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Yea, it's 2021!! I can't remember a time when we entered a new year with more optimism. 2020 was a tough year, and I know many of our members lost loved ones—many taken well before their times by the Coronavirus. My prayers go out to you and your families.

As we launch into 2021, the vaccines are being distributed (my son-in-law who works at Menorah Hospital has already received the 1st round) and distribution plans are being developed by the states. Hopefully everyone that wants a vaccination can get one early in the year.

Our KC Region events start soon—January 24th to be exact with our first RallyCross of 2021. The RallyCross Advisory Committee has done a great job in 2020 and already have 12 events scheduled

for 2021, [check it out on our website](#). Al Hermans and the Solo Advisory Committee are working on locations for events in 2021, details to follow. For Road Racing, the schedule is out with 4 events currently scheduled for 2021 and maybe more to be scheduled. If you haven't reserved your Majors number or your MidAm number, I suggest you do so soon.

Elsewhere in this issue, I will comment on our Road Racing Champions for 2020. We will be distributing their trophies at 2021 events since we won't be having an awards banquet, but please congratulate them when you talk to them.

There are some big changes this year to the SCCA National Convention. The National Convention is all online and this year it's FREE. [Sign up here](#). The final schedule will be released January 8th, but I'm sure everyone will get a lot out of it.

Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing you at an event in 2021.

Mike McGinley, RE

2021 Election Results

The ballots were counted at the close of the 2020 Annual Membership Meeting. A total of 45 ballots were cast and the newly elected officials were announced:

Board of Directors:

RE—Mike McGinley
Assistant RE—Bill Johnson
Treasurer—Jessica Dorn
Secretary—Ed Nicholson
Director—Chris Kern
Director—Lisa Kern
Director—Donna Cross



Solo Advisory Committee:

Al Hermans
Paula Diehl

RallyCross Advisory Committee:

Niles Davis
Clarisa Votipka

REMINDER:

We have decided to cancel in-person general membership 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 December 29, 2020 to stay up-to-date. Our secretary is working hard to get these minutes finalized and posted [online](#). If they are not on the website, please check back.

THANK YOU & STAY SAFE!

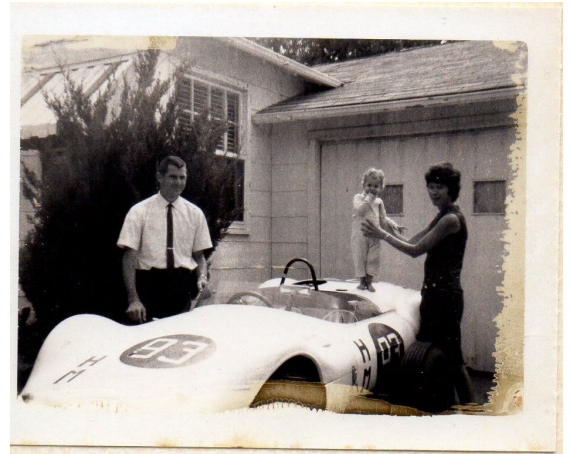
The Story Behind the Award:

Glen Shepard Most Improved Driver

by Bill Johnson

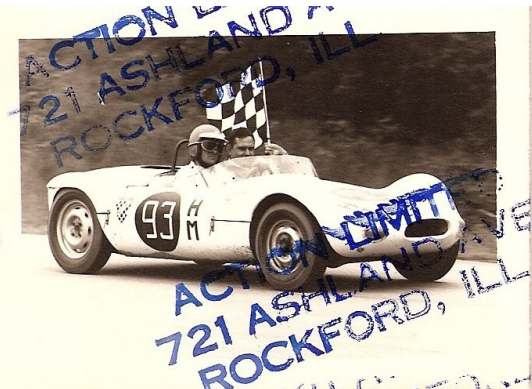
The Glen Shepard Most Improved Driver award is given by the regions race group to the road racing driver, typically a newer driver, that shows the most improvement in driving over the course of a year.

Glen was born in Aserdeen, South Dakota in 1938 and was educated in a one room school house for 8 years. In August of 1956 he joined the Navy and was stationed at bases in Point Mugu, CA, Midway Island and Olathe, Kansas. He was discharged from the Navy in 1961 and moved to KC. While working as a doorman in 1962 at The Old Heidelberg bar in KC he met Barbara Boylan, a TWA "hostess", who was there drinking with her hostess friends. He ended up giving her a ride home in his Porsche 356B. They were married in 1963.



