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ARE YOU READY?!?

By the time you read this, we will be less than 20 days away from our first Road Racing event in the Mid States Conference at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. Are you ready? As of right now, they have 120 entries so it should be an exciting weekend.

I'm ready, the car is loaded, I'm fully vaccinated, and my two-week waiting period is over. Kansas opened up Phase 3 and 4 on Monday, March 22nd. Missouri will have all phases open by April 9th. If you haven't been vaccinated yet, I suggest you sign up on as many lists as possible. With the large increase of available vaccines, it might be faster than you think.

The Kaw Valley Race Group is hosting our US Majors Tour and MiDiv TT Series Event at Heartland Park Topeka May 14-16. Registration is open NOW, so sign up today.

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

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

We are doing some special things this year for our workers (details to follow) so don't miss this event. Also, if you know anyone that would like to tag along, we're all about training our replacements, and Heartland Motorsports Park is close to home.

I'll be delivering our 2020 Road Racing trophies at Hallett and Heartland Park since we didn't have a banquet this year. If you are one the recipients, I will be seeing you there.

Jessica Dorn, our Checkpoint editor, did a survey recently about face to face meetings. The Board will be discussing those results and planning accordingly. We are close to getting back to normal. Until then, stay safe and healthy.

Mike McGinley, RE

The Story Behind the Award:

Vic Sadler Worker of the Year

by Bill Johnson

At the October board meeting in 1974, Vic Sadler, of the Vic and Sally Sadler duo, donated \$200.00 to the region to be placed in a separate account, earnings of which were to go to A Worker of the Year trophy to be given each year. Originally the trophy was to be given to the worker accumulating the greatest number of points on the points system at the time. If at some time points are no longer given for workers, then the previous years' recipient and current RE would make the selection. It was an era where SCCA was focused on road racing and as such the award was intended for road racing workers.

Vic joined the club for the road rally program and was an active member through the 60s and 70s. The rally program was strong and very popular and included the likes of MiDivs' nationally recognized Flaming Fall Rally. Beautiful drives and very competitive events. Most of the road racing drivers also ran the rally program and there was a lot of crossover between workers for both types of events.

Frank Schmitz, owner of the Greiner and Schmitz Surveying Equipment company was in charge of the checkpoints and timing for most of the rally events. He was mechanically inclined and worked on surveying equipment so he was incredibly detail-minded. He would also repair watches for club members at no charge.

Frank would get all of the rally people to work timing and scoring for the road races. This group was pretty good with a stop watch with their rally experience. In a time before timing loops and transponders, all timing was done by people with a stop watch, usually multiple stop watches for each person. Vic and of course Sally were a couple of those people.

Vic did a bit of everything in the club; he was a steward at one point, a worker, and also served as RE for a couple terms.

One of the funnier stories from Vic and Sally was that they were competing in a rally on the same day as the first Super Bowl, Super Bowl Sunday as we know it now. It was a snowy, icy day but in spite of the weather and the Super Bowl, the rally went on. They were in their usual Chrysler somewhere outside of a small town in Missouri north of Kansas City. The Chrysler slid off the road and struck a power pole, cutting off power to the town and of course TV coverage of the first Super Bowl to the locals.

For Vics's appreciation of all the effort our workers put forth, the Worker of the Year award is given in his name.

REMINDER:

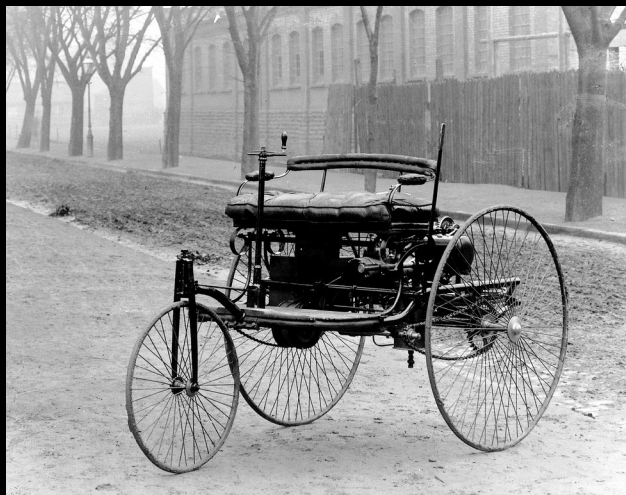
We have decided to cancel in-person general membership meetings until further notice. Our concern for the safety and health of our members is at the forefront of this decision.

Please check out our Meeting Minutes from the Board Meeting on February 23, 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!

Auto racing began
5 minutes after the
second car was built.

- Henry Ford -



Pictured is the first automobile, the Benz Patent
Motor Car, model no. 1

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



2021 KCRX Tentative Schedule

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



Event #3 Sunday, March 28 Riverside, MO

[Register for #3](#)

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 #3	March 28	Riverside, MO	
Board Meeting	March 30 7:00 pm	Virtual Meeting	
Solo Advisory Council Meeting	April 6 6:00 pm	TBD	
General Membership Meeting	7:30 pm		
KCRX Event #4 Joint Event with Kansas Region	April 18	TBD	
Race Group Meeting	April 20	TBD	
Board Meeting	April 27 7:00 pm	Virtual Meeting	
KCRX Event #5	May 2	TBD	
Solo Advisory Council Meeting	May 4 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	

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