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The KC Region racing season officially kicked off this weekend with RallyCross Event #1, “Winter Dust-Off.” Unlike last year, it didn’t rain or snow! Their next event - “KC Rally Cross Event #2” - is March 14th at Thunder Valley Sand Drags in Grain Valley. Registration will open soon.

Our first Autocross weekend is scheduled for April 4th - “Test and Tune” - and April 5th - “KCR 2020 Event #1.” Keep an eye on Motorsportreg.com for registration as it’s opening soon. One of our KC Region sponsors, Blue Label Racing—Restoration and Service (3302 Terrace St, KCMO 6411) is hosting the Solo “Annual Inspections and Kickoff Event” on Saturday, March 21st. Jeremy Salenius and crew will be on hand with the Solo Advisory Committee to inspect your cars and make sure you are up to speed on any changes for 2020.

Road Racing begins at Hallett April 3rd—5th with the “Hoosier Super Tour.” Our first local event is the KVRG “Heartland Spring Majors/MiDiv Time Trials Series” April 18th—19th. Registration is now open for Road Racing [here](#) and for Time Trials [here](#). Make sure to register today!

Have you been running Autocross for a year or two and have been thinking about Road Racing but thought it was cost prohibitive? You need to check out the MiDiv Time Trials Series. Now starting its 3rd year, the MiDiv Time Trials Series is the fastest growing segment of our Club’s disciplines. Last July’s event at Heartland Motorsports Park had the largest number of entries to date with 29 cars participating. The MiDiv Time Trials Committee, led by Erich Pfalzgraf have done a great job with 2020 Rules improvements and a great list of sponsors this year for both weekend and season long contingency prizes. The Contingency Sponsor details will be coming shortly, in the meanwhile check out all the Time Trials details and new rules on our website at <https://www.kcrscca.org/our-racing/time-trials-and-track-events/>.

Who do you know that might be interested in coming to one of our events? Maybe somebody at work, a friend, or a neighbor that asks about your car/cars? Bring them out! I bet they will have a great time. Give them a ride along in your car, ask a kid if they would like to sit in your race car. That’s how it all starts.

I’ll see you at the track.

Mike McGinley

2019 Awards Banquet Spotlights

Member Achievements

by Mike McGinley



“The Martin” was the 2020 location for our KC Region Awards Banquet on February 15th, 2020. Attendance was outstanding with over 145 KC Region club members enjoying the show. Lisa Kern, our social director, and Tara Young, our Assistant RE, took over MC duties this year, and Jessica Dorn, our Club Treasurer, once again handled the silent auction with all proceeds going to Variety KC—Go Baby Go, helping local children with disabilities gain self directed mobility with toy cars. Once again, we did a great job raising money for such a worthy cause.

During the evening we recognized many of our Club Members for their Outstanding Service to the Club, and their performance during this years competition in Rally Cross, Autocross, Time Trials, and Road Racing. 64 members were awarded with first, second and third place trophies. Congratulations to all for a fantastic performance in 2019!



2019 Region Awards Recipients

SCCA Member of Excellence—Rich Bireta

(selected by the National Board of Directors and recognized at the 2020 National Convention)

Joe Tasler Award—Everett Watts

Glen Sheppard Award—Steve Bachenberg

E. Tom Newcomer Driver of the Year—Jim Wheeler

(Jim has won this award 9 of the 27 years its been presented, more than any other member!)

Regional Driver of the Year—Steven Bachenberg

Vic Sadler Award—Ken Snyder

Time Trials Driver of the Year—Adam Pessetto

Solo Workers of the Year—Jonathan Griffith and April Turner

Solo Novice of the Year—Jared McCorkendale

Solo Driver of the Year—Mark Hill

Solo Most Improved Driver—Eric Moe

Solo Fast Female—Janet Bauman

RallyCrosser of the Year—Mark Hill

Norma Williams Award of Excellence—David Williams

(Check out the picture of the trophy on our Facebook page with David's comments of thanks for all that made the award possible)



Paula Diehl, our Past RE, handed out 97 SCCA Longevity Pins recognizing Club members for longevity of membership in 5 year increments. This year we recognized two members that celebrated 55 years of membership, Charlie Williams and Glen Sheppard, and one member celebrating 60 years of membership, LaVone Daily.

I was lucky and got to sit next to Glen and Barbara Sheppard during the event. Glen had many fascinating tales about his adventures in racing. When our "Ford vs. Ferrari" movie event was receiving the outstanding event recognition, Glen mentioned meeting and racing with Ken Miles at Lake Garnett back in the 60's. He also mentioned another event when the Shelby Team was there racing the 1965 Shelby GT350's and they were in the pit right next to his. He got to spend a lot of time around Carrol Shelby and his team. Cool stuff. He mentioned that he used to take his 8mm movie camera to his autocross events back in the 60's and that his son had recently converted them and created a video he posted on our [Facebook page](#). If you haven't seen it before you need to check it out.



James Young unofficially won Best Dressed with his unique suit. James Young and Stephanie Manes pose for a pic while at the Awards Banquet.

