Place BSP
Russell Boylan—2nd Place BSP
Christian Els—1st Place CS
Joseph Parsons—1st Place DS
Eric Moe—2nd Place DS
Bill Bauman—1st Place ES
William Correll—1st Place FS
Raymond Pieterick—1st Place GS
Larry Brady—1st Place SSR
Anthony Toledano—1st Place STS
Douglas Hitchcock—1st Place STX
Todd Hesskamp—1st Place STR
Mark Hill—1st Place STU
Greg Cheney—1st Place STH
Vladimir Grebenyuk—1st Place SSP
David Corey—1st Place BSP
Keith Lamming—1st Place CAMC
Rusty Henderson—2nd Place CAMC
Jeff Jenkins—1st Place CAMS
Everett Watts—1st Place XP
Albert Hermans—1st Place CP
Jonathan Griffith—1st Place FP
David Patience—1st Place SMF
Jeff Bartz—1st Place SSM
Brad Smith—1st Place FM
Alexander Hesskamp—1st Place FJA
Lucas Hill—1st Place FJB
Ruby Parsons—1st Place FJC
Janet Bauman—1st Place ESL
Paula Diehl—1st Place STUL
Alex Petersen—1st Place N
David Peterlin—1st Place TIRE



Solo Kone King
James Young

Solo Most Improved
Clifford Hagenhoff

Solo Rookie of the Year
Shane Cook

Solo Worker of the Year
Alex Petersen

Solo Driver of the Year
Mark Hill

Solo Fast Female of the Year
Paula Diehl



Club Racing Awards

Joshua Holsworth—2018 Glen Shepard Most Improved Driver of the Year
Jim Wheeler—2018 E Tom Newcomer Driver of the Year
Collette Nicholson—2018 Spouse of the Year
Mike McGinley—2018 Regional Driver of the Year
Leonard Holsworth—2018 Crew Person of the Year
Mike McGinley—2018 Vic Sadler

Norma Williams Award of Excellence

Tara Young—2018 Norma Williams Award of Excellence
James Cahill—2017 Norma Williams Award of Excellence memento

Thank you to all of our members who joined us in our celebration of the 2018 racing season.

Thank you to Lisa Kern, Awards Banquet Chair, for putting together an amazing event.

Thank you to Doug Patterson with Patterson Prints LLC for being our event photographer.

Thank you to Deer Creek Golf Club for providing an excellent event location and meal.

Membership Longevity Pins

50 Years : Jo Woloscsuk

45 Years: Dick Berger
Charlie Clark
Patrick diNatale
Tony Giordano
Charles Smith

40 Years: Donna di Natale
Karin Roberts

35 Years: Harvey Kinnard

30 Years: Barry Johnson
Martha Walter

20 Years: Glenn Beckerdite
Melissa Bennett
Robert Charlesworth
Michael Litscher
Hans Peter
Chelsea Snyder

15 Years: Charles (Parker) Allen
Henry Allen
James Allen
Janice Allen
Nicholas Allen
Jim Cote
Pam Cote
Lawrence Duty
Karen Eickhoff
Rodney Giebel
Aaron Holstrom
Stacey Ritter
Linda Stone
Craig Wilcox
Marsha Wolf

10 Years: David Dyer
Tim Friest
Aaron Hargis
Todd Hesskamp
Gus Jacob
Justin Kaeberle
Nealand Rattanasamay
Jeff Sumpter
Courtney Utterback
Jeremy Utterback
Dick Van Benschoten
Stephen Wiles

5 Years: Caleeh Abdul-Rahmaan
Lawrence Barry
Deana Brown
Freddie Charlesworth
James Charlesworth
Vicki Charlesworth
William Charlesworth
Jessica Dorn
Vladimir Grebenyuk
Carl Hayward
Larry Howard
Ron Keith
James King
Brenda Kirkland
Kevin Kirkland
Robin Kirkland
Keith Lamming
Matt Mosakowski
Daniel Rowland
Mark Rowland
Nancy Rowland
Neil Rowland
Brent Simmons
Craig Sutherland
Mirl Swan
Guy Watney

Jim Wheeler Earns the John McGill Award

by Doug Patterson



Jim Wheeler with his 2019 Mid-Am Championship Trophy
at the 2019 KCRSCCA Awards Banquet

