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I hope this issue of Checkpoint finds all of our members and friends healthy. We are all navigating our way through the ever changing Coronavirus pandemic to the best of our ability. Please keep an eye on our website at www.kcrscca.org to stay on top of which events we will be able to proceed with, once we can be confident we can do so safely.

Your Board of Directors and Officers are communicating regularly. Our April General Meeting will be cancelled, but hopefully we can resume in May. In the meanwhile stay safe, stay healthy, and enjoy the "Stay at Home" time with your loved ones. Remember to reach out to your SCCA friends if you need help because it's always been more about the people than the cars.

Mike McGinley, RE

Al Hermans Presented the Sam Scharnberg Spirit of Solo Award at the 2020 MiDiv Conference

The 2019 MiDiv Awards were presented after the MiDiv Conference on Saturday, February 1, 2020. Al Hermans was honored for being a "rock of MiDiv Solo" as he was presented the Sam Scharnberg Spirit of Solo award for his continued dedication and service to the MiDiv Solo program.

Congratulations Al! Your commitment to both the Kansas City Region and MiDiv Solo programs is truly appreciated. Your years of knowledge and willingness to help out make these events seem to go on without a hitch. Thank you for everything you do.



IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT with MARK HILL



Hi, everyone! Welcome to the 1st edition of In The Driver's Seat with Mark Hill.

They say failure is the best teacher, so oh boy.... over the last 15 years I've been "taught" a whole bunch. The big thing I've learned...is that someone like you or me---who has an "average-ish" amount of raw driving talent can be successful in AX and RX. Even if you are in this sport just for fun...and it IS fun---we all want to improve. For others, who say "I wish I could win" but they feel they don't have the talent..."the other guy is too good"...well, stay tuned.

In upcoming editions, I'll share my techniques and my own methodologies that build on what you learn in Solo, Evolution or Starting Line schools (Important; these schools are essential to good driving for newer drivers, don't skip them) along with a few different ways to view and incorporate the usual go-fast (er) methods for the more experienced folks.

In addition, over time, we'll examine different tire(s), their performance, tips on tire management, bolt-ons, car modifications and some cost/return factors of the aforementioned, etc. As the time nears, preparation procedures (and, mostly, I'm not talking about your car here) for Spring and Summer Nationals and the adrenaline-spiked Pro-Solo tour and Finale.

As space provides, I'll include coverage of AX and RX events as I explore the sites and meet the good folks of other regions and take you beyond just results and numbers. We will spend time with important stuff like membership acquisition, retainment and participation on the board, committees, event chairs and chiefs.

See you out there!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Hill". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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??

Street Survival School 2020

by Paula Diehl

A new driver on the city streets in a huge vehicle who doesn't know how to manage all that size and power can be very dangerous. Just as we want everyone to stay healthy, we also want everyone to stay safe on the roads and that starts with teaching and coaching new drivers.

The purpose of the Street Survival School is to teach new drivers how to build good car control skills. We also want to help new drivers be aware of their bad habits and build new good habits. We want our students to be more aware of their driving. Ultimately we want to challenge our new drivers to be better drivers for the rest of their lives. Honestly, their lives and the lives of those drivers on the road around them depend on it.

We need drivers to help in this learning process. This is where our membership comes in. If saving the life of only one student is important to you, we need YOU to be an instructor. So save the date of May 30, 2020 for the Kansas City Region Street Survival School in Independence, Missouri. Need more incentive? Free lunch and a stylish yellow instructor shirt is provided. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Diehl, 816-225-5100 or pdiehl51@yahoo.com



MAY 30, 2020

KCRSCCA TIRE RACK STREET SURVIVAL SCHEDULE

8:00 AM: Set up table for student check in, area for car inspections, and site for driving exercises

9:00 AM: Classroom for all students

9:20-10:30 AM: Group 1 morning driving exercises; Group 2 classroom

10:45-11:55 AM: Group 1 classroom; Group 2 morning driving exercises

12:00-1:00 PM: Lunch Break; Reset driving exercises

1:10-2:20 PM: Group 1 afternoon driving exercises; Group 2 classroom

2:30 PM: Airbag Demonstration

2:35-3:45 pm: Group 1 classroom; Group 2 afternoon driving exercises

3:50 PM: All student to campus for certification and closeout

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.





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



UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting

March 26
7:00 pm

Teleconference

~~RallyCross Event #2~~

CANCELLED

~~March 28~~

~~Thunder Valley Sand Drags
Grain Valley, MO~~

~~Beer Rally~~

CANCELLED

~~March 28~~

~~Shawnee Mission Park
Shawnee, KS~~

Road Racing—Super Tour

April 4-5

Hallett Motor Racing Circuit
Hallett, OK

~~Solo Test & Tune~~

CANCELLED

~~April 4~~

~~MCC—Precision Driving
Independence, MO~~

~~Solo Event #1~~

CANCELLED

~~April 5~~

~~MCC—Precision Driving
Independence, MO~~

April 7

~~Solo Advisory Council Meeting~~

~~6:00 pm~~

~~Membership Meeting~~

~~7:30 pm~~

CANCELLED

~~Local Tap (next to Fuel)
7300 W 119th St
Overland Park, KS~~

Road Racing—Heartland
Spring Majors + TT & TE

April 18-19

Heartland Motorsports Park
Topeka, KS

~~Race Group Meeting~~

CANCELLED

~~April 21~~

~~7:30 pm~~

~~The Bar
6101 Johnson Drive
Mission, KS~~

Track Night in America

April 23
4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Heartland Motorsports Park
Topeka, KS



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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
Solo Advisory Council Meeting	May 5 6:00 pm	Local Tap (next to Fuel)
Membership Meeting	7:30 pm	7300 W 119th St Overland Park, KS
Track Night in America	May 14 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, KS
KS & KCR Solo SCCA MiDiv Presented by R&S/SPS (KCR Events #3 & #4)	May 16-17	Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, KS
Race Group Meeting	May 19 7:30 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Drive Mission, KS

Meet the Board:

Tara Young, Assistant RE



SCCA member since: 2015

KCR member since: 2015

KC Region Involvement:

- Board of Directors
- Solo Advisory Committee
- Chief of Registration
- Former Membership Chair
- Anything no one else wants to do

Highlights:

In five short years, I've worked my way into higher up positions and contributed everywhere I possibly can.

License Held: None

Personal:

My love for Autocross brought me into SCCA as a leader and a helper. I strive to help everyone in any way I can. I love to meet people and make sure that the events we all love so much are smooth and pleasing. I have had the pleasure of driving so many different vehicles and learning from so many wonderful drivers. I wouldn't trade this sport for anything in the world!



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

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