

Board of Directors:

Alayne Webb

My first introduction to SCCA was on Chris Frensley and I's 3rd date. We were even photographed! (I didn't know if we'd work out or not as it was just our 3rd date....and he hated my ride at the time....a Pontiac Aztec...but never the less, our date was documented.)

Fast forward 3 years, our son Austin started competing with a go-kart. Amelie soon followed in his footsteps. All the while, I sat sideline because: 1. I had a Pontiac Aztec (enough said) and 2. I didn't know how to drive a stick. (Sad. I know.) So, I sat on the sidelines supporting my family in their autocross dreams.

After an embarrassing duration of time, 8 years to be exact, Chris purchased a new love of my life "SuZie MaiZe" as a gift for Christmas 2017. A white 1984 300zx. OH, I was in love. Every few nights we'd practice driving. I would talk to her, give her pep talks hoping she'd forgive me for what I was about to do to her while trying to learn, until one day, Ta-Dah! I was successful! FINALLY!

I believe working alongside a strong and motivated team is exciting, and will be essential to KC Region's success. Each member has talent and various experiences that will help us grow. I will be sure to listen & consider thoughts shared with me as well as, opinions and suggestions.

Al Hermans

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Bill Johnson

Would appreciate your consideration for a Board position, I believe I have a lot of experience that could benefit our region.

- Region board member sometime in the 90's.
- RE in 2005 and 2006 during the Runoffs at HPT years
- KVRG chairman in 2007 and 2008
- Midwest Division scheduling administrator for years 2011, 2012 and 2013
- Chairman Formula / Sports Racer Advisory Committee 2016, 2017 and 2018
- Currently hold a national stewards license

Started in the club in Solo, the first date with my wife was a solo in Topeka, Kansas. Currently an active road racer in Formula Continental.

Was very lucky to be RE of our region when the Runoffs were at Heartland Park. As RE tried to represent our region with a positive and professional manner to the community, the national office and other regions in our division. Our region was highly regarded and won the Outstanding Region award – still the only trophy that I have displayed at home.

Worked hard to get new people involved, divide the responsibilities and spread the opportunities.

Saw the revival of the rally program, had our first Road Rally in many years thanks to Rich Bireta and Albert Weaver.

Actively worked to improve support for the solo program from other areas of our region and to highlight their value to our region. Worked to make sure our solo program had reliable working equipment and worked to provide the resources for any needed supplies, even the infamous truck. Helped develop a sound control policy to help protect our solo departments greatest asset which at the time was the Arrowhead stadium parking lot.

The past several years have been the Chair of the Formula Sports Racer Advisory Committee, aka the FSRAC. The FSRAC is kind of a “below the radar” group that researches all the rules changes and performance balancing for all of the formula and sports racer classes in road racing and makes recommendations to the CRB for a course of action.

Jeremy Salenius

I have been racing with the Kansas City Region since 2011 and have previously been a member of the Solo Advisory Committee (S.A.C.) and Board of Directors (B.O.D.). The S.A.C. from 2014 through 2017 and the B.O.D. for the 2015 and 2016 season. Chief of Workers for our Solo program during the 2011 and 2012 seasons. And I have chaired many different Solo events. After a long 2 year build my new car, a blue 1965 Mustang for CAMT class, is finally ready to make events. You may have seen it at the last few events of this season, expect it to look a little different when you see it next year. However, expect to see it A LOT!

After a short time away from the S.A.C. and B.O.D. I am ready to serve again and eager to work with the members of our Region to improve upon the great Region we currently have. You may have noticed a large amount of new people at our events. How do we keep those people around and get them to bring their friends? How do we get the long time member who doesn't make many events anymore excited about running again? How can we make the transition from one part of the club to another easier with the equipment we have? Let's help find solutions to those questions and more as we enter another great season in 2019.

Ken Snyder

I've been a member of the Kansas City Region since 1995, participating in Solo from 1997 to 2000, and working F&C since 1998. Since 2016 I have had the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors, and recently have assisted on the region's website.

What has kept me involved with the region for all these years? The people! While I really enjoy being around cars, especially race cars, the friendships I've made at SCCA events are what keeps me coming back. After several years of difficulties my fortunes have improved and I hope to return to Solo soon, in addition to my F&C duties.

I will be continuing my assistance with the website, and if allowed to continue serving I look forward to the challenges we face in all the disciplines: maintaining the progress of Solo, continuing the growth of RallyCross and Time Trials, and working to attract more racers (as well as workers) to Club Racing. I'm looking forward to the 2019 season!

Steven Bright

I came to KCRSCCA in the spring of 2017 after recovering from a front end collision car accident. Since I didn't perish I decided to follow through on a bucket list dream to race. Being like Cole Trickle in Days of Thunder, "I don't have the vocabulary for it". "They just put me in the car and I could drive and I drove." When I came to autocross last year I knew next to nothing about cars, a year and a half later I have a burning desire to know everything. Thanks to KCRSCCA.