Long-time member of the Kansas City Region, Jim Wheeler, was honored at this year's SCCA National Convention during the Hall of Fame Induction and Awards Ceremony as the 2019 recipient of the John McGill Award. The SCCA National Club Racing Board (CRB) and the Vice President of Road Racing select the winner of the John McGill Award in recognition of the recipient's significant contributions to the Road Racing Program. Jim went to his first SCCA event in 1958 and first competed in an SCCA autocross event in 1969. He began his road racing career with a driving school in Wentzville, MO in 1975 and has

since competed in nearly 300 races. Jim has also been involved in various leadership roles both at the regional level with the Kaw Valley Race Group as well as serving on the CRB including being its Chairman for several years.

Needless to say, Mr. Wheeler is an extremely worthy recipient of the John McGill Award and we're honored to have him continue to provide leadership in our region. So next time you come out to one of our road races whether as a driver, crew, worker, or just as a spectator, be sure to look for Jim's blue and white #20 Firebird, cheer him on and tell him thank you. I'm sure that if you come to one of our General Meetings or Race Group Meetings, he wouldn't turn down a congratulatory martini, either. Congratulations, Jim, and thank you!



Calling All Cars! (Retired Race Cars That Is)

by Mike McGinley

Have you got an old race car sitting around that you haven't raced for a while? I know many of you do. Maybe you haven't had the budget to race much, maybe you got frustrated with rules and don't want to update/modify or slow your car down to meet current rules. Maybe you got caught in a class that got put on probation, or you lost your competitors and now you are racing alone in your class.

Guess what, it's time to get back in the game! For 2019, the Kaw Valley Race Group (KVRG) has announced a new race group, and you're going to love this, NO RULES! Well, almost.



The series is called the Sprint Bracket Road Racing series (SBRR) and our first event is at Heartland Motorsports Park July 13-14. The series is open to all closed wheel race cars that meet any SCCA GCR class rules, Vintage Racing rules, BMW club, Porsche Club, NASA, or other race organization that meets GCR safety rules. Yes, a roll cage is required and your car must meet GCR Section 9.3 requirements, but you can run any tire, any motor, and any suspension. See the complete series 2019 rules which are on the website.

Come and join us in July and get back in to the game, see your buddies, get your competitive juices flowing again, and have some fun with cars! Hope to see you there.

Got questions? We've got answers. Feel free to call me direct, I'm here to help.
Mike McGinley (913) 915-1504

Road Racing Report

by Chris Kern



The May 18-19 event is at Heartland Motorsports Park. It will consist of a Majors, TT, and TE. The July 13-14 event is still in the planning process, and it may be relocated to Hastings but discussions are still ongoing.

The Time Trials National Tour is set for June 22-23 at Heartland Motorsports Park in Topeka, KS.

Time Trials Nationals will be September 28-29 at NCM Motorsports Park in Bowling Green, KY.

National Championship Runoffs will be October 8-13 at Virginia International Raceway.



Solo Report

by Al Hermans

The 2019 Solo Schedule has been revised to allow for the National ProSolo to be relocated to Heartland Motorsports Park in Topeka, KS. Event #6 has been moved to 09/15/2019.

The Solo Advisory Committee hosted their Annual Meeting 03/09/2019 at Blue Label Racing in Kansas City, MO. Approximately fifty people stopped by throughout the day to go through annual tech and attend the meeting. Blue Label Racing is the title sponsor for the 2019 Solo season.



We continue to search for a new site. If you know of a large paved area that may be suitable for an autocross, please let a member of the Solo Advisory Committee know.

Rally Cross Report

by David Williams

On April 27, KCR RallyCross teamed up with Unnaturally Aspirated, a lung transplant charity for KCR member Reuben Samuels. They hosted a Show & Shred—a car show combined with a test and tune/demo—where all proceeds of the event were donated to Unnaturally Aspirated.

