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#### EXTREME GRAND PRIX GO-KART RACING

**SAVE THE DATE** 

DATE: Tuesday, January 7, 2020

COMING UP

TIME: 7:00 pm

**PLACE:** Extreme Grand Prix

6731 Blue Ridge Blvd

Raytown, MO

Our January General Meeting scheduled for January 7th will move to Extreme Grand Prix for some off season indoor high speed go-cart racing fun!

The event will cost \$28.95 per participant to race. Don't feel like racing? Come over and hang out with fellow racers and watch the action. It's free to spectate!

Please RSVP to our Social Event chair, Lisa Kern at lisadkern@gmail.com. For more info about the location, please visit their website at <a href="http://www.extremegrandprix.com/">http://www.extremegrandprix.com/</a>



Happy Holidays from the Kansas City Region SCCA!

As we write the final chapters of 2019, we reflect back on some of the amazing times we have shared with our racing family.

Thank you for being a part of it all.

Cheers to having more <u>Fun with Cars</u> in 2020 with all of you!

#### 2020 KC Region Election Results

#### by Mike McGinley

The results are in and the Kansas City Region has elected it's new officers for 2020. We tallied the results at our Annual General Meeting December 3 at the Local Tap, and here is the full list of results:

#### **REGION OFFICERS**

Regional Executive—Mike McGinley
Assistant Regional Executive—Tara Young
Treasurer—Jessica Dorn
Secretary—Ed Nicholson
Board Director—Greg Cheney
Board Director—Tim Friest
Board Director—Reuben Samuels

(Bill Johnson, Jeremy Salenius, and Al Hermans are the other 3 Board Directors who will be completing their 2nd year of service in 2020).

#### **SOLO ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Paul Sanguinett April Turner Tara Young

#### RALLYCROSS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Andrew Fails Marc Macoubrie Andy Sheehan Ryan Redenbaugh

Congratulations to all of our new Officers and Advisory Board members. Their terms will begin January 1, 2020.

We would also like to thank our outgoing Regional Executive, Paula Diehl, for her 2 years of service in that role; Tim Friest, our outgoing Assistant Regional Executive, for his 2 years of service in that role; and our outgoing Board Directors—Todd Hesskamp, Mike McGinley, and Tara Young for their past years of service.

#### More than 150 Attend "FORD v FERRARI" and Car Show

by Mike McGinley

The Kansas City Region had a private showing of the recently released "Ford v Ferrari" blockbuster movie at the B&B Theater at 135th and Antioch on November 17th. The Club had reserved the entire 174seat ScreenX 270 degree Panoramic Theater for the showing.

Prior to the event KCR held a car show from 3:00-6:30pm featuring many cars similar to those seen in the movie. A car show in the middle of November? We were a little worried with temperatures dropping into the

20's just days before the event. But the winter winds shifted and Saturday was a beautiful 60-degree day.

Two continuation Shelby Cobras, one 427 Cobra, and one 289 FIA Cobra were there, as well as a Superformance GT40. Club members were kind enough to bring two Spec Racer Fords SRF3 cars, plus a great selection of RallyCross and Autocross cars. In all over 40 vehicles showed up for the car show.









The attendance was an overwhelming success with in excess of 155 Kansas City Region members and guests attending. The car show attracted all age groups and a couple of the little guys looked right at home behind the wheel of the 427 Cobra.



If you liked the movie and would like to see a couple movies that were more of documentary without the Hollywood flair, check out the trailer for "Shelby American" and the trailer for "The 24 Hour War." Both are available now on Netflix, or you can order them from Chassy media at www.chassy.com.

Thanks to Club members, Lisa Kern, Jessica Dorn, and Jim King (who works at B&B Theaters) for organizing this fantastic event. And a HUGE thank you to B&B Theaters and all of the amazing staff that helped our members the night of the show.

As fellow members shared on social media, the movie brought light to a side of racing that few people know about—the passion and the heart that goes into every build, every race, and the sacrifices we make to have fun with cars.





### Gimmick Road Rally: Fun for Current & New Members

by Paula Diehl

November 9, 2019 dawned clear and warm. What a great day for the Kansas City Region's Fall Gimmick Rally. This year we visited three unique wineries, tasted their lovingly prepared liquid refreshments, traveled some beautiful Kansas back roads, enjoyed tremendous fellowship and oh yes, had a chance to win a flat screen TV. This year the region hosted twelve cars, with 26 attendees. SIXTEEN were new to the club and its activities.





The gimmick: at each stop each competitor received a playing card. There were questions to be answered along the way which required your attention to the road and your surroundings. For each correct answer, another playing card was given. The player at the end of the day with the best 5 card poker hand won.





At the second winery, a decision had to be made: which cards were you going to keep before the last cards were received at the last stop. This proved to be especially difficult for some.

At the last stop, players huddled over their cards, sometimes making "deals" with others, trying to come up with the winning hand.

In the end there was a tie! Two Royal flushes! The tie was broken by highest card drawn from the deck. Who knew that a lowly card could win the TV. Our winner was a new guest, Jerry Jones of Lee's Summit (pictured below).





Thank you to all who came. The region looks forward to seeing you again at another event soon.

For those who missed it: David Williams is working on another gimmick rally for next year. See you at that one!



#### WANTED: Social Event Committee Members

by Lisa Kern



We are wanting to reach out to see if anyone is interested in being a part of our new Social Committee. What better way to add skills, experience and have fun meeting new members.

