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Kansas City Region SCCA

July Newsletter

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RE Comments



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

We've been planning our July 17-19 Heartland Summer Majors and MiDiv Time Trial Series event since late last year. We had a great turnout from workers, stewards, and entrants. We had 74 Majors entries, 27 Time Trials entries, and 14 Endurance drivers (many of them racing for the 1st time with the SCCA). With the current Covid -19 situation, two things happened:

- 1) People had pent up demand to get back to what they loved—racing.
- 2) People learned how to have fun while taking precautions.

It was kind of the same but different, and I truly appreciate everyone that came out to make the event the success that it was. As a racer, I know that we can't put on an event without a great group of enthusiastic volunteers working the corners, timing and scoring, hospitality, and registration. Not

to mention the stewards and race chair and assistant race chair.

As we look into the future, I'd like to ask each member "Who do you know that might like to come to a race and get involved with our club?" None of us are getting any younger, and we need a constant supply of new folks so we can grow our events even more in 2021. We'd really like to get a Super Tour event at Heartland Park, and to do that we need even more volunteers. Think about it if you would. Remember, the corner workers get the best seat in the house, 10-15 feet from the action. Check out some of the event photos that Jim Rowland took and the video that Kevin Brown posted on our Facebook group page.

On another note, while we all like to spend time together socializing and enjoying beverages and talking about our favorite pastime, the Board has elected to postpone face to face meetings for both our General Meeting and Race Group meeting until further notice due to pandemic concerns. We continue to have our Board meetings each month via video conference and our minutes are posted every month on our website. To stay up to date on all of our events and club information visit www.kcrscca.org frequently.

Stay safe and thanks again.

Mike McGinley, RE

CANCELLED:
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS
&
RACE GROUP MEETINGS

We have decided to cancel in person meetings until further notice. Our concern for the safety and health of our members is at the forefront of this decision.

Please check out our Meeting Minutes from the Board Meeting on July 28, 2020 to stay up-to-date. Our secretary is working hard to get these minutes finalized and posted [online](#). If they are not on the website, please check back.

THANK YOU & STAY SAFE!

Kansas City Region SCCA

Driven by Volunteers since 1952

Kansas City Region SCCA is proud to be a volunteer-run organization. We already know you are talented in at least one of these categories:

- racing cars
- working corners at race tracks
- breaking cars (on and off the track)
- fixing the same car over and over again
- cheering on racers
- enjoying a cold beverage with other people who like cars

But what are your other talents? We are currently looking for assistance in the following areas:



Content Creator for website and social media

You will not need to know anything about websites. You will simply need to prepare content for the website and check to see if any updates need to be made to our calendar. You will be the Region's point of contact in case issues are found with links on the website. You do not need to know how fix it, simply be the person who contacts our website maintenance provider. You will also need to know how to post and create events on Facebook. Contact Mike McGinley if you have additional questions or would like to help!



Pavement Photographers

We need your assistance to get current photos and videos of Solo and Road Race events for our website and social media accounts. Contact Reuben Samuels if you have additional questions or would like to help!



UPCOMING EVENTS

August 4

~~Solo Advisory Council Meeting~~ 6:00 pm

~~Membership Meeting~~ 7:30 pm



~~Unnaturally Aspirated (UA)~~ August 8

~~Charity Event~~



RallyCross Warm Up Event

August 9

I35 Speedway
Winston, MO

Track Night in America

August 12

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Heartland Motorsports Park
Topeka, KS

Solo School

Threatened;
may be
cancelled

August 15

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Heartland Motorsports Park
Topeka, KS

Solo Event #8

August 16

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Heartland Motorsports Park
Topeka, KS

~~Race Group Meeting~~ August 18



~~Indianapolis 500 Watch Party~~ August 23

~~11:30 am - 2:30 pm~~



Board Meeting

August 25

7:00 pm

Virtual Meeting

September 1

~~Solo Advisory Council Meeting~~ 6:00 pm

~~Membership Meeting~~ 7:30 pm





The 2020 DirtFish RallyCross National Championship has been moved closer to home. The 14th annual event will take place at Heartland Motorsports Park in Topeka, KS August 14—August 16. Check out more details [here](#).



The 48th Annual Tire Rack Solo National Championships returns to Lincoln Air Park. This will be a very different event than Solo Nationals of the past, as all social activities have been eliminated—including the awards banquets. Final arrangements will be discussed in a webinar August 5. The event can still be cancelled if the COVID-19 situation gets worse. Check out more details [here](#).



The 57th running of the SCCA National Championship Runoffs returns to Road America located midway between Milwaukee and Green Bay, Wisconsin. It will be held October 5—11, 2020. Check out more details [here](#).

Meet the Board:

Jeremy Salenius, Board Member



SCCA Member since: 2011

KC Region Member since: 2011

KC Region Involvement:

- Solo Advisory Committee for multiple years
 - Solo Chair 2017
 - Board of Directors for 2 different terms
- Solo Chief of Workers 2011-2012
 - Solo Chief of Equipment 2014

Highlights:

Winning my first Solo Nationals trophy in 2013 was pretty awesome. 2016 Nationals was an awesome year coming back from way out of trophy contention on day 1. Day 2 was raining and I pulled off the 4th or 5th best time of the class to finish in the last trophy spot, knocking the multi-time National Champion out of the trophies.

Starting our relationship with Go Baby Go that Jessica strives to continue all these years later is also a highlight of mine. Watching Jessica win her first trophy and improve in a car I built was also pretty far up there.

Most of all though is the friends I have made from the sport. All of the times spent after the races hanging out and having a drink or any other shenanigans.

Licenses Held:

None yet. Time Trials license coming up this year.

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Meet the Board:

Jeremy Salenius, Board Member

Personal:

I have been in the garage building or working on a car for as long as I can remember. I would spend every night after school with my dad working on whatever car needed work at that point. Taking things apart and putting them back together to figure out how it worked.

Fast forward a bunch of years, and I found a small group of people to race with, the Madison Street Car Club. I was hooked and a year later, I moved to KC for a new position at the company I was working for where I found the SCCA.

I worked in the hospitality industry in Hotels and Waterparks for 13 years in every role from lifeguard to hotel management. Last year, after making a decision to leave that industry, I finally took my passion in life and helped start a business out of it with friend, Jason Harris. Blue Label Racing, who was the Solo title sponsor for 2019, has taken off really well and 2020 looks to be a great year for me.



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



The Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival will be October 9—11 at North Lake Park in Garnett, KS. For more information, check out their [website](#).

Chris Kern is also looking for volunteers for this event. Please contact him if interested.

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