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*Kansas City Region SCCA*

*April Newsletter*

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# RE Comments



What a difference 60 days make. In late February the economy was thriving and we were all getting ready for another season of competition. Many of us had our cars ready and we had already purchased tires for our first events, and then the Coronavirus pandemic started. I remember hearing about it when I was in Las Vegas at the SCCA National Convention in January, and I was hoping I wouldn't be exposed, but I never imagined the scope of the consequences. Many have had their health and the health of their loved ones affected. Many have suffered the biggest financial disaster of their lives due to a situation that is out of their control, many have lost their jobs and livelihoods due to mandatory stay at home orders. That's all the bad news. During this time many people have had an opportunity to spend more time with their families and do a lot of the things they don't have time to do during their busy work, sports, and school schedules. This time is precious to all of us as we

make memories with our loved ones.

As we are starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel and the curve is flattening on the disease and the Governors are starting to release schedules to re-open the economy we have a lot of decisions to make about our upcoming events and the safety of our members and volunteers. The Board of Directors will be holding another Conference Call in lieu of our face to face meeting next Tuesday to discuss our plans. We are optimistic about our next Autocross event on May 31st, and our Majors Race and Time Trials Series Event at Heartland Motorsports Park on July 17-19. We will need to cancel our next General Meeting on May 5th due to restrictions on bars and we will be announcing a new location for our June meeting since the Local Tap has announced it will be closing permanently. (Keep an eye on our website and Facebook) I'm optimistic we can "get back to normal" sometime soon, and I hope our events will be well attended based on our membership's age and health risk factors. I checked the entries for the June Sprints yesterday and was excited to see 248 race entries. This proves there is pent up demand to get back on track and enjoy our passion. I do think things will be different for all of us after this, with an increased awareness for our health and the health of our loved ones. In the meanwhile stay safe and healthy and I look forward to seeing you at the track soon!

Mike McGinley, RE

# **JOIN US ONLINE AS WE HOST A VIRTUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & HAPPY HOUR**

**TUESDAY, MAY 5**

**7:30 PM**

**Register Now**

- 1. Register on MSR—It's Free**
- 2. You will get a confirmation email**
- 3. Save the email with the 'join link'**
- 4. You will get a calendar invite as a reminder**
- 5. On May 5, copy and paste the 'join link' into a web browser and join the meeting**

## **CATCH UP WITH RACE FRIENDS!**

**Listen to reports from the RE, Treasurer, Solo Chair, RallyCross Chair, and Road Race Chair**

# IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT with MARK HILL

## 200 WEAR RATING AX TIRES: RE-71 R vs RIVALS 1.5



“What’s the first thing I should do to make my car faster?” This is one of the most asked questions I get from novice or newish autocross drivers. I know what they are thinking...sway bar, shocks, exhaust etc. ...the car part, so I love to say, is the “nut holding the steering wheel,” then elaborate on “seat-time” (topics I’ll address in later additions of this column). But, I tell them, depending on their learning curve, tire selection is the biggest payoff.

For me, I took the two most popular tires at the time used in AX street tire class to see which was really the best. For this test, cost was not a factor...what I wanted was empirical data on the two most popular tires (if we ever get racing again, I’ll add the new Yokohama Advan AO52)... I’m talking about a back to back test, same car (2006 Evo 9), same driver (me), same course (Lincoln Air Park & timed to the thousandth), same day, same wheels (Enkei RPF1 17x9.5”), each set mounted with 255/40/17 tires--- BFG Rival S 1.5 and Bridgestone RE-71R, both previously scrubbed-in with one heat cycle. I ran the course 4 runs with a set of older 255mm BFG tires to get used to the course first and then mounted the RE-71s. I ran each tire 6 runs with 5 minutes between each run, noting times and subjective observations between runs. The course was a shortened, National style, 48ish second course. I started about 10 am. and it stayed around 75 degrees and was cloudy.

