

# CHECKPOINT

Kansas City Region SCCA

August Newsletter

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### RE Comments



When I was elected RE in our 2019 election I received the "RE Gavel" traveling trophy. It's about 6" square and about 4" tall, so not very big, but the history of our club displayed on the trophy is HUGE. It lists the name of every RE from 1950 to present.

Marsh Kennedy was our first RE in 1950 and over the years we have had 49 different RE's. I didn't join the club until 2001, when I was 44 years old, so I don't have as much history with the club as many of our members and never had the opportunity to meet many of these people. The first person from the early years that I know is Bill Johnson who was the RE in 1968 ( when I was in 6th grade) and a SCCA Hall of Fame member. He was the Chief Steward at the majority of my first races, and I was always impressed with his sense of humor.

From the 70's, I've raced with Brian Haupt who was RE in 1977, and Charlie Clark who was RE in 1981 and 1986 and again in 2011. Bob Henson, who helped me get started in Club Racing is on the trophy a lot, he served multiple times for a total of 6 years in the 80's and 90's. I'm lucky to know everyone that was RE from the mid 90's on, and respect them all, and really appreciate them taking the time to make the club better and more fun. Nearly every one is still very actively involved with the club. Thank you all for your service and thanks for what you have done to help others get involved in our great sport.



Would you like to get more involved in the Club and become one of our Board of Directors or Officers? We are constantly looking for new talent to join our Leadership

team. Do you have time to "give back" or mentor other club members to be the best they can be as they learn to be better drivers? If so please reach out to Chris Kern, the head of our Nominating Committee at chriskscca@gmail.com and tell him which office you are interested in. We are currently in the process of nominating replacements for 3 of our Board Members in our December election and we are also seeking members interested in the RE, Assistant RE, Secretary, and Treasurer positions.

Mike McGinley, RE



# **REMINDER:**

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 August 25, 2020 to stay up-to-date. Our secretary is working hard to get these minutes finalized and posted <u>online</u>. If they are not on the website, please check back.

#### THANK YOU & STAY SAFE!

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### RallyCross Report

#### by Reuben Samuels

The course was set up, racers were rolling in to register, and then the rain came in. Unfortunately, we took a loss on our August event as it was cancelled by a sudden rain storm.

The National DirtFish Event at Heartland Motorsports went well. There were 111 total entries for the event and 20 of those drivers were from the KC Region—5 of which were podium finishers. Due to a last minute site change, both the Kansas City Region and the Kansas region stepped up to work together to keep the national event afloat. They made a combined \$600 on test and tune rides and sold 40 packs of KCR and KS dual decals. The RAC will split this \$600 with the Kansas Region, and both regions still have decals they can now sell for full profit.

The RAC has also been working on a new venue in Riverside and are working on the contract now hoping to have an event there by the end of September. An alternative site is Stonegate on September 26 for a test day and then September 27 for the race.

Reuben has been keeping up our Instagram account and is seeing increased interest from that platform. He is looking for photos, so please share with him if you have them.

Thank you to Wavespec Rotors for being the 2020 KCRX sponsor.



### Road Racing Report

by Chris Kern

The KVRG is busy working on the 2021 Road Racing schedule.

The August 12 Track Night in America was well attended by drivers, but they barely had enough workers to run the event. The next TNiA is September 15 and are seeking workers for this event.

There are several benefits to working at TNiA:

- Work 2 events and earn 1 free Track Night event entry
- Work 1 event and earn 1 free Solo event entry
- Earn SCCA membership discounts
- Up close view of the action on track

Contact Chris Kern is you have questions or are interested in helping.

National Championship Runoffs will be October 5-11 at Road America.

### Solo Report

#### by AI Hermans

MCC has cancelled all on campus activities until the end of the year, including the Performance Driving Center. The SAC is looking for new sites in hopes of having another event this year.

They have been in contact with the Kansas Region about having events at Heartland Motorsports Park. They would rather host shared events with us than allow KCR to run an event there. There are discussions between the KS Board and SAC about how to split the profits from these proposed shared events.

