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Guess what? We had our 1st event last weekend since the "Stay at home" orders were issued in March. The RallyCross group had a great event at I-35 Speedway in Winston, MO on May 24th. We had 36 entries and the event was a blast, even while maintaining our Covid-19 protocols. I'd like to thank the RallyCross Advisory Committee for organizing a great event. Reuben Samuels did a fantastic job with a short "What to Expect" video that is posted on our Facebook group page that explains PPE and guidelines for RallyCross. Thanks Reuben.

The Solo Advisory Committee is currently struggling to find an acceptable location to get our Autocross season rolling. Our usual site, Metropolitan Community College allowed us to schedule our May 30-31st event, BUT then got back to us and said due to current health concerns and local orders we would have to cancel. We are optimistic that we can get the season rolling, but things are still up in the air.

Road Racing and the MidAm Time Trails series are a GO, and the 1st rescheduled Majors race is this weekend at Gateway and as of Thursday 5/28 they have 128 entries. Next up is a Majors and TT series at Hallett on June 27th and 28th, and then our local event, the Heartland Summer Majors and MidAm TT Series event at Heartland Motorsports Park in Topeka on July 17-19th. This event will feature a test day Friday 9am-3pm, and Track Night in America Friday 4pm-8pm, and in addition to our Majors races and TT event we will be having a 45 minute endurance race on both Saturday and Sunday.

With the current re-opening plans we are still unable to have a General Meeting in June, but we will be having another video meeting on Tuesday June 2nd at 7:30pm. Watch our Facebook Group page for details. This month after feedback from our 1st video General Meeting we would like to allow members to "Ask your Board of Directors" questions if you'd like to. Send your email to bod@kcrscca.org and we'll discuss it.

When you do attend our events please stay safe and follow the protocols to keep all of our members safe and healthy, we love having fun with cars and things are slowly getting better. I hope to see you at an event soon.

Mike McGinley, RE

**JOIN US ONLINE AS WE HOST A
VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING &
HAPPY HOUR**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2
7:30 PM**

**Use this JOIN LINK to get to the meeting
on June 2 at 7:30 PM.**

**We understand it can be hard to ask
questions during a virtual meeting, but
we want to address all your concerns
and comments. Please email any
questions you want discussed to
bod@kcrscca.org prior to the meeting.**

The New Normal:

SCCA Guidelines as we Return to Racing

The National SCCA offices have been hard at work helping Region's prepare to get out and race again as stay-at-home orders are being lifted and cities are reopening. While we are all eager to get back out to the sport we enjoy and catch up with racing friends, we must be do so in socially responsible manner—keeping everyone's safety and health in mind. Please review the following documents from National SCCA:

COVID-19: Guidelines for Events

This interim guidance is provided to SCCA Regions preparing to resume event activities to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 between participants. SCCA supports taking a pro-active role to employ behaviors and protocols as defined by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) along with Federal and state guidelines that helps protect the health of those attending events. Regions may incorporate additional measures based on local mandates and recommendations.

It is strongly recommended that the following statements be added to Event Supplemental Regulations and to event registration pages.

***Notice to Participants:** In light of the current COVID-19 situation, every attempt will be made to minimize the risks of exposure to the virus. New processes and procedures are being developed and will be put into place for events going forward.*

Ultimately, it is your responsibility to assess the risk to you, both on-track and off, and to make the decision on whether or not to participate. If you are feeling unwell or are experiencing symptoms such as fever, cough, or shortness of breath please stay home. If you have been in contact with someone who has been experiencing these symptoms in the last two weeks, please stay home.

While on site please take the health and safety of your fellow participants, volunteers and staff into consideration and practice social distancing, wear a mask, and wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer frequently.

Check out their website for program specific guidelines with the following links:

Solo + RallyCross

Track Events + Time Trials

Road Race

IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT with MARK HILL

TIRE TEST IN THE WET! Bridgestone RE-71R vs Michelin Pilot Sport 4S



In the April 2020 Checkpoint, I talked about how important tire selection is and I shared my test results; The RE-71R's came out on top, on a dry course. Yes, it's also fast in the wet, but not the fastest.

