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Kansas City Region SCCA

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Due to an error in the Region of Record, we didn't realize that we had another National Convention Award winner right here in our KCR family. Rich Bireta was honored with the Woolf Barnato Award, which is SCCA's highest honor. Check out his story on page 3.

The 2022 racing season is quickly approaching. I can practically smell the high octane race fuel, hear the tires squealing, see the dirt flying, and feel the rush of adrenaline as you pull up to the starting line.

Just in case you need a little reminder of what racing is all about, check out this video from Tony Giordano's grandson. Not only is it a fantastic tribute to his grandfather's passion for racing, but it is fun to see Tony's 1970 Datsun 240Z as it changed. Can you believe he bought it new?!



I think my favorite part of the video is the reminder that racing is not just fast cars, finding the perfect line, and pushing yourself in every corner. It is early mornings, late nights, and putting things together just to take them apart again.

As we plan to gather together to celebrate our 2021 season, we are preparing for this coming season. The Kansas City Region 2022 schedules have been released for all programs and can be viewed on pages 6-8, including the MiDiv schedule.

Rich Bireta Honored with 2021 Woolf Barnato Award

by Jessica Dorn



Rich Bireta, a long-time member of the SCCA from the Kansas City Region, was recognized with the 2021 Woolf Barnato Award during the Hall of Fame presentation. The Woolf Barnato Award is presented to the member who has made the most outstanding long-term contribution. Winners are nominated by the last three recipients and approved by the Board of Directors. Bireta's biggest long-term contribution to date has been

the creation of the Richta GPS Timing and Scoring System which is now used by Road Rally events nationwide. This system provides instant scoring feedback to Rally competitors, automatically transmits scores to the event organizers, and greatly reduces the manpower needed to put on a Road Rally.

Locally we know him for his Road Rally expertise. Years ago, the KCR wanted to get involved in Road Rally, and Rich Bireta stepped up to start our Road Rally program, design fun courses, and train our members so they had a better understanding of Road Rally.

His contributions to Road Rally extended beyond the Kansas City area, as he served 6 years on the Road Rally Board and mentored other regions' Road Rally programs. He has developed several Road Rally apps for tablets and phones that emulate clocks, odometers, Rally calculators, and Rally computers. He also created and maintains a website with access to all these apps.

During the presentation, Bireta said, "I've had the privilege of attending half a dozen SCCA Conventions over the years during my time on the Rally Board, and I know and appreciate the significance of this award. Thank you for this honor. Please know it is very much appreciated and cherished."

Congratulations, Rich. It is well deserved!



2021 KCRSCCA Awards Banquet March 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

[Register](#)

Online Registration closes February 25, 2022.



Training for SCCA Workers and Local Firefighters at Ozarks International Raceway

March 19-20, 2022



This will be comprehensive training for all experience levels.

Donuts and coffee will be provided each morning.

Water, soft drinks, and lunch will be provided around noon.

If you are not a current SCCA member, contact Chris Kern at chriskscra@gmail.com or (913) 284-3227 and he will register you.

Crash-Fire-Rescue Agenda:

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| 7:00-8:00am | Registration |
| 8:00am | Welcome—Introduce Staff |
| 8:30am | SCCA Membership |
| 8:45am | Equipment to Take to Track |
| 9:10am | Corner Set Up |
| 9:40am | Communication |
| 10:15am | Flags and Hand Signals |
| 10:50am | Steward Talk |
| 11:20am | Q&A Session |
| 12:00-1:00pm | Complementary Lunch |
| 1:00pm | How to Work an Incident |
| | Medical |
| | Extrication Practice |
| | Fire Training |



Register now

SCCA RALLYCROSS 2022

When:

Where:

Sunday, April 10th

GV

Sunday, May 15th

I35

Sunday, June 26th

GV

Sunday, July 10th

I35

Sunday, August 28th

GV

Saturday, Sept. 24th

GV

Saturday, Oct. 22nd

TBD

Sunday, Nov. 20th

I35

Sunday, Dec 11th

GV

GV = Thunder Valley Sand Drags in Grain Valley, MO

I35 = I-35 Speedway in Winston, MO

*Tentative schedule is subject to change.

2022 KCR SCCA Autocross Schedule

We have a Solo schedule! All events are at MCC Precision Driving Center in Independence, MO.

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| March 26 & 27 | Test & Tune and Event #1 |
| April 30 & May 1 | Solo School and Event #2 |
| June 18 & 19 | Event #3 and Event #4 |
| July 16 & 17 | Starting Line School and Event #5 |
| August 21 | Event #6 |
| September 17 & 18 | Event #7 and Event #8 |
| October 16 | Event #9 |
| October 30 | Event #10 Halloweenie |

We need event chairs, chiefs, and other additional help to run our events. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, the Solo Advisory Committee can be reached at solo@kcrscca.org.

2022

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Series

2022 MidAm Championship Schedule

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|-------------|---------------------------------|
| April 2-3 | Majors @ World Wide (St. Louis) |
| April 23-24 | Super Tour @ Hallett (AVRG) |
| May 21-22 | Majors @ Heartland (KVRG) |
| June 4-5 | Majors @ Ozarks (MiDiv) |
| July 23-24 | MidAm @ World Wide (St. Louis) |



2021 Time Trials Series Schedule

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| May 21-22 | KVRG @ Heartland Motorsports Park |
| June 4-5 | MiDiv @ Ozarks International Raceway |
| July 2-3 | @ Brainerd International Raceway (tentative) |
| July 23-24 | St. Louis @ World Wide Raceway |
| August 13 | Nebraska & DMV @ Motorsports Park Hastings |
| October 15 | Nebraska & DMV @ Raceway Park of the Midlands (2x points) |



2022

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Series

2022 SPS and R&S Racing MiDiv Solo Series

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| April 30-May 1 | Wichita @ Sunflower Aerodrome, Yoder |
| June 11-12 | Ozark Mountain @ Crowder College, Neosho |
| June 25-26 | NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee |
| July 30-31 | Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln |
| October 1-2 | Kansas @ Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka |

2022 RallyCross—TBA

2022 Track Night in America Schedule

Heartland Motorsports Park—Topeka, KS

April 28

May 20

June 16

July 21

August 18

September 20

October 13



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.



**Seeking a new webmaster for the
kcrscca.org website.**

**If you are interested, let Mike
McGinley know.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Board Meeting | February 22 7:00 pm | The Bar 6101 Johnson Dr Mission, KS |
| Solo Advisory Council Meeting | March 1 6:00 pm | The Bar |
| General Membership Meeting | 7:30 pm | 6101 Johnson Dr Mission, KS |
| KCR 2021 Awards Banquet | March 5 | Deer Creek Golf Club 7000 W 133rd St Overland Park, KS |
| Crash-Fire-Rescue School | March 19-20 | Ozarks International Raceway 29211 MO-135 Gravois Mills, MO |
| KCR Autocross Test and Tune & Event #1 | March 26 March 27 | Precision Driving Center Independence, MO |
| Board Meeting | March 29 7:00 pm | The Bar 6101 Johnson Dr Mission, KS |
| Road Racing Majors | April 2-3 | World Wide Tech Raceway Madison, IL |
| Solo Advisory Council Meeting | April 5 6:00 pm | The Bar |
| General Membership Meeting | 7:30 pm | 6101 Johnson Dr Mission, KS |

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.

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