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*February Newsletter*

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# RE Comments



Welcome to March 2021! We are just a few weeks away from the beginning of Spring, and less than 50 days away from the first Road Race event in the Mid States Conference, the Hoosier Super Tour April 17-18 at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. If you haven't done so already, register today [here](#).

Registration has been open about a week and as of this morning, 61 people have entered. Shortly after that, our own KVRG Spring Majors and Time Trial Series will be May 14-16 at Heartland Motorsports Park in Topeka. Registration may be open by the time you read this [here](#). The Time Trials Series registration will be opening shortly as well.

SCCA National office is doing something new this year with a live Kick-Off Event for Track Night in America. Registration opens at 11am Central time on Monday March 1st for April and May which are the first 2 of the 7 Track Night in America (TNiA) events in 2021. At 10:45am Central time they are throwing a live stream Launch Party and giving away some great prizes. As many of you know, the Track Night events fill up fast and are limited to about 90 entries per event, so be ready Monday March 1st and register online for the events you want to attend [here](#). Join the Live Stream Party Launch and get all the details [here](#).

I've talked to a lot of Club Members and I know many have either been fully or partially vaccinated by now, and many of us are patiently waiting for our phase in the rotation. We are still postponing our face-to-face General meetings until later this year as people get more comfortable getting together and once our meeting venues allow meetings with more than 25 people. We'll keep you posted. We really need workers for our May KVRG Road Race and Time Trials event at Heartland Park and we expect a great turnout of racers again this year. If you know someone that is interested have them contact Chris Kern at [chriskscga@gmail.com](mailto:chriskscga@gmail.com) to find out more.

Thanks for your continued support of the Club and I hope to see you at an event soon.

Mike McGinley, RE

# *IN THE DRIVER'S SEAT with MARK HILL*

## SCRATCHING THE ITCH—WHERE TO AUTOCROSS IN MARCH

(Hurry! Our season starts Saturday, March 13th)



If you are like me, I've gone crazy waiting three months to get back on course. I will be so rusty, my first couple of events will be jerky and full of mistakes. What's worse, if they're points events, I'm (you are) leaving the door wide open to our competitors—unless you utilize a secret: go to six autocross events in March!...and, oh yeah, scratch that itch.

That's right. March 2021 is chock-full of regional Autocross events around here. Though, I might add, that by the time you are reading this, the KC region will have already scheduled two Rally Cross events (one of which had to be cancelled due to weather) with their third event scheduled for March 28. If you're looking to scratch that itch—you can also give Rally Cross a try. In RX, you get 8 to 12 runs for \$35, it's more fun than AX, it helps knock the rust off, and you get to look out your side windows...a lot. You can do it with a \$500 car with stock shocks, junk yard wheels, on used snow tires...or do more, if you want. Come on out to an event and I'll buy you a hot lunch and give you a "hold-on-to-something" roller coaster style, clawing-away ride. Uh...well...maybe you should eat after the ride...

This is what is available in March (always check the region's web-site and your e-mail before travelling). All these are close enough (with some only \$25 for 5-6 runs) that I get my car ready the day before, and I just get up and drive the morning of, so no motel. Tip: listening to audio-books make the miles fly by fast!

### **March 13th and 14th**

A Test 'n Tune Saturday followed by an AX Sunday. Wichita region site in Yoker, KS at the Hutchinson Naval Air Station. \$25 for 5-6, 50-60 second runs. 3 hours from KC. It's a concrete run-way a mile long, and wider than the Salina Region site. Expect long slaloms, big offsets with a large sweeper. Two to three heats of National style speeds for car set up and practice. I like the site because the age and texture of the concrete is the exact same as Lincoln Air Park (LAP) and with National speeds, it's good practice. Since slaloms can make or break a win for a driver, it seems we want to be good at them, so the more the better.

### **March 14th**

A Test 'n Tune on Sunday. Saint Louis region site in Saint Charles, MO (a suburb of St. Louis and on this side of it). \$65 and limited to the first 50 entries. 3 hours from KC. A straight shot East on I-70 without getting into traffic and just off the Interstate. It's the parking lot of Family Arena...a concert/tradeshows/sporting events place. Grippy asphalt, not bumpy, huge lot. In AX events, it's \$45 for 6, 50-60 second runs. There is a cool, high-up area to watch from, like no other site around. Three heats of fast, National style speeds, but the site is so big you still get long runs. Past events are done by 3pm or so, even with 100+ cars, due to their well-run events.