Here's my take (based on data & experience): on the RE-71R vs 4S tires in the wet. This is not exactly an apples-to-apples test like last time though, given that the RE-71R's are 265/35/18, \$259 each, 200 wear-rated, on Enkei 10" wide RPF1 wheels and the 4S's are 245/40/18, \$198 each, 300 wear-rated, mounted on a 8" Sport Addition wheels. The narrower width 4S choice is on purpose to reduce hydroplaning, but would hurt it's dry performance. These two tires approach wet traction in very different ways and that makes a huge difference in AX times. While they both have wide circumferential grooves (RE-71R has 2 the 4S 3.5) to reduce hydroplaning, the RE-71R with 8/32 tread depth (the tire on the right) has directional diagonal, lateral grooves that are designed to evacuate water. The 4S with 9.5/32 tread depth, has an asymmetrical tread design with the outer half of the tire using a dry-focused hybrid rubber and the inside half utilizing a silica-infused wet compound.

I could tell something was up with the 4S's...I had stacked tires in two-high sets in the bed of my truck, and just grabbed and slid one of the top RE-71R off easily, as usual. But when I grabbed and pulled on the 4S, I instantly noticed the rubber kept me from sliding it off the other 4S and when I pulled harder, they made a high pitched screeeeeeeeetch sound, as they resisted movement. Hmm? That's weird, I thought.



THE TEST was performed on the asphalt of HMP on a national style 55 second-ish course, 65 degrees, light to medium intermittent rain, 3 runs each. I was the driver and in the Evo. The RE71-R's spun on even mild launch and exhibited huge understeer in most corners with a grab and let-go characteristic in the sweepers. My car's rear-end wanted to let loose in the slaloms and offsets, as well as corner exits, so I was forced to stay off the power and keep my speed down. These tires kept me from any aggressive driving to lower my times. Unlike in the dry, they never warmed up a bit. The only time I could find was by adjusting my driving. Still, the tires were... O.K.

The 4S's on launch felt almost as if I was on dry pavement with an initial spin then hook-up, letting me put the power down sooner. On the first corner, I braced myself for the understeer that never occurred. After I barreled through the corner, I thought... WOW... and my confidence in them soared. I was able to get on the gas much sooner in corner exit. The 4S's stuck like glue in slaloms and offsets with just a hint of oversteer...but with a linear and telegraphed feel. It was the same in the sweepers and my times dropped as I learned I could trust the tires to be composed and dependable.

THE RESULT: the 4S's were over 2 seconds faster than the RE-71R's. The 4S's grant you with unwavering confidence in the wet when used for a "race" street tire. Plus, when it rains, temperatures are usually low(er), which is a detriment to adhesion for tires like the RE-71R but doesn't seem to bother the 4S's and I think with the 4S's dry abilities...close to tires like the RE-71R... it could be an excellent all-around tire for folks who just want to arrive-and-drive.

What about their performance in a real-world AX setting, competing against other drivers and tires? Well, just recently on May 17th, I went to the St. Louis region AX at their Family Arena site (hey, where were all you KCR guys?). Its asphalt, about as



wide as HMP and about 3 times as long (workers are just specs at the far end). It was a well-run event with 102 registered drivers, FCO [first car off] at 9:30 am on the dot, 5 runs (usually 6) on a 65 degree day with light to medium sprinkles all day with some intermittent medium/heavy rain. I ran the 4S's all day. 1st run it was sprinkling and I kept expecting the front tires to let go but they never did, so I pushed the car harder and the back-end broke loose big time and I DNF'd. 2nd run was in a down-pour, they didn't hydroplane, and the back-end did get a little loose a couple times, but

only in over-zealous power-on corner exit. Back to sprinkles on the 3rd run, I felt I could push the car pretty hard and it worked...my time dropped by two seconds...and a cone...oops. 4th run, with growing confidence in the 4S's, the car found 1.5 seconds and did it clean. By the 5th run it had stopped sprinkling, but still a wet course... the car powered thru the course with ease a half second quicker...clean. The tires made my car look good and it won everything...class, raw time and even PAX. I'm a believer! Can I get an AMEN?