**MY DATA**-The winner was The Bridgestone RE-71R. **MY TAKE AWAY**-Bridgestone RE71Rs are 1 lb. lighter and ½” wider tread which is likely a plus. In my test, halfway thru the course on the very first run, the stones warmed up and started biting, allowing my car to feel balanced and trustworthy from then on. Successive runs told me these tires really hang on, covering small mistakes if I stepped over their limit. My car felt secure with power-on exits allowing me to roll on the gas sooner. In the slaloms, they were very stable (my driving style is to attack slaloms fast because at the Natl’s that can make all the difference). In the sweepers, I could push them hard without fear because I could tell when they were going to let go. And Bridgestone “pays”; so you win tire(s) in a payout schedule 1st,2nd,3rd if a minimum number of drivers are in your class at Tours and the Nationals, but not at a Pro-Solo, which is too bad.

The B.F. Goodrich Rival S 1.5s have 1mm less tread depth, so you may feel less initial “squirm” on them that lends to a crisp feel to them out of the box. However, the first run was quite a bit slower than the stones. These tires need more heat at lower ambient temperatures, but, if you are a two-driver car that solves that issue. If you are

a single driver and its 85 or 90+ degrees you'll be O.K. on them, I bet. But in the early spring and late fall events, you may have trouble getting them to stick to their potential. In the slaloms, these tires are nimble and gave me a quick turn-in on corners. In the sweepers they felt twitchy at their limit, and I had to be cautious how hard I pushed so as to not break loose suddenly. In throttle-on exits, my car felt loose and I was forced to be patient before I could get on the gas, which cost me time. Once warmed up and despite feeling generally crisp and fast through each run, the B.F.G.'s times proved to be about 2/10 a second slower than the stones. B.F.G.s "pays", but only for 1st place=2 tires at

Pro-Solos, Tours 1st-2 tires, 2nd=1 tire and at the Natl's. In a Pro-Solo with its back to back 4 run format, getting heat in them is not a problem, so that's a plus.

At the 2019 Nationals I took a quick count of 1st place finishes, there were 11 on B.F.G.s including 52 others winning trophies, eight on Stones including 53 winning trophies and eight on the new Yokahoma Advan A052 (which don't "pay") including 52 winning trophies. Temps were 82 to 93 degrees. Where all other classes had mixed tire use, nearly everyone runs B.F.G.'s in the 3 CAM classes. An interesting and puzzling fact was the top 12 drivers in STR and STS were all on the Yoks. Hmmm.

So, both tires are very fast and you could be right either way. Don't forget to compare tire prices in your size. In my experience, the Stones seem to last a little longer and at full tread, in the wet, they are definitely faster. Both the data & my subjective notes tell me the RE-71-R's are the best all-around tire.

FYI-The Tire Rack has a \$70 rebate on a set of 4 RE71-R and valid up to May 4, 2020. If you have a Firestone credit card, go to a Firestone store and they'll add \$30 more rebate. (note-check prices, one brand maybe as much as \$50 more for the same size) If your tire/wheel set-up is for AX only, skip the balancing, it's not needed for our speeds and will save you money.

The B.F.G.s "pay" at Pro-solos, and the stones don't. So, you could win tires at a Pro-Solo and a Championship at the Pro-Solo Finale (I won 8 B.F.G. tires one year) which is great. Both pay at the Nationals, but if you good enough to place that high, you have to decide, which tire could get you a SCCA champion jacket?

COMING UP-TIRE TEST IN THE RAIN! ---RE71R vs Michelin 4S (unofficial best street class "rain" tire.

See you out there!



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??**



# 2019 Awards Banquet At A Glance

## Part 1



Top Left: Announcers Lisa Kern & Tara Young; Top Right: Brad Smith, Jeremy Salenius, Dan Wheeler, James Cahill;  
Middle: A view of the banquet room as members mingle; Bottom Left: William & Barbara Correll;  
Bottom Middle: James Young; Bottom Right: Dick Berger, Paula Diehl, and Charlie Clark

