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BACK TO RACING, FINALLY!

Last weekend was a great time at the Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. The AVRГ did a great job with the Green County Grand Prix, aka the Hoosier Super Tour at Hallett. You can read the race recaps elsewhere in this issue courtesy of Ed Nicholson, our Board Secretary.

After a rainy start on the Friday test day, Saturday and Sunday provided great weather for racing—not too cold and dry. They had a record 179 entries. It was great getting together with my crew, Jeff Kopp and Dave Jones, and seeing all the SCCA friends missed during the Covid lockdown/fear. Most people are fully vaccinated

and excited about getting back to normal. I need to thank Mark Kirby, a fellow GT2 driver and competitor, for allowing me to share his carport rather than camping in the mud. I'd say I let him win both days, but he knows better.

Our next event is in less than 3 weeks, the Heartland Spring Majors and MiDiv Time Trials Series May 14-16. Links to registration can be found on our website at kcrscca.org or below. Track Night in America is on Friday at 4pm after our test day.

Road Race and Worker Registration can be found [here](#).

Time Trials Registration can be found [here](#).

Come on out, it will be a great weekend!

Mike McGinley, RE

The Story Behind the Award:

Tom Holstrom Regional Driver of the Year

by Bill Johnson

The Tom Holstrom Regional Driver of the Year award is given by the region's race group to the most accomplished regional road racing driver in a given year.

Tom Holstrom, aka "Big Tom" to his friends, graduated from the University of Kansas as a chemical engineer. Tom had an exceptional business career and ended up Vice President of Engineering at PBI Gordon Corporation.

In the late 70's Tom was building drag racing engines for a partner's funny car. At the time he was Dick Bergers manager, and Dick talked him into coming out to drive his car, a Corvair of course, in an autocross. Tom liked it so much he decided to build a Corvair on his own. He started with the engine. About the same time Charlie Clark who was already doing both autocross and road racing, also in a Corvair, was in need of an engine for his car and a partnership that lasted almost 35 years was born.

Tom ran the Solo Nationals six times, in 1979 and 1981-85. In '79 he co-drove with Clark Townsend. All the other years he co-drove with Charlie Clark. He trophied once, 1981, 4th in E Modified (Charlie was 2nd).

In Club Racing, Tom was the first recipient in 1990 of the MiDiv Corner Worker's Choice Award, selected by vote of the workers at each race. The award that year was one of Clancy Schmidt's Speedwagon trailers. Tom then auctioned off the trailer so he could donate the proceeds to the Scott Liebler Memorial fund.

Tom raced the Corvair with Charlie in the Mid-Am Championship Regional racing for many years, while Charlie drove the Nationals. He was Mid-Am D Production Champion twice (1981, 1983), GT3 Champion eight times (1986-1993).

One of Tom's most notable racing accomplishments was a stretch where he won 33 consecutive regional races. At the time our Midiv road racing format ran a Regional race on Saturday and then a National race on Sunday, of course all the national drivers also raced on Saturday to get track time for Sunday. To win 33 regional races in a row you had to best not just the other regional drivers but all of the national drivers running as well. Surprisingly, Tom never ran a National race.

Rocky Entriiken specifically remembers a race at Hallett, late in the year when they were running the Bass Ackward (clockwise direction). Temps overnight had been below freezing, and by race time were only in the upper 30's. At the start, they were running uphill on the front straight. Tom had not qualified well, but at the green he pulled out to pass several cars, essentially running on the pavement we usually think of as pit-out and then onto the grass under the starter stand. The pit-out had a row of small pylons dividing that pavement from the track. Tom, an experienced autocrosser, had no concern about hitting pylons but they were frozen. He mowed down the entire row, one by one, and each frozen cone literally exploded as he hit them. Six rapid-fire orange explosions – BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM – as he raced up the track. That's how you win 33 races in a row!

His mechanical abilities and his love for cars were passed on to his son, Aaron, the owner of Bob Hindson Racing here in Kansas City.

