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*January Newsletter*

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# RE Comments



The SCCA National Convention was held in Las Vegas January 16-19. I had the pleasure of representing the KC Region with Tara Young, our new Assist. RE, and her husband James Young. The theme was “One Team, One Experience”. It was great to see our fellow SCCA members, some 30-40 year members and some 2-5 year members working together leading seminars teaching attendees best practices in all disciplines of the club. Over the next few months we’ll be sharing many of these best practices with the Board and rolling them out at our events.

At the convention Rich Bireta, one of our previous members (he is a Kansas Region member currently) was recognized as a “Member of Excellence”. This award is presented to the member that shows the greatest commitment to SCCA activities. Rich was recognized for developing a great new app for Road Rally which uses GPS information to give instantaneous scoring as

checkpoints are reached throughout the Rally and eliminates the need to have timing and scoring teams at the checkpoints. When you see Rich at one of our events be sure to congratulate him, awesome job!

Most members are familiar with the SCCA’s Weekend membership, where \$15 gets you a 5 day SCCA membership (which applies as a discount towards your annual membership within the first 60 days). This weekend membership includes you in insurance coverage at the events.



Now we also have a new “Trial “ membership, which is also for 5 days and it’s FREE and provides the same coverage. This membership is intended for Rally passengers, ride-alongs at Solo or Track events, and worker recruitment. This will be used for people who “don’t get behind the wheel” of a car, but participate as a passenger or worker. This Trial membership is a great way to bring out non member friends and family to check out what’s going on and share your passion for the cars and the people.

We have a great schedule planned for 2020 for all types of “Fun With Cars”. I challenge every Region member to participate in at least one new type of event in 2020, maybe try an Autocross, or a Track Night in America, or a Time Trials event. Maybe get really frisky and run a Rally Cross. When you meet people introduce yourself, find out how long they have been members of the club. Thank them for coming and make sure they feel welcome. Do you know someone that shares your enthusiasm for cars and racing? Bring them to an event this year as a trial member and get them to check it out.

I’d like to thank Paula Diehl for her two years of service as RE, Tim Friest for his two years of service as Assist. RE, and Todd Hesskamp for his two years of service on the Board.

Good luck in 2020!

Mike McGinley

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## **Register Now for the Upcoming Events**

**MiDiv Convention**

**Awards Banquet**



## 2019 Annual Reports

### Secretary's Report

- Minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting were approved

### Treasurer's Report

- Finished moving low interest CD's from Bank of the West to Edward Jones
- Set up savings account to move funds specified for Van & Trailer Replacement
- Set up Club Credit Card to streamline paying for expenses. This will help alleviate the burden of having members waiting to be reimbursed for large expenses.
- The IRS informed us we owed taxes for 2016-2018 for 990 Organization Exempt Income Tax since we reported more than \$1,000 in investment income. We appealed under the premise that \$75,000 of the investment money is seed money, but we lost the appeal since we are actually a 501c7 (social club) not a 501c4 as reported on IRS forms. We owed \$93.00 for all 3 tax years.

### Membership Report

- 543 members at the time of the Annual Meeting

### Solo Report

- 9 events—not counting the MiDiv
- Averaged 105 drivers per event—down slightly from 107 drivers per event in 2018
- Worked on streamlining the check-in process this year



## 2019 Annual Reports—continued

### KVRG Report

- Entries were down this year
- Thanks to all who entered and worked at events—it's not possible without you
- Brainstorming ideas to increase participation
- National Time Trial Tour will not be back at HPT next year

### RallyCross Report

- Battled rain/bad weather all year. Only cancelled 1 event—the rest were rescheduled.
- Average 32 drivers per event—up from 30 drivers per event in 2018
- 103 unique drivers—up from 97 in 2018
- Thanks to the RAC for all of their help

### Road Rally Report

- David Williams will be the Road Rally Chair in 2020
- 2020 plans to hold 1-2 TSD rallies and 1 gimmick rally—building the program
- 2021 plans to hold 3-4 TSD rallies with a championship at the end of the year

### Web Report

- Awarded \$3,000 from the Track Night in America grant to be used for operation growth through better communication/marketing
- Mike McGinley took over as Webmaster
- The grant helped pay for the website update and monthly maintenance, which runs out in 2020. Seeking members willing to help maintain the website.
- Email Mike any links that are not working or any updates that need to be made

## **PLAN To ATTEND:**

# 2020 Convention



19677 E. Jackson Drive, Independence, MO 64057

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

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[Register now](#) for the 2020 MiDiv Convention. The convention is hosted by the Kansas City Region at the Hilton Garden Inn in Independence, MO. Registration closes Monday, January 28, 2020.

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.

# *Register Now*

## **2019 KCR SCCA Awards Banquet**

• **Saturday, February 15, 2020**

• **The Martin Event Space**

**13440 Holmes Rd**

**Kansas City, MO 64145**

The 2019 Kansas City Region Awards Banquet and Ceremony will be held at the Martin Event Space on February 15, 2020. [Registration](#) for the event is open through January 31 and will be \$30 per person. PRE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

We will begin cocktail hour at 5:00pm, dinner (buffet style) at 6:30pm, and awards at 7:30pm. If you would like to attend just the awards ceremony, please be sure to choose that option in registration so we can ensure enough seating for all.

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. One drink ticket per person is included with registration.

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](mailto:jl_dorn@hotmail.com).