### **March 20th and 21st**

A Test 'n Tune Saturday, followed by an AX Sunday. Salina Region site in Salina, KS at Berkley Family Recreation Area (formally the East Crawford Rec Area)...same place, new name. It's literally a straight shot West on I-70. The TnT is free with Sunday's AX entry (\$15 without), though it's 20+ seconds long instead of 45+ like other places. Sunday's AX is \$25 for 5-6, 45-60 second runs. 2.5 hours from KC. It's a mile-long concrete run-way of a former airport. Two heats, sometimes three, of National style speeds for car set-up. Another place for class-winning slalom practice. Grippiest (is that even a word?) concrete I have ever driven on. You can bring old tires and they perform like they still have tread. You should be out of there by 2-3pm.

### **March 21st**

An AX on Sunday. North-East Oklahoma Region (NEOKLA) site in Tulsa, OK at the Tulsa Fairgrounds (Fair Meadows horse track). \$35 for 8, 50-60 second runs! 3.5 hours from KC. It's the parking "infield" of a horse track. Medium grip asphalt, a little bumpy, but not as much as Heartland Motorsports Park. Medium speed runs similar to KC Region. There are curbed islands sprinkled around this huge site, but they stay away from them. You get very twisty, fun AX courses here. They do all 8 runs in succession, 4 class and 4 PAX. It's a blast. The bad news is they do two heats, which are long because of all the runs. The good news is...you get all of those runs!...and are done by 3pm or so.

### **March 27th and 28th**

An AX on Saturday and Sunday. Nebraska Region site in Lincoln, NE at LAP. \$35 for 5-6, 50-70 second runs. 3 hours 15 minutes from KC. Grippy concrete tarmac of an active Air and Army-reserve air-base. National style speeds because most often it IS a former National course you will be running! Generally, three heats and all done by 4pm. This is AX mecca...50 acres of concrete and by my count, this year will have six, two-day Nebraska Region AX events there (at least one Saturday, it's a TnT). These double-headers do not even count any single day events or the TIRE RACK Pro Solo/ Spring Nationals, a divisional, and the TIRE RACK Pro Solo Finale/Solo Nationals. Bring a bike. 'Nuff said.

There you go.

\*\*\*Hey if this is your first look at IN THE DRIVER SEAT with MARK HILL, make sure to check out past 2020 issues of the CHECKPOINT for go-fast techniques, seat time tips, tires tests, etc. I've got something in almost every issue since last March.

See you out there!



4-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??**



### **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 January 26, 2021 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!**



**2021****Series**

## **2021 SPS and R&S Racing MiDiv Solo Series**

April 24-25	Kansas Region	Heartland Motorsports Park—Topeka, KS
June 5-6	Wichita Region	Sunflower Aerodrome—Hutchinson, KS
June 26-27	St. Louis Region	Family Arena—St. Charles, MO
July 17-18	NeOkla Region	Davis Field—Muskogee, OK
August 14-15	Nebraska Region	Lincoln Airpark—Lincoln, NE

Unless directed otherwise by the national office and/or the governing local authority, SCCA Covid protocols will be observed at all events.

## **2021 MidAm Championship Schedule**

April 17-18	Super Tour @ Hallett (AVRG)
May 15-16	Majors @ Heartland (KVRG)
June 19-20	Majors @ World Wide (St. Louis)
July 10-11	MidAm @ Heartland (KVRG)
July 24-25	MidAm @ Hallett (AVRG)
August 7-8	MidAm @ World Wide (St. Louis)



## **2021 RallyCross—TBA**

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## 2021 Time Trials Series Schedule

May 15-16 KVRG @ Heartland Motorsports Park

June 19-20 St. Louis @ World Wide Raceway

July 10-11 KVRG @ Heartland Motorsports Park

July 24-25 AVRГ @ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit

August 7-8 St. Louis @ World Wide Raceway



# 2021 Track Night in America Schedule

## Heartland Motorsports Park—Topeka, KS

April 22

May 14

June 17

July 9

August 19

September 14

October 14



# 2021 KCRX Tentative Schedule



Event #2	<del>Sunday, February 28</del>	<del>Grain Valley Sand Drags</del>
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

## Driven by Volunteers since 1952

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

KCRX Event #2



February 28

Grain Valley Sand Drags

March 2

Solo Advisory Council Meeting

6:00 pm

TBD



General Membership Meeting

7:30 pm

Race Group Meeting

March 16

TBD



KCRX Event #3

March 28

Riverside, MO

Board Meeting

March 30

Virtual Meeting

7:00 pm

April 6

Solo Advisory Council Meeting

6:00 pm

TBD



General Membership Meeting

7:30 pm

Race Group Meeting

April 20

TBD



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