

# CHECKPOINT

Kansas City Region SCCA

September Newsletter

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#### The Trials and Tribulations of the SCCA Runoffs

I decided to drive down to Indy to spectate Friday and Saturday to see some of the best racing in the US. There were roughly 896 entries this year, and the place was packed with excitement and anticipation for the races when I arrived Friday morning. I chatted with many KC Region members and some were totally pumped up about their opportunities, and some were frustrated after blowing their good engines in qualifying or getting hit by another driver rendering their car undriveable. I talked to Jim Stevens in the Spec Miata class who qualified 73rd out of 120+, but only the top 72 race so he was packing up.

Everyone got dry racing on Friday, but Saturday was a different story when the rain

started coming down during the Formula Atlantic race and not stopping until just before F Production race. Hans Peter was running 3rd (under a double yellow caution) when the rain started and he came in to switch to rain tires. He rejoined the field in 10th position as the only car on rains (brilliant) - except for some unknown reason, the race was called with 18 minutes remaining. It was a bad call and a tough break for Hans. Charlie Peter, Han's son, finished 2nd in Touring 2 with an excellent drive. It was his 2nd Runoffs and his second 2nd place finish. Great job Charlie.



Cliff Ira won his race in F Production and made a great tire choice for the race. As I was sitting in the stands with one of my crew prior to the race, I was saying "If I was going out right now I'd go out on dry tires, you can see a dry line, it stopped raining for now, and the breeze is drying the track." He responded that the track is still way too wet with standing water and puddles so he'd go out on wets. Clearly the classic dilemma that only the driver can make, betting the National Championship on his

decision. Cliff Ira chose wisely and went out on dry tires and won a very competitive race. He had a huge cheering section in the grandstands, and I'm sure they all celebrated a well earned championship that night.

Here are the results for all participating KC Region members:

P Production	Cliff Ira	1st Place
T2	Charlie Peter Larry Brady	2nd Place 15th
STL	Steve Johnson	7th
Т3	Nic Hammann	8th
FA	Hans Peter Larry Howard	10th 14th
GT Lite	Ed Nicholson Roy Lopshire	11th DNS
Formula 500	David Vincent Tim Friest	14th DNS
FF	Cliff Johnson	14th
STU	Scott Peterson	20th
FC	Bill Johnson	27th
SRF3	Tyler Fox	54th



Cliff Ira in his Honda del Sol (above) and with his trophy on the podium (below).



Great job everyone!

Mike McGinley, RE

Check out SCCA.com for more stories from the 2021 Runoffs, but I wanted to highlight a few featuring our KC Region members:

Slick Tires Handle Slick Track for Ira FP Win

Rezzetano Muscles Way to Touring 2 Victory

Save the Date: 2021 KCRSCCA Awards Banquet February 5, 2022

## Workers Needed!!!

For both the Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival and the last Track Night in America. Contact Chris Kern if you are available.

# Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival



# 2021 Track Night in America



Heartland Motorsports Park—Topeka, KS

October 14



# **Gimmick Road Rally**

The Gimmick Road Rally has been cancelled due to lack of interest. We needed at least 6 cars for this event to proceed and only had 2 confirmed cars and 3 maybes.

The Club will try again next Spring as we continue to look for more social events for our members to partake in. In the meantime, the KCRX program has just announced they will be having a poker run as part of their Unnaturally Aspirated Charity Event November 6th. Check out the next page for more info.

## KCR at Solo Nationals

by Al Hermans

Congratulations to the following KC Region of Record members for attending Solo Nationals:



Brian Meyer Eric Moe Neil Rowland Janet Bauman Joshua Huff Craig Wilcox Travis Bolton Dick Berger Tony Giordano Vernon Maxey Dan Wheeler Paul Daly

Gus Jacob Tom Zickuhr Daniel Rowland Bill Bauman Vladimir Grebenyuk Albert Hermans Chris Delay Charlie Clark Robert Qualkinbush Nick Angell Brad Smith Keith Lamming





Craig Wilcox and codriver Joe Silva celebrate after winning 1st and 2nd place in SMF (above). Craig Wilcox with his National Championship Trophy (left).

# Unnaturally Aspirated Charity Event: Cars & Coffee, Poker Run, KCRX Test & Tune

by Reuben Samuels

We are about to be up to our eyeballs in leaves soon and with this cooler weather it generally means car events are coming to a close or winding down. Due to all the crazy things going on in the world and having to change venues more than once, the Unnaturally Aspirated charity event has been pushed back into



November. And what better way to close out fall than with community engagement, fun, and throwing some dirt!



Unnaturally Aspirated Event has been voted the event of the year for the last two years here in KCR, and this should be another great one. We will be partnering with Kansas City Cars and Coffee to have a morning car show with a roll out from Connection Point Church in

Raytown. A poker run will proceed from there stopping at partnered businesses along 40 highway and eventually ending at Thunder Valley Sand Drags for a RallyCross Test & Tune.

With a morning car show, poker run with fun stops at partnering businesses, food trucks, prizes, and an afternoon non-stop rallycross exhibition, this is a huge opportunity for all areas of the club to come together and engage the community for good. This will be an opportunity to get your car out in front of tons of



folks that may never have even heard of the SCCA and bring excitement and fresh enthusiasm into our region. Ride-a-longs and track side engagement have historically brought lots of attention and even new members.