See you out there!

Mark Hise

3-time SCCA Champion, 500+ class AX wins.

How much faster would you take the next AX/RX element, if you knew you could not fail??

2019 Awards Banquet At A Glance



Top Left: 2020 Board of Directors—Tim Friest, Jeremy Salenius, Reuben Samuels, Mike McGinley, Jessica Dorn, Tara Young, Ed Nicholson, Al Hermans, Paula Diehl, Bill Johnson ; Top Right: James Cahill hands Lucas Hill his trophy
Middle Left: James Cahill embraces the working spirit of Jonathan Griffith and April Turner; Middle Right: MEMBERS get checked in by Christian Els and Tara Young; Bottom Left: RallyCross award winners—David Williams, Larry Smith, Howie Johnson, Wayne Still, Steven Bright, Ryan Redenbaugh, Mark Hill; Bottom Right: James Cahill sends Ruby Parsons to get her picture taken

2019 RX AWARD PHOTOS



2019 RallyCrosser of the Year
Mark Hill



Howie Johnson
Prepared RWD—1st Place



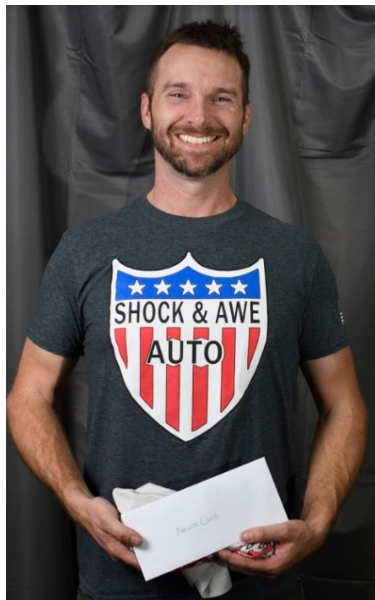
David Williams
Modified FWD—1st Place



Ryan Redenbaugh
Modified RWD—1st place



Larry Smith
Stock RWD—1st Place



Wayne Still
Novice Class—1st Place



Steven Bright
Stock AWD—1st Place



Mark Hill
Prepared AWD—1st Place

2019 ROAD RACE AWARDS



Leonard Holsworth
2019 Crew Person of the Year



Tyler Fox
2019 Rookie Driver of the Year



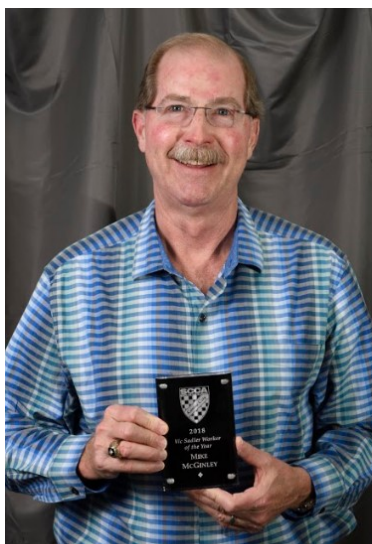
David Vincent
2019 Tom Holstrom Regional
Driver of the Year



Joshua Holsworth
2018 Glen Shepard Most Improved
Driver of the Year (memento)



Collette Nicholson
2018 Spouse of the Year
(memento)



Mike McGinley
2018 Vic Sadler Worker of the Year
(memento)