Glen and family around the race car

Glen attended his first SCCA race in 1961 at Lake Garnett and was not satisfied being just a spectator. He got his SCCA competition license in 1964 in Inid, Oklahoma and his first race was at Greenwood Roadway in his 1962 Austin Healey Sprite. A year later, a days after I was born, he won his first race at Greenwood in his H Mod Jabro. This same year, 1965, Glen finished 2nd in the Midwest Div in H Mod and went to the ARRC at Daytona, where he finished 6th. In 1971 he bought an E Production Alfa Romeo and took that to the Road Atlanta Runoffs in November, where he finished in 16th place. His last race car was an Elden CSR with a 1300cc Fiat engine. He won several races with this car at Lake Afton, Hutchinson and Hallett....hung up the driver's suit in 1979.



Glen driving his 1963 Sprint

Glen owned Midwest Trophy King for over 20 years and was the supplier of all awards for the KC Region and all over the KC metro area. Thru that period trophies were big and beautiful and worth proudly displaying. Glen graciously donated trophies for the region's annual awards banquet and of course donated the traveling trophy given in his name.

After selling his business he became a school bus driver for the Shawnee Mission School district in 2000 and is still driving today. Going from race cars to a school bus might seem odd to some but according to his son Kyle, “he wasn’t doing much after he sold his business and was wanting some additional income so he thought about what



Glen Shepard receiving his 50 year pin in 2014 from Sharlene Smith

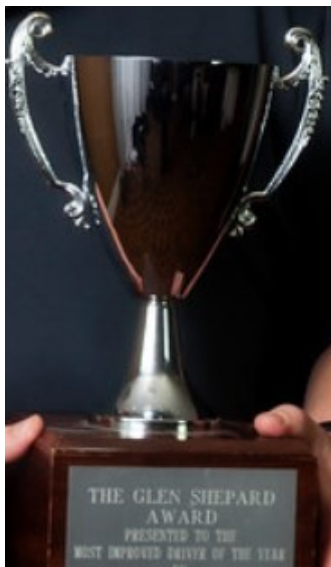
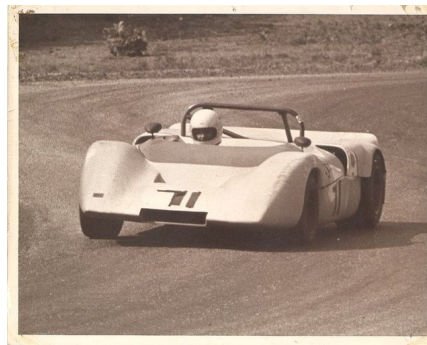
he was good at.....driving. He started the job and immediately liked it. The schedule got him out of the house early with a big break in the middle of the day before the afternoon route. He loves driving the sports teams because he likes to watch the games and track meets. And the athletes and coaches like him because they say he's the only driver who leaves the bus to watch them. It has also helped him stay pretty sharp, I think. My mom has enjoyed having him out of the house during the day.”

He got into sailing and bicycle riding in the 1980's. Glen is a two-time finisher of the Paris Brest Paris 1200 kilometer bike race, one of the oldest bike races in the world. He also finished the Team Race Across America Bike Race in 1996.



Glen competing in a bike race

For his love of driving and his contribution to the region, The Most Improved Driver is given in his name.



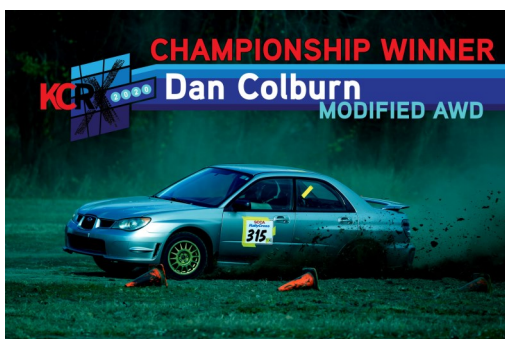
Left: The Glen Shepard Award Trophy
Above: compilation of Glen with his 1963 Sprite

2020 KCRX Champions

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Novice—Evan Masher—2014 Hyundai Genesis
Stock Front—Vincent Woska—1992 Dodge Shadow ES
Stock Rear—Mark Macoubrie—1999 Porsche 911 C2
Stock All—Kevin Brown—2001 Subaru Impreza 2.5RS
Prepared Front—Ian Jennings—1987 Toyota Corolla FX16
Prepared Rear—Howie Johnson—1995 BMW 318ti
Prepared All—Mark Hill—2017 Ford Focus RS
Modified Front—Erik Votipka—2004 Mini Cooper S
Modified Rear—Ryan Redenbaugh—1985 Toyota Corolla
Modified All—Dan Colburn—2006 Subaru Impreza



2020 Road Racing Champions

by Mike McGinley

Rocky Entriken, our MidAm Pointskeeper, sends the RE a report each year detailing the accomplishments of that Regions Road Racing, Solo, and Time Trials drivers. I will share Rocky's comments (with a couple of my own) about Road Racing in this issue.