Beyond the fun, this entire event is centered on raising funds for the parent organization Breathe Easy International. BEI exists to provide resources and information for chronic respiratory illness patients and their care providers, as well as, counseling with and developing







programs for high trauma medical staff like EMS,

Emergency department staff, ICU and anyone else on the frontline of healthcare.

#### **Unnaturally Aspirated Event Details**

#### Saturday, November 6th

8:00am-11:00am	Cars & Coffee, Car Show and Meet
11:00am-1:00pm	Poker Run
1:00pm-4:00pm	RallyCross Test & Tune

#### Cars & Coffee, Car Show and Meet

When:	8:00am-11:00am
Where:	Connection Point Church—Raytown, MO
Cast	

#### Cost: Show is FREE

#### Poker Run

When:	11:00am-1:00pm
Where:	Starts at Connection Point Church
Cost:	\$25 per car

#### RallyCross Test & Tune

When:	1:00pm-4:00pm
Where:	Thunder Valley Sand Drags
Cost:	Standard RX Fee

For up to date event details head over to <u>www.Facebook.com/</u> <u>unnaturallyaspirated.event</u>

To register for the RallyCross T&T www.msreg.com/KCRXnoviceschool

#### **Call for 2022 Region Officer Candidates**

We are currently seeking candidates for our KC Region Officers. Nominations for 2022 candidates for the Board of Directors, Solo Advisory Committee, and RallyCross Advisory Committee will come to a close soon.

We are still seeking candidates for the Board, Solo Advisory Committee, and RallyCross Advisory Committee. You must be a KCRSCCA member for at least one year and be in good standing to serve in any of the following elected officer positions.



**Board Positions:** 

Region Executive—1 year term Assistant Region Executive—1 year term Secretary—1 year term Treasurer—1 year term Board Director (3 positions open)—2 year term

The Board establishes the policies of the Region and oversees the implementation of such policies and the administration of the affairs of the Region. This includes all Road Racing, Autocross, RallyCross, Time Trial, Road Rally, and social functions. The Board usually meets face-to-face two times per month:

- The first Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm for our General Membership meeting
- The last Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm for our Board meeting.

Solo Advisory Committee and RallyCross Advisory Committee: Advisor (positions vary depending on SAC and RAC)—2 year term



The SAC and the RAC are the driving forces behind their respective programs. They prepare budgets and report to the Board. They meet to develop the schedule and coordinate contracts with the various sites.

# Halloweenie Club Picnic Charity Event

This is the Hat Trick of Events! Not only can you see people AND cars dressed up for the Halloweenie, but you can also join us for a Club Picnic. The Club is providing hot dogs and hamburgers. Members just need to bring a side dish to round out the potluck! But wait...there's more! You can also get some awesome swag AND donate to a great cause at the Silent Auction benefiting Variety KC— Go Baby Go!

In case you needed an incentive to dress up, there will be a costume contest. There are three divisions:

- Youth best costume
- Adult best costume
- Best decorated car

The Youth will be competing for a trophy, but the best adults costume and best decorated car will each get \$50 cash!

This is a win-win-win!!! Racing, Eating and Helping the club donate to those who need our help so very much. See you there! If you have any tables and/or tents we can use to cover the eating area that would be really appreciated. If you have questions, please call Paula at 816-225-5100.

If you want to donate items to the silent auction, please contact Jessica Dorn jl\_dorn@hotmail.com or 308-830-2257. You can either bring the donation(s) to the event by 9:30am or arrange for them to be picked up in advance. UPCOMING EVENTS

Track Night in America	October 14	Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, KS
Gimmick Road Rally	-October 16	CANOMIAN
KCRX Event #11	-October 17	CANCELLED
Race Group Meeting	-October 19	-TBD CANONILIND
KCR Solo Event #9	October 23	MCC Precision Driving Center Independence, MO
KCR Solo Halloweenie (#10) & Club Picnic	October 23	MCC Precision Driving Center Independence, MO
Board Meeting	October 26 7:00 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Dr Mission, KS
Solo Advisory Council Meeting General Membership Meeting	November 2 6:00 pm 7:30 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Dr Mission, KS
UA Charity Event Poker Run KCRX Novice School	November 6 November 6	Raytown, MO Thunder Valley Sand Drags Grain Valley, MO
KCRX Event #12	November 7	Thunder Valley Sand Drags Grain Valley, MO

# 2021 KCRX Tentative Schedule

Event #2 Sunday, February 28 Grain Valley Sand Drags



Event #3 Sunday, March 28

Riverside, MO

Riverside, MO

site TBA

Event #4 Sunday, April 18

- Event #5 Sunday, May 2
- Event #6 June 12 and/or 13
- Event #7 Sunday, July 25 Riverside, MO
- Event #8 Sunday, August 15 Riverside, MO
- Event #9 Sunday, September 12

Event #10

Thunder Valley Sand Drags (Grain Valley)

Joint event with KS Region, site TBA



- Event #11 Sunday, November 7 or 21 site TBD

Sunday, October 17

Event #12 Sunday, December 5 site TBD

\*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.

## **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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