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*June Newsletter*

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# RE Comments



There are lots of ways to have “Fun with Cars” in July. If you haven’t participated yet, what are you waiting for? Join in the fun!

Starting on July 9th with SCCA’s Track Night in America at Heartland Park Topeka. This month when you register, you can enter an email for a friend and they will get a code to enter for FREE. That’s right 2 for 1 pricing.

The Heartland Summer Trackfest is July 9-11 with a test day Friday before Track Night, and an Enduro Saturday and Sunday, plus Road Racing and the MiDiv Time Trials Series Event #2.

If you can’t drive, come out to volunteer and have fun with your friends. Workers get a classic “Leaping Lizards” shirt and food and beverages.

KCRX Event #8 in Riverside is July 25th, and Solo Events #3 and #4 are July 31st and August 1st at the MCC Precision Driving Center in Independence. Check out our [website](#) and Facebook pages to keep track of everything going on.

I hope to see you at an event soon.

Mike McGinley, RE

## Editorial Correction:

May's RE Comments recognized Mark Kirby for receiving the E Tom Newcomer Award for the 2020 season, but we forgot to include the picture.

RE, Mike McGinley recognized Mark Kirby for his outstanding performance in road racing. Mark was the Midwest Division GT2 Champion with four wins and two 2nd place finishes for the 2020 season. In the picture, Mark is pictured (right) receiving the traveling trophy from Mike McGinley.



**Congratulations, Mark, for an outstanding job!**

To read more about the E Tom Newcomer Driver of the Year Award, check out Bill Johnson's fantastic article sharing the story behind the award on the next page.

# *The Story Behind the Award:*

## *E Tom Newcomer Driver of the Year*

by Bill Johnson

The E Tom Newcomer Driver of the Year award is given to the regions most accomplished road racing driver for the given year. This award is not subjective, a mathematical formula is used that takes into account the number of races, the amount of competition, finishing positions, and of course Runoffs results.

E Tom Newcomer was one of the two original founding members of the KC Region Sports Car Club of America back in 1952. In his younger days, he was cohorts and partners-in-crime on Kansas City streets with Masten Gregory, for whom Gregory Boulevard is named. E Tom and Masten were co-drivers in the 1953 12 hours of Sebring. Masten went on to reach Formula 1, albeit for a very short time, while E Tom had family obstacles to overcome.

E Tom was born into the Newcomer family most widely known as D.W. Newcomer and Sons funeral homes. The Newcomer family, whether it was the nature of their business or their place in society, did not like auto racing and forbid him from racing. That would not deter E Tom. Legend has it, E Tom built a room in the back of one of the funeral home buildings, and walled it off with caskets so he could work on his car without the family knowing. For an extended period, he raced under the alias of Tom Coffin to try and hide his racing from the family. E Tom's cars included MG TDs, TCs and TFs, Jaguar XK 120, Porsche 356, Triumph TR3, Alfa Romeo Giulietta, Lotus 11, Lotus 12 and ended with a Royale RP 4 sports racer. Unfortunately, you can only hide so much for so long, after winning 5 races in a single weekend at Lake Garnett, E Tom's accomplishment was featured in the newspaper, and eventually he was disavowed by his family for continuing to race.

He spent his later years on his other passions - woodworking at his shop in midtown and working as a starter at MiDiv races. For those that would ask, E Tom was happy to share the lost art of how to read a starter's tendencies to get a good race start.

For his unyielding passion for racing, the Driver of the Year Award is named after E Tom Newcomer.

**BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND:**

**IN PERSON**

**FACE-TO-FACE**

**(but not too close)**

**GENERAL MEETINGS!**

**The Kansas City Region will host it's first in  
person General Membership Meeting**

**Tuesday, August 3rd**

**7:30 pm**

**The Bar**

**6101 Johnson Drive**

**Mission, KS**

Workers at Heartland Summer Trackfest July 10th  
and/or 11th get choice of FREE Solo or RallyX  
entries to Kansas or Kansas City Region events.

Also, get FREE T-shirt, food, and beverages.

Let James Cahill, Chris Kern, or Gary Kern know if  
you can help.