# 2019 Region Awards



2019 New Member of the Year

Paul Sanguinett, pictured with Stephanie Manes



2019 Norma Williams Award of Excellence

David Williams

## 2019 BEST EVENT OF THE YEAR:

FORD v FERRARI Movie & Car Show

National RallyCross Tour

Unnaturally Aspirated Event



## 2019 OUTSTANDING CLUB MEMBERS:

Paula Diehl

Jessica Dorn

Chris Kern

Tara Young

Mike McGinley

Joe Parsons

Brad Smith

David Williams

Lisa Kern





# 2019 SOLO AWARD PHOTOS



James King  
AS—1st Place



Eric Moe  
BS—1st Place



Brian Strack  
DS—1st Place



Brian Tefft Jr.  
ES—1st Place



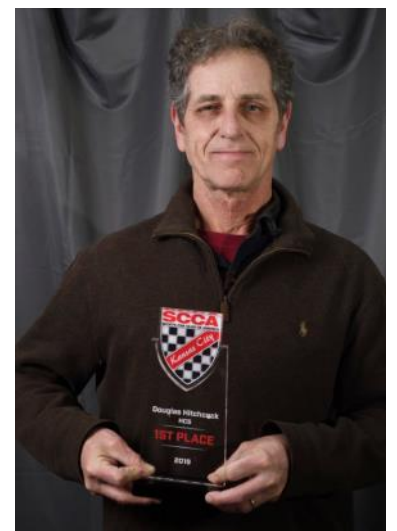
Bill Bauman  
ES—2nd Place



William Correll  
FS—1st Place



William Agnor  
GS— 1st Place



Doug Hitchcock  
HCS—1st Place





Paul Sanguinett  
ASP—1st Place



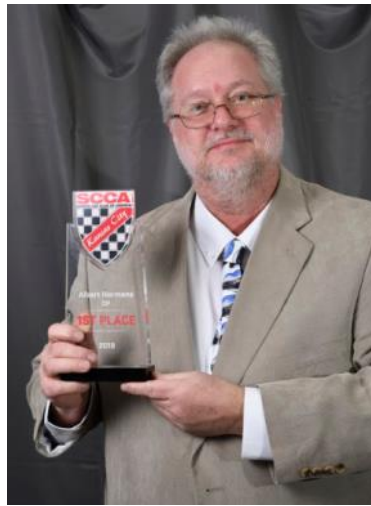
Larry Brady  
SSR—1st Place



Shane Cook  
CAM C—1st Place



Everett Watts  
XP—1st Place



Al Hermans  
CP—1st Place



Jonathan Griffith  
FP—1st Place



David Patience  
SMF—1st Place



Jeff Bartz  
SSM—1st Place



James Young  
EM—1st Place



Fred Watts  
KM—1st Place



Brad Smith, pictured with Dan Wheeler  
FM—1st Place



Lucas Hill  
JB—1st Place



Ruby Parsons  
JC—1st Place



Janet Bauman  
ESL—1st Place



Paula Diehl  
STUL—1st Place



Jared McCorkendale  
Novice—1st Place



Stephen Fudge  
Novice—2nd Place



Larry Brady  
Kone King





2019 Workers of the Year  
April Turner & Jonathan Griffith



2019 Novice of the Year  
Jared McCorkendale



2019 Most Improved Driver  
Eric Moe



2019 Solo Driver of the Year  
Mark Hill



2019 Mary Kay Ash Live Your Dream (Fast Female)  
Janet Bauman



2019 Junior Karter of the Year  
Trevor Watts



2019 Joe Tasler Spirit of the Sport  
Everett Watts



# **2019 SOLO AWARDS FULL LIST**

SS—1st Place: Glenn Beckerdite

AS—1st Place: James King

2nd Place: Frank Finks

BS—1st Place: Eric Moe

DS—1st Place: Brian Strack

2nd Place: Mark DeBoer

ES—1st Place: Brian Tefft, Jr.

2nd Place: Bill Bauman

FS—1st Place: William Correll

GS—1st Place: William Agnor

HCS—1st Place: Doug Hitchcock

STR—1st Place: Paul Florkowski

STU—1st Place: Mark Hill

SSP—1st Place: Vladimir Grebenyuk

ASP—1st Place: Paul Sanguinett

SSR—1st Place: Larry Brady

CAM C—1st Place: Shane Cook

2nd Place: Clifford Hagenhoff

CAM T—1st Place: Patrick Darling

XP—1st Place: Everett Watts

CP—1st Place: Al Hermans

FP—1st Place: Jonathan Griffith

SMF—1st Place: David Patience

SM—1st Place: Adam Luehrs

SSM—1st Place: Jeff Bartz

EM—1st Place: James Young

FM—1st Place: Brad Smith

KM—1st Place: Fred Watts

JB—1st Place: Lucas Hill

JC—1st Place: Ruby Parsons

ESL—1st Place: Janet Bauman

STUL—1st Place: Paula Diehl

NOVICE—1st Place: Jared McCorkendale

2nd Place: Stephen Fudge

KONE KING:

Larry Brady

WORKERS OF THE YEAR:

Jonathan Griffith & April Turner

NOVICE OF THE YEAR:

Jared McCorkendale

DRIVER OF THE YEAR:

Mark Hill

MOST IMPROVED DRIVER:

Eric Moe

MARY KAY ASH LIVE YOUR DREAM (FAST FEMALE):

Janet Bauman

JOE TASLER SPIRIT OF THE SPORT AWARD:

Everett Watts

# 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.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

~~RallyCross Event #3~~

**POSTPONED**

May 3

I-35 Speedway  
Winston, MO

May 5

~~Solo Advisory Council Meeting~~

6:00 pm

**CANCELLED**

Membership Meeting

May 5

7:30 pm

VIRTUAL MEETING

~~Track Night in America~~

**POSTPONED**

May 14

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Heartland Motorsports Park  
Topeka, KS

KS & KCR Solo SCCA MiDiv

May 16-17

**Presented by R&S/SPS (KCR Events #3 & #4)**

Heartland Motorsports Park  
Topeka, KS

Race Group Meeting

May 19

7:30 pm

The Bar  
6101 Johnson Drive  
Mission, KS

Board Meeting

May 26

7:00 pm

The Bar  
6101 Johnson Drive  
Mission, KS

~~Street Survival~~

**POSTPONED**

May 30

~~MCC—Precision Driving  
Independence, MO~~

Solo Event #5

May 31

MCC—Precision Driving  
Independence, MO

June 2

Solo Advisory Council Meeting

6:00 pm

TBD

Membership Meeting

7:30 pm





## UPCOMING EVENTS

RallyCross Event #4	June 14	TBD
Race Group Meeting	June 16 7:30 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Drive Mission, KS
<del>Track Night in America</del>	<del>June 18 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm</del>	<del>Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, KS</del>
	<b>POSTPONED</b>	
Solo Event #6	June 21	MCC—Precision Driving Independence, MO
Board Meeting	June 30 7:00 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Drive Mission, KS
Solo Advisory Council Meeting	July 7 6:00 pm	TBD
Membership Meeting	7:30 pm	
RallyCross Event #5	July 10-12	TBD
Track Night in America	July 17 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, KS
Road Racing—Heartland Spring Majors + TT & TE	July 17-19	Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, KS
Race Group Meeting	July 21 7:30 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Drive Mission, KS

# Meet the Board:

## Jessica Dorn, Treasurer



SCCA member since: 2013

KCR member since: 2013

### KC Region Involvement:

- Checkpoint Editor 2019-present
- Board Treasurer 2018-present
- Board Secretary 2015-2016
- Silent Auction Coordinator Halloweenie & Awards Banquet 2015-present

### Highlights:

- Helping build modified toy cars for Go Baby Go and seeing the cars being presented to the children and their families.
- 2nd place trophy in STFL at 2015 Nationals - I was driving a 2008 Mini Cooper, and it was a constant battle as myself and the 3rd place driver kept improving and edging the other out of the trophies with each run. I had the biggest smile when I pulled into grid after our final runs and found out I got 2nd!
- 2nd place trophy in FMOD at 2017 Nationals - Driving the DoofWagon and being part of TEAM DOOF was amazing, but this 2nd place trophy wasn't nearly as exciting as the first one.
- 2014 KCR Most Improved Solo Driver. Thanks Mark Hill!

### Personal:

I am an emergency medical and fire dispatcher for Johnson County Kansas. I have been fortunate enough to have adopted five of the best dogs in the universe, and they are my world. I spend my time researching ways to improve my dogs' lives while Jeremy researches how to make the car better—we make a pretty great team! I am excited to continue to work on and drive Jeremy's 1965 "Chord" Mustang. I also enjoy swimming at the lake, hiking, and visiting new state and national parks.



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

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