



# CHECKPOINT

*Kansas City Region SCCA*

*December Newsletter*

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**2022 Region Officer Election Results**

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General Meeting NOW THIS TUESDAY, January 4**

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# RE Comments



Welcome to 2022! I know when I ran for the RE position back in 2019, I didn't expect a couple years like we've seen. Thankfully, even with various Covid variants running around, we have vaccines and boosters and we've become pretty good at making decisions about how to protect ourselves and loved ones from infection. 2021 brought a robust year of competition, and I know 2022 will be even better. I'd like to thank all of the KC Region Board members and officers as well as the Solo and RallyCross Advisory Committees for their thankless work throughout the last two years that I have been RE. The club couldn't have thrived without you. I'm also excited about Bill Johnson taking over as RE this year with Paula Diehl as our Assistant RE.

I know I mentioned Charlie Clark's induction into the SCCA Hall of Fame last month, but it's such a BIG deal I wanted to cover it again. The actual Induction ceremony can be viewed online on Friday, January 21st starting at 6:30pm central time. To register for the FREE National SCCA Convention click [here](#):



Neava Ford and Charlie Clark at Daytona for the Runoffs (Left), Charlie's E Production race car in the garage (Middle), and Charlie Clark (Right)





Neava Ford was kind enough to send me a few pictures of Charlie to add to the article. Thanks, Neava. Once again, here is what the SCCA said about Charlie in their write up for his induction:

In his nearly 50 years as an SCCA member, Charlie Clark has been a road racer, autocrosser, event organizer, mentor, and a leader. As a road racer, Clark has participated in more than 30 SCCA National Championship Runoffs, and as a Solo competitor has never missed a Solo National Championship event. He is a four-time Solo National Champion, the 1986 Solo Driver of the Year, 1985 Solo Cup recipient, a four-time National Champion of the former Solo I program, the 2013 John McGill Award winner, and a winner of the Dick Berger Perseverance Award. The “Clark” in the Johnson-Clark-Johnson Cup, presented to the season-long ProSolo Super Challenge Points Champion each year, is Charlie Clark—a founder of the ProSolo program. Clark served four terms on the SCCA Board of Directors, was a Solo Nationals event chair, and served on the Club Racing Board. No matter the discipline, Clark is a well-known and well-respected member of the SCCA.



Congratulations again Charlie!

Mike McGinley, RE



Charlie Clark and his dog, India (Left), Charlie's E Production race car on the track (Middle), Charlie with his son, Chuck, and grandson, Charlie (Right)



# 2022 Region Officer Candidates

The 2022 Region Officer Elections came to a close at the Annual Meeting, December 7th. Thank you to the following members who have volunteered to serve the Kansas City Region:

## Board Positions:

Region Executive—Bill Johnson  
Assistant Region Executive—Paula Diehl  
Secretary—Ed Nicholson  
Treasurer—Jessica Dorn  
Board Director—Al Hermans  
Board Director—Greg Cheney  
Board Director—Bob Henson

## Solo Advisory Committee:

Phillip Merideth  
Greg Cheney  
Jeremy Scotton

## RallyCross Advisory Committee:

Erik Votipka  
Deana Brown  
Tiernan Einberger



# **General Meeting & Go Kart Racing: WEDNESDAY, January 5th**

Join us for our 3rd Go Kart Racing Tournament. There will be a brief monthly General Meeting at 7:30 pm with racing to follow. Follow the button to register below and let us know you plan on attending, but all payments will be made at Extreme Grand Prix the day of the event.

\*\*\*Due to Extreme Grand Prix being closed Tuesdays, our General Meeting has been moved to the following WEDNESDAY, January 5th\*\*\*

Racing helmets are available, or you can also bring your own full-face helmet if you would like.

Pricing will depend on how many racers we have. Group rates are as follows (prices per racers):

Due to a scheduling conflict with Extreme Grand Prix, KCRSCCA is no longer able to host the Go Kar Event planned for January 5, 2022.

The Board will now host the General Membership Meeting this TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2022 at The Bar (6101 Johnson Drive—Mission, KS) at 7:30pm, but no Go Kart Event will take place in January.

Sorry for the inconvenience. We hope to reschedule this event for a future date.



# **2021 KCRSCCA Awards Banquet**

## **February 5, 2022**

2021 was a blast...both on the track and off. Join us as we celebrate the Kansas City Region 2021 Award Winners.

The Awards Banquet is \$30 per person and includes a buffet style dinner. There is also a cash bar. Please register for the event and pay online to help us streamline the check-in process. Payment will also be accepted at the banquet.

The Club will be hosting a silent auction where all proceeds go to Variety KC—Go Baby Go. Please let Jessica Dorn know if you have items you would like to donate.