## Heartland Summer Trackfest July 9-11

### Featuring 3-Hour Enduro races Saturday and Sunday, Regional racing, and MiDiv Time Trials Series Event #2

This will be an exciting, action-packed weekend with a test day Friday from 9am-3pm followed by SCCA Track Night in America from 4pm-8pm.

Each day Saturday and Sunday, we will start with a 3-hour Enduro race from 8am-11am followed by Road Racing and MiDiv Time Trials Series sessions. There will be plenty of track time for all involved.

We will be running the 2.0 mile "Modified Nascar Course" configuration for the weekend. If you haven't raced at Heartland Park in the last few years, you don't know what you're missing. Recent resurfacing of the track has given us one of the best facilities in the U.S.



#### WORKERS NEEDED



We are currently in need of more workers this weekend for our July Heartland Summer Trackfest Event. Each volunteer will get a collectable Leaping Lizards T-shirt plus much more. Any questions, please contact Chris or Gary Kern.

# KCRX Hosts MiDiv Event at Riverside Rip

by Reuben Samuels

KCRX held its first ever Riverside location Divisional event over this last weekend, June 26th and 27th. We had experienced rain during the week, and there was a lot of last minute talks about whether to cancel or push forward. The RAC considered out of town drivers and a number of other factors. After a final inspection of the site on Friday night, the RAC made the decision to proceed. With a ton of effort from so many people, the event was a pretty stellar one.



There was a lot on the line as far as time and effort invested from weeks of pre-planning and negotiations with Riverside, to logistics required to be the first SCCA RallyCross program to get sanctioning approval for drone flight at an event.

Day one started pretty slick and muddy but careful course design and safety adjustments still allowed for 7 runs on Saturday.

Competition was great and our newest title sponsor, Bob Hindson Racing made an excellent showing with multiple cars/drivers on course out of their garage.



Mark Hill once again graced all in attendance with his hot dog grilling mastery in addition to setting the top pace across the board. The conditions on Day 2 allowed for faster times, albeit a shorter course, to avoid major ruts from the previous day. Divisional competition ended after the morning session on Sunday after 6 more morning runs were added for a total Divisional count of 13.



AWOL Systems was out onsite running multiple in-car and steady cameras in addition to the drone flight. We look forward to seeing the awesome footage from their efforts in the coming weeks!



Hand-built trophies provided by the Votipkas were awarded after lunch on Sunday and concluded competition driving for the day, but all were invited to stay and many



continued fun runs over the next two hours as spectators were still trickling in from the highway since they could see KCRX drivers racing in the field next to 635. All of our first place winners hoisted their massive trophies high, right next to the field of battle.

We had a number of great instructional moments during the test n' tune portion of the day on Sunday afternoon. Many of our experienced drivers hopped in the cars or offered their own as drives for some of our novices and everyone had a great time sharpening their skills. Bob Hindson Racing went even further, donating two free entries to any upcoming KCRX event to a father and son that showed up for their first time ever and flogged their bright red BMW out on course!



Thank you again to everyone who made this event happen. Thank you to our own Doug Patterson for supplying these images. If you'd like to [see more and purchase any of them click here to be directed to his gallery](#):



For super fun KCRX merchandise that supports our region or a whole bunch of other great gear to support the company that donated their media services head over to <https://www.awolsystems.com/rad-gear>

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next event July 25th registration is now open at: <http://msreg.com/KCRX2021-8>





# UPCOMING EVENTS

Heartland Summer Trackfest	July 9-11	Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, KS
<del>Race Group Meeting</del>	<del>July 20</del>	<del>TBD</del> 
KCRX Event #7	July 25	Riverside, MO
Board Meeting	July 27 7:00 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Drive Mission, KS
KCR Solo Event #3	July 31	MCC Precision Driving Center Independence, MO
KCR Solo Event #4	August 1	MCC Precision Driving Center Independence, MO
General Membership Meeting	August 3 7:30 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Drive Mission, KS
KCRX Event #8	August 15	Riverside, MO
<del>Race Group Meeting</del>	<del>August 17</del>	<del>TBD</del> 
KCR Solo Event #5	August 21	MCC Precision Driving Center Independence, MO

# 2021 KCRX Tentative Schedule

~~Event #2   Sunday, February 28   Grain Valley Sand Drags~~



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.



# 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](mailto:solo@kcrscca.org).



**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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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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