This year all MiDiv races were doubleheaders—the Hoosier Super Tour in late May at World Wide Technology Speedway, the Hallett Majors in June, the Heartland Majors in July, and MidAm races at World Wide in September. A driver's best 7 races are scored, the maximum possible points is 175. To win a championship, the drivers must compete at 2 different tracks at events held by different Regions.



Champions:

Mark Kirby—Grand Touring 2 Champion, Dodge Viper, 142 points. Ran all 3 MiDiv Majors, with 4 wins and two 2nd place finishes. Won Saturday at WWT (while setting a new track record at 1:02.469), won both days at Hallett, and won Sunday at Heartland. He is one of eight drivers qualified for the John Saucier award.

Charlie Peter—Touring 2 Champion, BMW 235i Racing, 100 points. Ran the Hallett and Heartland Majors and won all 4 races. He is also one of eight drivers qualified for the John Saucier award.

John Cote Jr.—Spec Racer Ford 3 Champion, SRF3, 76 points, Won both days at the Heartland Majors.

Steven Wiles—Grand Touring 1 Champion, Cadillac CTS, 67 points. Won on Sunday at the Heartland Majors (after Saturday DNF), and got 2nd both days at WWT.

Champions (no awards):

Bill Johnson—Formula Continental Champion, Van Diemen RF01, 50 points. Only raced at WWT Majors, winning both days.

2nd Place:

Gary Cook—2nd in E Production, Ford Pinto, 68 points. Placed 3rd both days at the Hallett Majors, 5th both days the Heartland Majors.

Carl Hayward—2nd in Spec Racer Ford 3, SRF3, 64 points. Top finished were a 2nd and a 3rd at the Heartland Majors.

David Vincent—2nd in Formula 500, KBS Mk. VII, 50 points. Won both days at the Hallett Majors.

2nd Place (no awards):

Roy Lopshire—2nd in GT Light, Toyota Tercel, 71 points. 2nd on Saturday at the WWT Majors, won both days at the WWT MidAm. (Did not race a second track).

3rd Place:

Ed Nicholson—3rd in Grand Touring Light, Nissan 200SX, 59 points. He had a 4th and a 2nd at WWT, DNF at Hallett, then 2nd again at Heartland.

Tim Friest—3rd in Formula 500, KBS Mk. VII, 42 points. Finished 2nd both days at the Heartland Majors.

Congratulations to all and thank you for racing with us in 2020.



2021 KCRX Tentative Schedule

Event #1	Sunday, January 24	Grain Valley Sand Drags	Register for #1
Event #2	Sunday, February 28	I-35 Speedway or StoneGate Motorplaza	
Event #3	Sunday, March 28	Riverside, MO	
Event #4	Sunday, April 18	Joint event with KS Region, site TBA	
Event #5	Sunday, May 2	site TBA	
Event #6	June 12 and/or 13	Riverside, MO	
Event #7	Sunday, July 25	Riverside, MO	
Event #8	Sunday, August 15	Riverside, MO	
Event #9	Sunday, September 12	site TBA	
Event #10	Sunday, October 17	Grain Valley Sand Drags	
Event #11	Sunday, November 7 or 21	Grain Valley Sand Drags	
Event #12	Sunday, December 5	Riverside, MO	

*Tentative schedule is subject to change.





Mark your calendars today and plan to attend our U.S. Majors Tour Road Racing/ Time Trials Event on May 14-16, 2021 at Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka.

Kaw Valley Race Group is proud to announce our 2021 Mid-States U.S. Majors Tour and MiDiv Time Trials Series at Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka May 14-16, 2021. We will be running the 2.5 mile "Runoffs" course all weekend.

The Heartland Spring Majors/Time Trials Series is a 3-day event featuring a test day from 9am-2pm Friday, SCCA's Track Night in America from 4-8pm Friday, and the U.S. Majors Tour and MiDiv Time Trials event Saturday and Sunday.

Online registration will be available on [Motorsportsreg.com](https://motorsportsreg.com) in the future.



Kansas City Region SCCA

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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!



UPCOMING EVENTS

~~Race Group Meeting~~

~~January 19~~

~~TBD~~



KCRX Event #1

January 24

Grain Valley Sand Drags

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Board Meeting

January 26

Virtual Meeting

7:00 pm

~~Solo Advisory Council Meeting~~

~~February 2~~

~~6:00 pm~~

~~TBD~~

~~General Membership Meeting~~

~~7:30 pm~~



~~Race Group Meeting~~

~~February 16~~

~~TBD~~



Board Meeting

February 23

Virtual Meeting

7:00 pm

KCRX Event #2

February 28

I-35 Speedway OR

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Stonegate Motorplaza

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