The Club is also looking for someone to put together a slide show of pictures shared on social media throughout the year.



Cocktails: 5:00-6:30pm

Dinner: 6:30-7:30pm

Awards 7:30-9:30pm

Online Registration closes January 24, 2022.

[Register](#)



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## *RallyCross Annual Report*

by Niles Davis

The RallyCross program had a good year all in all but not without some turbulence. We lost our third site at Riverside this year due to the city selling the land we raced on. We had two of our RAC board members step down mid-season, resulting in others having to step up and fill the void left by these members. However, there were plenty of bright spots.

Our Riverside Rip divisional event brought out some great competition from around the Midwest, and this event went incredibly well, setting us up with a good relationship with surrounding competitors. I feel that when we have another divisional event, the turnout will be even better as we have established the KCRX program as a competent and well respected one.

We averaged over 30 drivers per event for the year and had our best turnout I can remember to date with our KCRX Event #13. We are hoping to carry this momentum into next year and continue to grow our program!

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## *KVRG Annual Report*

by Chris Kern and Mike McGinley

The KVRG hosted two events in 2021. The Majors event was profitable while the Regional event was not. Despite this loss, the KVRG bank account was within \$1 from where it was last year, so the year in total broke even.

Please watch for the calendar for 2022 Track Night in America events. We will also be hosting a Crash-Rescue-Fire event this spring.

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## *Membership Report*

by Paula Diehl

The current membership for KCR is 566. We had 122 new members for the year!

# Solo Annual Report

by Al Hermans

The 2021 KCR Solo season started late but picked up steam as we went along. Our first event was not until late May, but we were still able to have 10 events and a test and tune by using both days of weekends, except for one. We attracted a total of 766 entries for an average of just over 76 people per event. The largest event had 104 drivers. We anticipate a more traditional schedule for 2022 but may make use of a couple of two event weekends to help save money on sanction fees.

On the down side, the national office eliminated the Junior Driver Program in October leaving several local junior drivers and parents with fewer options for driving their carts after more than a year of uncertainty.

On the divisional level, 10 events (5 weekends) were held, 6 of which were at new locations or where we have not been for a while. Class trophies for KCR members should arrive shortly and will be distributed at the banquet.

Nationally, the Champ Tour and ProSolo schedules have been released.

## Legacy Awards Info Needed

**Have you brought a relative to join the KCR SCCA?**

**Reach out to Paula Diehl to let her know so that both of you can join our "Legacy Program." Legacies will be recognized with dash plaque at the Awards Banquet.**



## Pop Tops for Kids

Save your aluminum pop tops from beverage cans and from cans of soup, vegetables, cat food, etc and bring them to the KCR General Membership Meetings. Paula Diehl will be collecting them so we can donate them to the Ronald McDonald House. For every pop top donated, they will provide one unit of chemotherapy to a child.





## UPCOMING EVENTS

Board Meeting	December 28 7:00 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Dr Mission, KS
Solo Advisory Council Meeting	January 4 6:00 pm	The Bar
General Membership Meeting	7:30 pm	6101 Johnson Dr Mission, KS
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Solo Advisory Council Meeting	February 1 6:00 pm	The Bar
General Membership Meeting	7:30 pm	6101 Johnson Dr Mission, KS
KCR 2021 Awards Banquet	February 5	Deer Creek Golf Club 7000 W 133rd St Overland Park, KS
Midwest Division Convention	February 18-20	Hilton Garden Inn 19677 E Jackson Dr Independence, MO

# KCR MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

## E PRODUCTION BMW E30

Race-winning SCCA EP car available. Longtime SCCA racer is retiring from Club racing and is selling his #64 BMW. 2.5 liter M20 engine showed 204.5 rwh and 180.5 lb-ft torque on Jesse Prather's dyno. Limited prep motor\_0.40" \_overbored, Schrick 288 cam, long-tube coated headers with new exhaust, and Electromotive engine management. 8-point welded cage with extra door bars, Kirkey aluminum seat, 5 point race harness, rear seat brace, window net, fire system, stock 5-speed transmission, 4.45 LS differential, stock brakes with stainless steel lines & Porterfield R-4 pads. Koni's, Eibach, Ground Control adjustable camber plates, urethane bushings throughout, adjustable swaybars, strut tower brace, ATL 12 gal. fuel cell. 2325 lbs at Heartland Park impound with 180 lb. driver. \$24,000 and many spares available. You've seen it race, and now it can be yours! Call or text Steve Bachenberg at 913-206-4677.



Are you a KCR Member with a race related classified? Email Jessica Dorn, and she will get it added to the next Checkpoint.

## **2021 Kansas City Region Board of Directors**

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## **2021 Kansas City Region Contacts**

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