Charlie Clark and Neava Ford handing out
Road Racing awards

2019 MID-AM RACE AWARDS



David Vincent
Formula 500—Champion



Timothy Friest
Formula 500—2nd Place



Mike McGinley
Grand Touring 2—Champion



Bill Johnson
Formula Continental—Champion

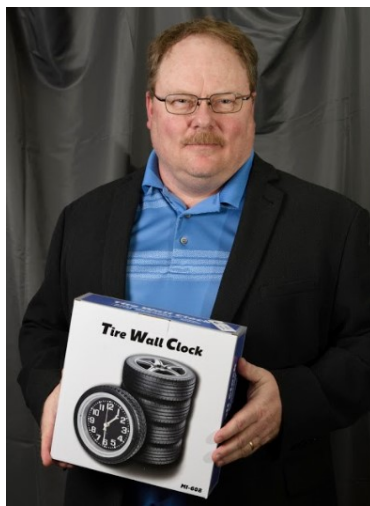


Tyler Fox
Spec Racer Ford 3—Champion



Joshua Holsworth
Spec Miata Champion

2019 MIDIV AWARDS



Jame King
AS—1st Place



Larry Brady
SSR—1st Place



Paxton Cowden
FJC—1st Place



Vernon Maxey
CM—1st Place



Al Hermans
CP—1st Place



Paxton Cowden & Larry Brady
Families that race together are the best!

2019 RALLYCROSS AWARDS FULL LIST

Novice Class—1st Place: Wayne Still

Stock FWD—1st Place:

Stock RWD—1st Place: Larry Smith

Stock AWD—1st Place: Steven Bright

Prepared FWD—1st Place:

Prepared RWD—1st Place: Howie Johnson

Prepared AWD—1st Place: Mark Hill

Modified FWD—1st Place: David Williams

Modified RWD—1st Place: Ryan Redenbaugh

Modified AWD—1st Place:

RallyCROSSer of the Year: Mark Hill

2019 ROAD RACE AWARDS FULL LIST

2018 Glen Shepard Most Improved Driver of the Year (memento): Joshua Holsworth

2019 Glen Shepard Most Improved Driver of the Year: Steve Bachenberg

2019 E Tom Newcomer Driver of the Year: Jim Wheeler

2018 Spouse of the Year (memento): Collette Nicholson

2018 Tom Holstrom Regional Driver of the Year (memento): Mike McGinley

2019 Tom Holstrom Regional Driver of the Year: Steven Bachenberg

2019 Crew Person of the Year: Leonard Holsworth

2018 Vic Sadler Worker of the Year (memento): Mike McGinley

2019 Vic Sadler Worker of the Year: Ken Snyder

2019 Rookie Driver of the Year: Tyler Fox

2019 MID-AM AWARDS FULL LIST

CHAMPIONS

Formula 500: David Vincent
Grand Touring 2: Mike McGinley
Formula Continental: Bill Johnson
Spec Racer Ford 3: Tyler Fox
E Production: Steve Bachenberg
Spec Miata: Joshua Holsworth
Formula F: Tim Koch
Touring 2: Charlie Peter

2ND PLACE

Formula 500: Timothy Friest
Grand Touring 2: Mark Kirby
Grand Touring Lite: Roy Lopshire

3RD PLACE

American Sedan: Jim Wheeler
Super Touring Lite: Steven Johnson
Spec Racer Ford 3: Jim Côté Sr.

2019 MIDIV AWARDS FULL LIST

AS—1st Place: James King

SSR—1st Place: Larry Brady

BSP—1st Place: Joseph Drake

STU—1st Place: Todd Hesskamp

CP—1st Place: Al Hermans

CM—1st Place: Vernon Maxey

FM—1st Place: Radlee Bien

FJA—1st Place: Alexander Hesskamp

FJC—1st Place: Paxton Cowden

2019 MEMBERSHIP

LONGEVITY PINS

5 Years

Caleeh Abdul-Rahman
Matthew Barrow
Lawrence Barry
Deana Brown
Anthony Dvorak
Dan Engstrom
William Grace
Carl Hayward
Colin Hill
Ethan Hill
Holi Hill
Lucas Hill
Larry Howard
Megan Ira
Terry Irvine
Ron Keith
Brenda Kirkland
Robin Kirkland
Justin S. Klinger
Ryan Kubr
Matt Mosakowski
Christopher Nuckolls
Brent Simmons
Sherry Stevens
Craig Sutherland
Mirl Swan
Everett Watts II