For all he represented as a racer, a sportsman, and a friend, the Regional Driver of the Year award is named after Tom Holstrom.

REMINDER:

The Board is evaluating our plans to resume General Membership Meetings as restrictions change. We have decided to cancel in-person meetings until further notice, but look forward to seeing you all again.

Please check out our Meeting Minutes from the April Board Meeting 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!

Green County Grand Prix:

Hoosier Super Tour April 17-18, 2021

by Ed Nicholson

On the eve of recovering from the Covid 19 pandemic, myself and 179 others converged on Hallett Motor Racing Circuit in Jennings, Oklahoma for the annual Green County Grand Prix an SCCA Hoosier Super Tour event. This event did not get to take place last year, as the county shut down for the pandemic just before the race weekend. So, like many of you after the long 2020 year, I am heartened to make my first event of the year and look forward to as many SCCA events as possible for Road Racing, Solo, Rally X, and Road Rally. Of course at this time, we must still be diligent by wearing our mask and social distancing, but I feel we are nearing the time when we can gather again.

After a very soggy test day Friday, Saturday was dry but overcast with the temps only hitting the mid 50's. Myself and the other drivers I had a chance to talk to were all faced with a cold, slick race track and left struggling to grip. All qualifying sessions had off track excursions to greater and lesser degrees.



Mike McGinley's paddock.

The afternoon temperatures were a little high, but the racing was hot with good competition in the seven race groups. You can see the results for each group at the following link <https://www.scca.com/events/1998122-ark-valley-race-group-hoosier-scca-super-tour-hallett-motor-racing-circuit>.



Jim Wheeler and Brian Haupt on grid.



Oh, what a feeling! Ed Nicholson's car and trophy.

Saturday Group 1

Position	Number	PIC	Class	Name	Hometown	Make-Model	Region	Laps	Best Time
1	66	1	T2	Charlie Peter	Olathe, KS	BMW 235i	KCR	18	1:22.247
6	4	1	STL	Stephen Johnson	Leawood, KS	Mazda Miata	KCR	17	1:27.181
11	58	5	T2	Larry Brady	Olathe, KS	Chevrolet Corv	KCR	17	1:27.106

Saturday Group 2

Position	Number	PIC	Class	Name	Hometown	Make-Model	Region	Laps	Best Time
6	42	1	FC	Bill Johnson	Leawood, KS	Van Diemen RF	KCR	20	1:15.981

Saturday Group 3

Position	Number	PIC	Class	Name	Hometown	Make-Model	Region	Laps	Best Time
18	55	18	SM	Joshua Holsworth	Overland Park, KS	Mazda Miata	KCR	17	1:31.361
29	124	6	B-Spec	Chuck Davis	Overland Park, KS	Honda Fit	KCR	15	1:39.251

Saturday Group 4

Position	Number	PIC	Class	Name	Hometown	Make-Model	Region	Laps	Best Time
18	9	18	SRF3	Tyler Fox	Kansas City, MO	SCCA Enterpris	KCR	19	1:23.240
32	2	32	SRF3	Jim Cote Sr	Stanley, KS	SCCA Enterpris	KCR	15	1:26.154
34	129	34	SRF3	Carl Hayward	Olathe, KS	SCCA Enterpris	KCR	19	1:22.049
35	20	35	SRF3	Jim Cote, Jr	Overland Park, KS	SCCA Enterpris	KCR	19	1:22.125
38	14	38	SRF3	Robin Kirkland	Parkville, MO	SCCA Enterpris	KCR	19	1:23.423

Saturday Group 5

Position	Number	PIC	Class	Name	Hometown	Make-Model	Region	Laps	Best Time
3	21	1	GT2	Mark Kirby	Shawnee Mission, KS	Dodge Viper	KCR	18	1:19.238
14	15	3	GT3	Brian Haupt	Spring Hill, KS	Mazda RX7	KCR	16	1:28.387
19	50	5	GT2	Mike McGinley	Overland Park, KS	Chevrolet Corv	KCR	18	1:20.122
24	20	6	AS	Jim Wheeler	Lenexa, KS	Pontiac TransA	KCR	9	1:28.966