# *Kansas City Region Well Represented at the SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas*

by Jess Dorn

The Kansas City Region was well represented at the 2020 SCCA National Convention in Las Vegas, NV. The following region members attended the convention January 16-19:

Mike McGinley, RE  
Tara Young, Assistant RE  
Mark Macoubrie  
Laurie Sheppard  
Patrick di Natale  
James Young



James Young applied to attend through the Ascender program. For every 3 standard Convention attendees, the Region can send 1 Ascender to the National Convention at no additional charge (for the convention). The Ascender program is designed to bring rising SCCA leaders to the National Convention. Due to James's eagerness to take on leadership roles, we thought he would be a great nominee for the Ascender program.

Mike McGinley has already shared his notes from the Convention in the RE Comments. We look forward to hearing from the other attendees in the months to come. In the meantime, check out the headlines from the National recap:

[SCCA National Convention 2020 Closes with Hall of Fame Ceremony](#)

[2019 Kimberly Cup, Rookie & Mechanic of the Year Winners](#)

[SCCA Convention: Trains, Cruises, Conga, Vegas](#)

[SCCA National Convention: Something for Everyone](#)



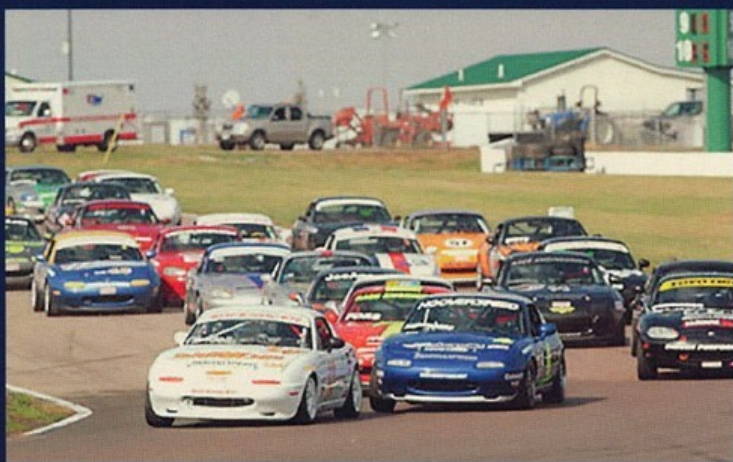
# KANSAS CITY & KANSAS REGIONS OF THE SCCA

# WE WANT YOU!

**Save the Date: April 18-19, 2020**

**KVRG Heartland Spring Majors**

*Special Incentives for Prep Shops with a large group of entries.*



## **Spec Miata and Spec Racer SRF3 Showdown**

These 2 classes will each get their own "Class only" exclusive races (minimum 20 race entries)

**Huge party with Food  
and Drink Saturday**

Race at Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, home of the 2006-2008 SCCA Runoffs. One of the premier road courses in the country featuring a 14-turn 2.5 mile course that was fully resurfaced in 2016 and offering one of the best racing surfaces around!



**For more info visit [www.kcrscca.org](http://www.kcrscca.org)**

# 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 a team of web-site administrators and editors to help update the website.



# 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 [lisadkern@gmail.com](mailto:lisadkern@gmail.com) or 913-558-7668 (text or leave message).

## Previous Social Events:

RC Car Challenge & Club Picnic

FORD v FERARRI special showing

Extreme Grand Prix Racing



## Future Social Events:

KCR Awards Banquet

Daytona Watch Party





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting	January 28 7:00 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Drive Mission, KS
2020 MiDiv Conference	Jan 31 - Feb 2	Hilton Garden Inn 19677 E Jackson Dr Independence, MO
Solo Advisory Council Meeting	February 4 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 12:00 pm-3:00pm	TBD
Race Group Meeting	February 18 7:30 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Drive Mission, KS
Board Meeting	February 25 7:00 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Drive Mission, KS
Solo Advisory Council Meeting	March 3 6:00 pm	Local Tap (next to Fuel)
Membership Meeting	7:30 pm	7300 W 119th St Overland Park, KS

# **Meet the Board:**

## **Mike McGinley, Regional Executive**



**SCCA member since:** 2001

**KCR member since:** 2001

### **KC Region Involvement:**

- Board of Directors 2018-2019
- KVRG Board of Directors 2018-2019
- KVRG Secretary 2018-2019
- KVRG Treasurer 2019
- HPDE Instructor 2003-Present
- TNiA F&C Volunteer 2016-2019

### **Highlights:**

Two 3rd place finishes in the SCCA Runoffs in Touring 1. First at Heartland Motorsports Park in Topeka in 2007 and second at Road America in 2011. Thanks to Jeff Kopp, my Crew Chief, Dave Jones, Race Engineer, Jason Lobdell, Chief Mechanic, and Bill Anderson.

### **Licenses held:**

Full Competition license since 2001

### **Personal:**

36 years in retail automobile business, most recently as General Manager/Partner at Hendrick Chevrolet Shawnee Mission since 1998. Retired in mid 2016. I've been a car enthusiast since I turned 16.



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

## **2020 Kansas City Region Board of Directors**

Regional Executive (RE)	Mike McGinley	(913) 915-1504
Assistant RE	Tara Young	(913) 250-6050
Past RE	Paula Diehl	(816) 225-5100
Treasurer	Jessica Dorn	(308) 830-2257
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Director	Al Hermans	(816) 564-6176
Director	Bill Johnson	(816) 805-3571
Director	Jeremy Salenius	(913) 608-1648
Director	Greg Cheney	(913) 522-4940
Director	Tim Friest	(913) 250-6050
Director	Reuben Samuels	(535) 307-1473

## **2020 Kansas City Region Contacts**

Membership	Paula Diehl	(816) 225-5100
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