I have participated in two Autocross seasons, 2017 I was Novice Points Champion and the 2017 Rookie of the year, this year I am participating in Autocross and Rallycross. I have attended Nationals, Mid-Divs, some out of town races in autocross and a few Rallycross events. I'm going to compete in the Dirtfish Nationals in Rallycross this year.

I have been acting in the capacity as Chief of Workers for the 2018 season and have enjoyed doing that.

I am the Practice Manager of a local law firm and have strong organizational and people skills. I have a legal and IT background.

Education: BS in Telecommunications Management and an MBA – Masters of Business.

I would be honored to be considered as a board member because I believe I represent the largest demographic the SCCA should target as potential members, novice racers with little to no mechanical knowledge. They have cars and just want to drive them. I believe I could help with the outreach on this. I would most of all like to be more involved in seeing this organization grow and have longevity, so I'll have something I can look forward to, till I am too old to do it.

Thank you for your consideration!

Solo Advisory Committee:

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Christian Els

Christian Els has been an avid motorsports enthusiast since he was old enough to walk towards a speeding vehicle and a participant since shortly after getting his first dirtbike at age 8 - local and regional motocross held him in thrall until a big shunt triggered maternal anxiety that first paused his racing career at 13.

Upon turning 18 Christian then took up motorcycle road racing, beginning with 600 Supersport for about 3 races until the wise old grey-hairs on the old, slow bikes really infuriated him as they smoothly lapped by; then Christian began learning how to race which involved starting over in a vintage class on a slow enough machine to let him learn limits and build skills safely.

A stint in the Army again paused Christian's racing career but he soon landed in Texas where he bought a turn-key(ish) VW Rabbit setup for SCCA ITB competition and raced there until broke - either his wallet or the car depending (~2 seasons).

Once again invoking the wisdom of the sooths, Christian sought less expensive racing and when he returned to civilian life in Missouri took up autocross with the KC Region SCCA starting from 1998 where he floundered mightily in a series of gradually improving cars until things finally began clicking for him and culminated in competitive regional results.

Christian has been autocrossing with the KC region more or less ever since, as well as driving occasionally in NASA Spec E30 and endurance racing with LeMons, Chump Car and most recently WRL. Christian has also served periodically over the last 10 years as a driving instructor for the KC region, Tire Rack Street Survival, and several manufacturers' performance marketing events.

Henry Rompage

I've been interested in cars since grade school in the 1940s. In my teens, I was a member of a hot rod club. In 1983 purchased a 1973 MG Midget, and had it restored. Joined the Kansas City MG Club, and was President for two years (1987 and 1988). After watching autocrosses at J. C. Penney for a couple of years, started autocrossing at the end of 1989, and have been autocrossing every year since then. In 1995 joined SCCA (KCR) and Crown Autocross Club. I was an officer of Crown for five years. I have been a Solo Safety Steward for a number of years, so long ago I can't remember when I got certified. I believe I have the experience and enthusiasm to be a beneficial member of SAC.

Jeff Bartz

I have been a member of the Kansas City Region since 2012. I started autocrossing my Hyundai Genesis Coupe and just this year moved on to my Mazda RX7. I previously served on the Solo Advisory Committee but decided to take a break to focus on my young kids at home. Now that they are a little older, I would like to get involved again. I have previously been the chief of workers, multiple event chairs including organizing the local Starting Line School put on by SCCA National, and am this year's Novice Chair. I love seeing how our region has developed into one envied by other regions and I hope to continue that progress to make our region the best.

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Regional Executive:

Paula Diehl

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your Regional Executive for 2018. The willingness of our members to volunteer their time, talents and finances to further the success of the Kansas City Region never ceases to amaze me. Thank you for the opportunity to grow as a member and to help in the process of bringing all forms of sanctioned racing to residents of the greater Kansas City area. I humbly ask for your support to continue to serve in 2019 as your RE.

Assistant Regional Executive:

Tim Friest

Tim Friest has been a SCCA member since 2008, primarily competing in road racing events. Tim currently works as a software developer in Leavenworth. Tim went to college in Alaska and downhill ski raced as a teen. Tim is interested in growing awareness and participation of sports car racing and motorsports activities in the Kansas City area.

Treasurer:

Jessica Dorn

I was born and raised in a small town in Nebraska. I graduated with the same friends I began kindergarten with. I have had the same best friend since I was 6 months old. So when I started expanding my career search beyond my close-knit group of family, friends and co-workers, my biggest fear was how on Earth I would find another close group of friends. It was a big void to fill.