Saturday Group 6

Position	Number	PIC	Class	Name	Hometown	Make-Model	Region	Laps	Best Time
1	41	1	FF	Cliff Johnson	Stilwell, KS	Piper DF-5	KCR	16	1:23.794
3	73	1	F5	David Vincent	Leavenworth, KS	KBS Mk VII	KCR	16	1:26.507
5	86	2	F5	Timothy Friest	Leavenworth, KS	KBS Mk VII	KCR	16	1:26.715

Saturday Group 7

Position	Number	PIC	Class	Name	Hometown	Make-Model	Region	Laps	Best Time
5	36	3	FP	Cliff Ira	Kansas City, MO	Honda Civic De	KCR	18	1:26.104
15	0	1	GTL	Ed Nicholson	Kansas City, MO	Nissan 200SX	KCR	16	1:33.844

The post race festivities this year are still following the CDC guidelines for masking and social distance. Dinner was grab and go, but the outdoor pavilion was being used as best as possible for the sharing of the day's events and renewing acquaintances. I am sure a few adult beverages were consumed and a lot of bench racing/track gossip occurred. Yes, it feels much closer to normal than last year.

Sunday was a jewel as the clouds cleared and the sun shone on the track. With the improved conditions, the competition was close and lap times improved from Saturday. There were two notables from our region as Charlie Peter in T2 and Cliff Ira in FF dominated from poll on both days winning class and overall for their sessions.

Sunday Group 1

Position	Number	PIC	Class	Name	Hometown	Make-Model	Region	Laps	Best Time
1	66	1	T2	Charlie Peter	Olathe, KS	BMW 235i	KCR	26	1:21.654
11	4	3	STL	Stephen Johnson	Leawood, KS	Mazda Miata	KCR	25	1:26.580
12	58	5	T2	Larry Brady	Olathe, KS	Chevrolet Corv	KCR	25	1:27.092

Sunday Group 2

Position	Number	PIC	Class	Name	Hometown	Make-Model	Region	Laps	Best Time
1	42	1	FC	Bill Johnson	Leawood, KS	Van Diemen RF	KCR	19	1:15.128

Sunday Group 3

Position	Number	PIC	Class	Name	Hometown	Make-Model	Region	Laps	Best Time
12	55	12	SM	Joshua Holsworth	Overland Park, KS	Mazda Miata	KCR	24	1:30.303
26	124	9	B-Spec	Chuck Davis	Overland Park, KS	Honda Fit	KCR	22	1:37.381

Sunday Group 4

Position	Number	PIC	Class	Name	Hometown	Make-Model	Region	Laps	Best Time
22	9	22	SRF3	Tyler Fox	Kansas City, MO	SCCA Enterpris	KCR	25	1:22.866
27	2	27	SRF3	Jim Cote Sr	Stanley, KS	SCCA Enterpris	KCR	18	1:25.829
28	20	28	SRF3	Jim Cote Jr	Overland Park, KS	SCCA Enterpris	KCR	26	1:22.230
29	129	29	SRF3	Carl Hayward	Olathe, KS	SCCA Enterpris	KCR	26	1:22.384
32	14	32	SRF3	Robin Kirkland	Parkville, MO	SCCA Enterpris	KCR	26	1:23.010

Sunday Group 5

Position	Number	PIC	Class	Name	Hometown	Make-Model	Region	Laps	Best Time
3	21	1	GT2	Mark Kirby	Shawnee Mission, KS	Dodge Viper	KCR	21	1:18.588
5	50	2	GT2	Mike McGinley	Overland Park, KS	Chevrolet Corv	KCR	21	1:19.258
24	15	5	GT3	Brian Haupt	Spring Hill, KS	Mazda RX7	KCR	15	1:27.983