Just prior to this event, Reuben found a match and received his lung transplant. He is recovering well and cannot wait to back into action at a future race.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Race Group Meeting

Tuesday, March 19
7:30 pm

The Bar
6101 Johnson Drive
Mission, KS

Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 26
7:00 pm

Brewbakers
9482 Renner Blvd
Lenexa, KS

Hallett Motor Racing Circuit Hoosier Super Tour

Friday-Saturday
March 30—31

59901 E 5500 Rd
Jennings, OK

Rally Cross Event #1

Sunday
March 31

I-35 Speedway
13141 MO Hwy 6
Winston, MO



UPCOMING EVENTS

RallyCross Novice School
and Test & Tune

Saturday, May 25

Thunder Valley
Sand Drags
Grain Valley, MO

RallyCross Event #3

Sunday, May 26
7:00 pm

Thunder Valley
Sand Drags
Grain Valley, MO

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 28

TBA

Tire Rack Street Survival

Saturday, June 1

MCC
Precision Driving Center
Independence, MO

Solo Event #4

Sunday, June 2

MCC
Precision Driving Center
Independence, MO

Solo Advisory Council Meeting
Membership Meeting
RC Car Challenge & Picnic

Tuesday, June 4

6:00 pm

7:00 pm

following meeting

Antioch Park
Shelter #1
65th & Antioch Road

Race Group Meeting

Tuesday, June 18
7:30 pm

The Bar
6101 Johnson Drive
Mission, KS

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Kansas City Region SCCA is proud to be a volunteer-run organization. Check out the current volunteer opportunities below and have fun with cars while helping our Club continue to thrive!

We would also love to feature fun memories of past volunteer experiences. Please share your favorite volunteering stories and help us highlight the many wonderful members that make it possible for us to host these great events!

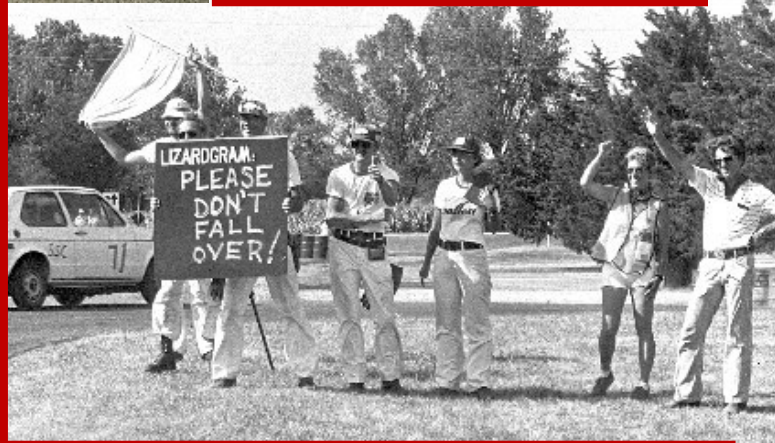
Email you stories and photos to [Jessica Dorn](#).



Saturday, June 1

Volunteer to help out at the Tire Rack Street Survival School. Coaches, corner workers, registration, and support volunteers are needed. Contact Paula Diehl to let her know you can help.

Club Racing is always looking for volunteers. The SCCA provides training and licensing in all the specialties to run road racing events. Novices start with a regional license in the specialty of their choice and, with experience, may upgrade to divisional and national status. You will need to be a member of the SCCA to work at the races and be covered by the SCCA's insurance. Contact Chris Kern if you are interested.



Track Night in America is always looking for Flagging & Communication for our Track Night in America events. Did you know you can earn a free Track Night entry when you work two events? If Solo is more up your alley, you can earn one free Solo entry for each Track Night event worked. You can also earn SCCA membership discounts. Contact Chris Kern if you are interested in volunteering.



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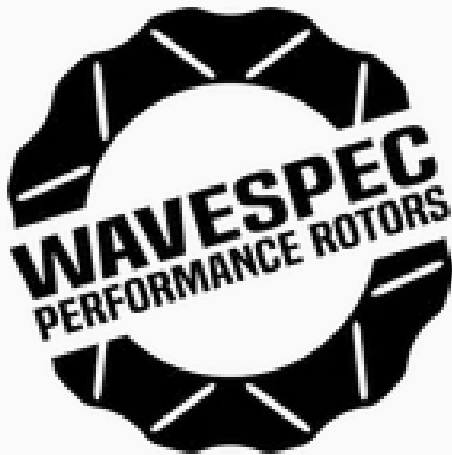
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