Our main purpose is two-fold. We would like to provide social events for new members who may not know where they can use their talents. Also, social events are a good way to organize cross-pollination of the different

programs in order to share experience and promote growth of the sport. If interested, please contact Lisa Kern at <a href="mailto:lisadkern@gmail.com">lisadkern@gmail.com</a> or 913-558-7668 (text or leave message).

#### **Previous Social Events:**

RC Car Challenge & Club Picnic

FORD v FERARRI special showing



#### **Future Social Events:**

Extreme Grand Prix Racing

KCR Awards Banquet

**Daytona Watch Party** 



#### 2020 SCCA National Convention

#### **National SCCA**



#### Hey, SCCA Leaders!

We're amped up for the 2020 SCCA National Convention and can't wait to see all of you in Las Vegas! We're enthusiastically filling the schedule with valuable sessions to help you build skills to take back to your regions and programs, not to mention throwing in a few fun extracurricular activities to keep on having fun with cars.

#### **Build the Best Autocross Courses**

Want to improve the quality of autocross courses in your region? With three sessions on the topic, we've got you covered. Michael Feldpusch, designer of the East Course at the 2019 Solo Nationals, will be presenting Course Design 101 and 201. 101 is aimed at newer course designers, while 201 will encourage even the most seasoned designers to think outside the box. Chad Halverson is presenting on using GIS, CAD, and GPS tools to enhance your site and course layouts. He'll even get you set up with three square courses.

Check out the full list of sessions at the 2020 Leadership Academy

Register for the 2020 National Convention

**Book Your Room at South Point Hotel & Casino** 

#### Regional Leadership

A strong Solo program is about more than technical elements. You, as a Region leader, can play a huge role, and we want to give you all the tools you need to make these programs great. With nine sessions focused on leadership, everyone will be able to gain new insights into how to support their programs and regions.

Stephen Hyatt will speak on stress management, particularly stress that pops up while dealing with the unexpected at an event. Philip Williams will outline how to use and build momentum when setting program goals. Jeff Luckritz will be giving two sessions on bringing energy and enthusiasm to your programs. Then he'll close the leadership summit with a hands-on session that will help you take what you learned home and put it into action.



#### Fun

There will be plenty of opportunities for you to have a great time with current SCCA friends and to make new ones. There will be fierce competition between Pinewood Derby cars on Thursday night, and we'll be hitting the kart track on Friday night.

Saturday evening, we'll all put on our best dress clothes and prove to our friends that we really do clean up well. The Hall of Fame banquet honors our 75 years of history and celebrates the incredible people that have helped and continue to help make it happen. It is about who we are and where we're heading as a Club, and we can't wait to spend an evening celebrating with you.

And to top it off, the Las Vegas Region will be hosting an autocross on Sunday. You can even enjoy Bingo and Bowling without having to leave the South Point.









#### PLAN TO ATTEND:





19677 E. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO 64057

#### Friday, January 31st - February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

Register now for the 2020 MiDiv Convention. The convention is hosted by the Kansas City Region at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, MO.

#### Events include:

Friday—Registration & Welcome Reception

Saturday—Seminars, Town Hall, Executive Meeting, and Banquet

Sunday—Seminars

Check out the full 2020 MiDiv Convention Schedule

Cost: \$60 for Seminars & Banquet

\$30 for Seminars only \$30 for Banquet only

There will be a silent auction for the Midwest Division of the SCCA during the banquet. If you would like to donate silent auction items, contact the event organizer through MSR.



#### 2019 KCR SCCA Awards Banquet

- Saturday, February 15, 2020
  - The Martin Event Space
     13440 Holmes Rd
     Kansas City, MO 64145

Save the date now, details and registration are coming soon. Event registration will be opening soon on Motorsportreg.com. Event registration will be \$30 per person.



We look forward to seeing you there as we crown our 2019 Autocross, RallyCross, and Road Racing champions.

Lisa Kern, our Social Events Chair, has confirmed that The Martin has a FANTASTIC selection of beer to choose from since it is a local brewery.

Jessica Dorn will be coordinating the Awards Banquet silent auction to benefit Variety KC—Go Baby Go. If you have items to donate please contact her at jl\_dorn@hotmail.com.



Membership Meeting January 7 Extreme Grand Prix Extreme Grand Prix Go-Kart Racing 6731 Blue Ridge Blvd

Raytown, MO

Race Group Meeting January 21 The Bar

7:30 pm 6101 Johnson Drive

Mission, KS

Board Meeting January 28 The Bar

7:00 pm 6101 Johnson Drive

Mission, KS

2020 MiDiv Conference Jan 31 - Feb 2 Hilton Garden Inn

19677 E Jackson Dr

Independence, MO

February 4

Solo Advisory Council Meeting 6:00 pm Local Tap (next to Fuel)

Membership Meeting 7:30 pm 7300 W 119th St

Overland Park, KS

2019 KCR Awards Banquet February 15 The Martin Event Space

13440 Holmes Rd Kansas City, MO

Daytona 500 Watch Party February 16 TBD

12:00 pm-3:00pm

Race Group Meeting February 18 The Bar

7:30 pm 6101 Johnson Drive

Mission, KS

## Kansas City Region SCCA Driven by Volunteers since 1952

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 volunteer stories and help us highlight the many wonderful members that make it possible for us to host these great events!

Email your stories and photos to Jessica Dorn at jl\_dorn@hotmail.com.

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're interested.

The next local Club Racing event is the MidAm Road Race July 13-14 at Heartland Motorsports Park in Topeka, KS.

Get more info here.

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