Sunday Group 6

Position	Number	PIC	Class	Name	Hometown	Make-Model	Region	Laps	Best Time
1	41	1	FF	Cliff Johnson	Stilwell, KS	Piper DF-5	KCR	26	1:21.566
4	86	1	F5	Timothy Friest	Leavenworth, KS	KBS Mk VII	KCR	26	1:24.946
5	73	2	F5	David Vincent	Leavenworth, KS	KBS Mk VII	KCR	25	1:24.014

Saturday Group 7

Position	Number	PIC	Class	Name	Hometown	Make-Model	Region	Laps	Best Time
5	36	3	FP	Cliff Ira	Kansas City, MO	Honda Civic De	KCR	25	1:26.173
15	0	1	GTL	Ed Nicholson	Kansas City, MO	Nissan 200SX	KCR	23	1:31.867



Bill Johnson's paddock.



Steve Johnson's paddock.

Announcing the 2021 KCR SCCA Solo Schedule

The Solo Advisory Council has secured use of the MCC Precision Driving Center for solo events. They are planning a total of 10 events plus a test and tune. The dates are not locked in with a contract yet, but they are 99% sure that the following dates are good.

Test & Tune — May 22

Event #1 — May 23

Event #2 — June 19

Event #3 & #4 — July 31 & August 1

Event #5 & #6 — August 21 & 22

Event #7 & #8 — September 18 & 19

Event #9 & #10 — October 23 & 24 (Halloweenie)

As usual, we will need event chairs, chiefs, and other additional help to pull this off so anyone who wants to volunteer time and effort will be appreciated. Until directed otherwise by the national office and the Independence Health Department, we will be observing appropriate Covid guidelines which includes masks, distancing, and hand sanitizing. Those who repeatedly refuse to comply will be asked to leave the site. This is the only site we have at this time, and if we lose it because of bad behavior, those responsible will be in the doghouse for a long time. Part of the restrictions for us is limited personnel beyond drivers. Those who usually come with large entourages may need to curtail that until we are allowed larger groups. Also, until the national office allows it, walk up registrations will not be accepted. All registrations will need to be online for the time being. As more information becomes available, we will share it via Facebook, the region website, and e-mail blasts. Registration should open soon for the first weekend, stay tuned for more information. If there are any questions, the SAC can be reached at solo@kcrscca.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

KCRX Event #5

May 2

I35 Speedway
Winston, MO

~~May 4~~

~~Solo Advisory Council Meeting~~

~~6:00 pm~~

~~TBD~~

~~General Membership Meeting~~

~~7:30 pm~~



Road Racing & Time Trials
U.S. Majors Tour

May 14-16

Heartland Motorsports Park
Topeka, KS

~~Race Group Meeting~~

~~May 18~~

~~TBD~~



KCR Solo Test & Tune

May 22

Precision Driving Center
MCC—Independence, MO

KCR Solo Event #1

May 23

Precision Driving Center
MCC—Independence, MO

KCRX Event #6

May 23

Thunder Valley Sand Drags
Grain Valley, MO

Board Meeting

May 25

Virtual Meeting

7:00 pm



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.



2021 KCRX Tentative Schedule

Event #5	Sunday, May 2	I-35 Speedway Winston, MO
Event #6	Sunday, May 23	Thunder Valley Sand Drags Grain Valley, MO
Event #7	June 26-27	Divisionals Riverside, MO
Event #8	Sunday, July 25	Riverside, MO
Event #9	Sunday, August 15	Riverside, MO
Event #10	Sunday, September 12	I-35 Speedway Winston, MO
Event #11	Sunday, October 17	Thunder Valley Sand Drags Grain Valley, MO
Event #12	Sunday, November 7	Thunder Valley Sand Drags Grain Valley, MO
Event #13	Sunday, December 5	Riverside, MO

*Tentative schedule is subject to change.



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

2021



Series

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



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!

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