They have also reached out to a new contact at Arrowhead, but are awaiting further details.

There is a MiDiv at Heartland Motorsports Park October 3-4 which will be counted as KCR events points.

### **Kansas City Region Classifieds**

#### **Road Racing Opportunity**

KCR Member and former Board member, David Vincent, is looking for someone in the KC area who wants to go wheel-to-wheel road racing in 2022, in a two-car team. He is looking to retire (after the 2021 Runoffs) and sell of his racecar, RV, and his half of the shared trailer, spares, and special tools. Trades will be considered.

Sharing travel costs and spares helps lower the cost of racing while adding to the fun by ensuring you have someone to race.

Road racing is a big commitment with a learning curve; therefore he'd like to start working with his successor early to help them be successful in road racing.



Check out the Kansas City Region—Sports Car Club of America Facebook group for more information and to PM him if interested. Original post was on August 6.

#### Vintage Parts for Sale

Eric Farmer is retiring and moving to Florida. He is looking to sell vintage parts for FV, S-2, and FA. Assortments of spherical bearings, rod ends, gaskets, O-rings, d-zus body connectors, TIGA S-2 suspension arms, Hewland transaxle housing and more. Call with questions or to arrange to see the items.

\$4,000 buys everything.

Eric Farmer/Beacon Racing (816)-776-9079

### **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!



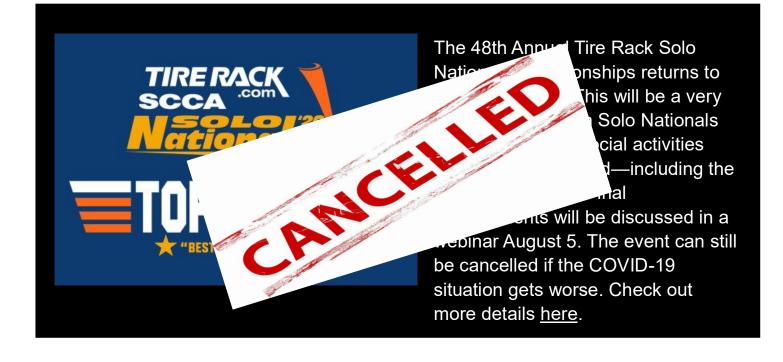
#### **Pavement Photographers**

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!





Solo Advisory Council Meeting Membership Meeting	<del>September 1</del> – <del>6:00 pm</del> – <del>7:30 pm</del>	TBD CANONALIND
RallyCross Event #5 Sponsored by Wavespec Ro	September 6 otors	Thunder Valley Sand Drags Grain Valley, MO
Track Night in America	September 15 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, KS
Race Group Meeting	-September 15	TBD CANONALINA
Solo Event #9	-September 20	-MCC CANONILIND
Board Meeting	September 29 7:00 pm	Virtual Meeting
Solo Advisory Council Meeting Membership Meeting	<del>October 6</del> - <del>6:00 pm</del> - <del>7:30 pm</del>	TBD CANONILIND





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 <u>here</u>.



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.

## Meet the Board: Reuben Samuels, Board Member



SCCA Member since: 2014 KC Region Member since: 2014

#### **KC Region Involvement:**

- RAC member 2019-present
- 2019: Helped set up the Unnaturally Aspirated Show & Shred event
- KCR Board of Directors 2020

#### **Highlights:**

Won the 2016 RallyCross regional championship in prepared rear; 2016 RallyCrosser of the year award.

#### Personal:

Helping to run the RallyCross program has been one big piece of his overall want to help the SCCA grow in the region. The club stepped in, in a big way to support him in that endeavor as he went through a lung transplant. Coming through that experience with new energy and excitement for the club, he joined the KCR BOD for the 2020 season and looks forward to marketing the club in new avenues to bring fresh faces excited about motorsport and see all programs succeed.



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

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