Then, I met Jeremy Salenius who introduced me to his autocross family. At first, I thought he was crazy to be so excited about cars moving “slowly” through a course made of cones – video does not do the speed and excitement of autocross justice. But after actually coming out to an event and riding along in the cars, my eyes were opened to the rush, the fun, and the friendly faces of the SCCA community. That was over 3 years ago, and I haven’t looked back since.

While driving is a thrill, it is the people that keep me coming back. The encouragement and wisdom shared among drivers is the backbone of our supportive community. I would be honored to serve our SCCA community as the secretary for the Board. I have served as an event chair for the Minden Leadercast event in 2010 and 2011, as well as the secretary and event coordinator for the Minden Chamber of Commerce in 2011. I regularly attend SAC meetings and Board meetings to stay informed, voice my thoughts, and keep in touch with fellow SCCA members.

Thank you for your consideration.

Secretary:

Lisa Kern

SCCA has been a part of my life for 25+ years by way of F&C, Crewing, Working in Race Control, Awards Banquet Chair, Nominating Committee Chair, and lending assistance in many other aspects of the club. The blend of skills that I've gained have given me the opportunity to understand different perspectives many members have as it relates to their areas of interest. My strengths include problem solving and working in a collaborative environment, which are key to representing your interests to the board. Please allow me to represent you as part of the Kansas City Region SCCA Board.

I wish all of the candidates the best. We couldn't ask for a better group of SCCA Members to volunteer their time towards such a worthy purpose.

Rally Cross Board:

Brad Bonack

Hello everyone, I'm Brad Bonack. I have been a SCCA member for a little over a year and have competed in many KCR Rallycross events over the past two years. Next year I will be making a few appearances at solo events in my E36M3 as well as attending the full schedule of KCR Rallycross events to try and defend my 2018 SA champion title!

Dan Colburn

I am running for the RAC board. I am a recent addition to the KCR SCCA but I am not new to the SCCA or motorsport. I am from Central NY and have attended events in the Northeast as well as in Central Florida where I lived for a year or so. I have been in KC for a little over a year now and have dove head first into the consistently growing RallyCross community and I am interested in becoming more formally involved. Most of my experience in motorsport outside of the SCCA comes from stage rally where I work as a mechanic for some of the top privateer teams in the country. Daily, I am a service manager at a European service shop in Shawnee. Automotive and racing is my hobby, day job and passion. I am a motorsport enthusiast at heart and would like to take my outside experience and run along side the great group of people who are currently working so hard to expand and enhance the RallyCross program here in KC. I hope to see you all in the dirt!

Naftali Bloom

My name is Neftali Bloom (Nefty) aka "Dirt Reynolds". I have been on the committee for 2 years I am on the ballot for Kansas City region rallycross advisory committee for 2019. I have been a member of the SCCA since 2012. Joined in Wichita KS. I have been attending KCR rallycross for the last 3 years as a dual member. I have been on the committee for 2 years KCR and Wichita region. I look forward to being a part of the Rallycross program and helping it grow.

Reuben Samuels

I was introduced to the SCCA for the first time back in 2014. I registered for my first Solo2 event after purchasing my Genesis Coupe. Starting at the tail end of that season, I was greeted very warmly and couldn't wait for spring start up. Everyone I connected with wanted to help me and see me improve, I learned a lot in just a few events.

Once 2015 started up, I began seeking out other volunteer opportunities beyond just chasing cones. I did my best to learn grid, start, registration and T&S operations. The next year was more learning, improving and getting to know as many members in the club as I could connect with, to glean info and participate. Mid-way through summer 2016 I attended my first RallyCross event and was immediately hooked. Through the rest of the season I did both Solo2 and RX. In 2017 I jumped fully into the RallyCross program and attended both the National Challenge and Nationals events. At both events I worked timing and scoring with the national office and learned a lot about course logistics and operations. I ended up winning the 2017 Prepared Rear 1st place in KCR and was graciously awarded RallyCrosser of the Year. I love growing this program. Having become part of the core that starts registration, timing, and setup for our local events, I love recruiting people to every part of the SCCA. We held an exhibition event at StoneGate Motorplaza this year with hundreds of spectators. We ended up giving rides all day and even encouraged multiple people to sign up on the spot and drive. I know we added many members and interested novices to both the Solo and RX programs that day. I want to make this club as accessible and inviting to enthusiasts as I possibly can. I believe I bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to the club that can continue to help us reach new audiences and cover a broader area than we ever have.

I was welcomed with open arms to this club and I want to be an official part of the core team that does that for others. Thank you for your consideration for a seat on the RallyCross committee.

Todd Wicker

I have been working on cars since I first got my drivers license. In college getting a mechanical engineering degree at KSU, I a part of the SAE mini-baja team and participated at Autocross events in Salina during my time at college as well. I started Rallycrossing sharing a friend's car in 2017 and attended the national challenge event at Heartland Park the same year. I built a car to compete in modified rear for the full 2018 season.