10 Years

Amy Collier
David Dyer
Aaron Hargis
Chris Frensley
Gus Jacob
Claire Meyers
Nealand Rattansamail
Jeff Sumpter
Courtney Utterback
Jeremy Utterback
Dick Van Benschoten
Stephen Wiles

15 Years

Sam Axtell
Richard Bireta
Pam Cote
Jim Cole
Lawrence Duty
Karen Eickhoff
Rodney Giebel
Al Hermans
Mark Hill
Douglas Hitchcock
Aaron Holstrom
Char Keith
Ken Keith

15 Years (continued)

Mark Kirby
Matt Miller
Stacey Ritter
Karen Kay Roberts
Michael Staub
Linda Stone
Everett Lee Watts
Craig Wilcox
Ellen Wolf

20 Years

Robert Charlesworth
John David Gilmore
Robert C Hensen III
Sue Kenny
Michael Litscher
Hans Peter
Jim Schroeder
Robert Thompson

25 Years

Randy Eickhoff
Bill Johnson
Nancy Johnson
Jerry Irvine
Vickor LaViola

30 Years

Tim Allen
James Allen Bennett
Jennifer K Bennett
Kirk Cameron Collier
Gregory T Harris
Barry Johnson
Hal Kemrite

30 Years (continued)

Chris Kern
Scott Peterson
Ken Ragan
Dr. Kelly Toombs

35 Years

Dr. Ronald Reynolds
Steven S. Schmidt
Janice Qualkinbush

40 Years

Donna DiNatale
Neava Ford
Karin Roberts

45 Years

Janalee Bootz
Patrick DiNatale
Roy Lopshire
Jim Wheeler

55 Years

Charles Williams
Glen Shepard

60 Years

LaVone A Dailey

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!

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.

Get more info [here](#).



Have a story you want to share with the members? Let us know! We can get the details and write it for you. Or even better, you can write and send it to Jessica Dorn, editor.



We are also always looking for pictures of events, your cool cars, and racing life in general! The more you share, the better our website and newsletter will be!

Do you have website knowledge. We are looking for a team of website administrators and editors to help update the website.





UPCOMING EVENTS

Virtual Membership Meeting	June 2 7:30 pm	Online
RallyCross Event #4	June 14	I35 Speedway Winston, MO
Race Group Meeting	June 16 7:30 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Drive Mission, KS
Track Night in America	June 18 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, KS
PENDING—WAITING ON MCC TO CONFIRM		
Solo Event #6	June 21	MCC—Precision Driving Independence, MO
Board Meeting	June 30 7:00 pm	TBD
Solo Advisory Council Meeting	July 7 6:00 pm	TBD
Membership Meeting	7:30 pm	
RallyCross Event #5	July 10-12	TBD
Track Night in America	July 17 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, KS
Road Racing—Heartland Summer Trackfest Regional	July 17-19	Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, KS

Meet the Board:

Greg Cheney, Board Member



KC Region Involvement:

- I started in RallyCross in 2014 and helped build up the KCR RallyCross program since then
- I have been a Solo Chair and Novice Instructor as well as doing F&C with SCCA Road Racing and Track Night in America
- 2-term SAC Member
- RX Board Member
- Solo and RX Safety Steward
- Jr. Kart Solo Safety, Tech and Course Steward
- Chaired multiple Solo events

Driver of #43 STH/PF Ford Fiesta ST. I raced SCCA Formula Continental and Formula Ford in the early 80s. Started back into autocross in 2011 with a VW GTI and moved on to the Ford Fiesta ST in 2014.

Highlights:

I won the 2015 SCCA RallyCross National Championship.

Personal:

When I'm not racing, I am working on my 120 year old house in Shawnee and am a Technology Specialist at Hendrick Lexus Kansas City.



Get to know your Board on the website or wait for next month's installment of "Meet the Board."

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