For those of you old enough to remember the 60's it does a great job of taking you back. There are a lot of cool cars, like the early Cobra about the 30 minute mark, and many more. Thanks Glen for sharing this video history with the club.



Members bid on items and pin money on the "Money Tree" at the silent auction table.

The Board has agreed we need a bigger venue for next year with our growing membership and we have a lot of new ideas for next year.

If you have comments about how we can make next years event more fun feel free to email me at mikemcginley50@gmail.com.



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

Kansas City Region SCCA

Driven by Volunteers since 1952

Kansas City Region SCCA is proud to be a volunteer-run organization. As you could see from the list of awards on page 4, we recognize the importance of our volunteers. We are all car enthusiasts. Some of us race cars, some of us enjoy the front-row action as corner workers, some of us have trained to help out in registration, flagging and communications, and timing and scoring. While there were many awards presented to the lead drivers in their classes, there were just as many awards or honors presented to volunteers.

To expand on some of these volunteer awards, I want to share the officially unofficial description of some of these awards:

The Member of Excellence (Rich Bireta) was selected by the National SCCA Board of Directors. This award is presented to the volunteer who shows the greatest commitment to SCCA activities. The recipient can be involved in Solo, Rally and/or Road Racing. This person personifies the SCCA volunteer who gives of his/her time and effort to help organize, work in a specialty, or any volunteer role necessary to a motorsports event.

The Joe Tasler Spirit of the Sport (Everett Watts) was selected by the Solo Advisory Committee. The award “honors Joe Tasler and promotes what he was best known for—jumping into the club with both feet, becoming an unofficial Solo Ambassador, welcoming members new and old with his contagious enthusiasm, and focusing on building and strengthening our racing community.”

The Norma Williams Award of Excellence (David Williams) was selected by past award recipients. The award was first presented in 2009 “in recognition of unsurpassed dedication and service to the membership of the Kansas City Region SCCA.” This award is presented to members who have participated in one or more SCCA motorsports programs, served as an officer or chairperson for an event and have volunteered for additional responsibilities during the year. Norma Williams was honored as the first recipient.

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.



RallyCross could always use help with the set up and/or tear down at events. Want to see what RallyCross is all about? Stop by for the event, cheer on fellow members, and lend a helping hand.



Solo is looking for Event Chairs and Co-chairs. Not only does Chairing or co-chairing serve as your work assignment for that event, but you also get to run that event for free! Contact Tara Young if you're interested.



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.



The Social Event Committee is seeking new members with fun ideas. What better way to add skills, experience and have fun meeting new members.

The committee wants to provide social events for new members who may not know where they can use their talents. They also want to organize cross-pollination of the different programs in order for members to share their experiences and promote growth of all programs of the club.

They have organized events like the RC Car Challenge & Club Picnic, FORD v FERRARI special showing, Extreme Grand Prix go-kart racing, Awards Banquet, and more.



Contact Lisa Kern if interested.

Thank you to all of our volunteers, past and present, who give of their time so our Club can continue to grow.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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
RallyCross Event #2	March 14	Thunder Valley Sand Drags Grain Valley, MO
Race Group Meeting	March 17 7:30 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Drive Mission, KS
Solo Annual Meeting & Tech	March 21 10:00 am	Blue Label Racing 3302 Terrace St Kansas City, MO
Board Meeting	March 31 7:00 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Drive Mission, KS
Road Racing—Super Tour	April 4-5	Hallett Motor Racing Circuit Hallett, OK
Solo Test & Tune	April 4	MCC—Precision Driving Independence, MO
Solo Event #1	April 5	MCC—Precision Driving Independence, MO



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Solo Advisory Council Meeting	April 7 6:00 pm	Local Tap (next to Fuel)
Membership Meeting	7:30 pm	7300 W 119th St Overland Park, KS
Track Night in America	April 16 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, KS
Road Racing—Heartland Spring Majors + TT & TE	April 18-19	Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, KS
Race Group Meeting	April 21 7:30 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Drive Mission, KS
Solo Novice School	April 25	MCC—Precision Driving Independence, MO
Solo Event #2	April 26	MCC—Precision Driving Independence, MO
Board Meeting	April 28 7:00 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Drive Mission, KS
Road Racing + TT	May 2-3	Gateway Motorsports Park Madison, IL
RallyCross Event #3	May 3	I-35 Speedway Winston, MO

Meet the Board:

Ed Nicholson, Board Secretary



SCCA member since: 2013

KCR member since: 2013

KC Region Involvement:

- 2013 I went to a Skip Barber School and rekindled my desire to race cars.
 - Joined KCRSCCA in 2014 and ran all but one SOLO II event that year.
 - 2014 went to Crash, Fire, Rescue school and worked flagging and communication at Heartland Park.
 - Bought a 1974 Honda CRX setup ITC in 2014 and began road racing, went to ARRC Race 2 years.
 - Acquired current GT Lite car in 2016 and raced that 2017 to present.
- Elected Board Secretary for 2020.

Personal:

Worked as an auto tech for 19 years before changing careers to information technology for 26 years. Now retired and enjoy working on the race car and chasing grand kids.



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

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