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# *A Look Back at the 2021 KCR Awards Banquet*

by Jessica Dorn

After the pandemic cancelled our 2020 Awards Banquet, the Board of Directors wanted to come back strong with the 2021 Awards Banquet. Lisa Kern, spear-headed the event planning and secured us a site at the Deer Creek Golf Club. While this was postponed due to a resurgence in pandemic precautions, we were able to pull it off days before Deer Creek closed its doors for good.

As always, Lisa put on an exceptional event, adding in her own personal touches with cone center pieces, candy at the tables, and event some puzzles to keep wandering minds focused.

Hopps Catering prepared a delicious buffet with a seasonal salad, grilled Tuscan chicken paillard, orange ginger smoked pork tenderloin, roasted vegetable medley, and rosemary roasted potatoes. Dessert was a layered vanilla cake with cream cheese frosting—before the cake was all cut up, it had the KCR SCCA logo on it and looked fantastic!



Remember that member who said they would wear a dress to the banquet because that is how much he missed everyone—well it was none other than Dick Berger. We presented him with a zebra-striped toga dress and he was thrilled to wear it around.

All in all a great time was had by all members. We hosted a silent auction table to benefit Variety KC—Go Baby Go. Thanks to all those who donated items for the auction and to all those who bid and donated, we were able to raise \$855 for this fantastic charity.

Check out the following pages for photos of members during the social hour and a list of winners for the KC Region, Road Racing, and Autocross. Photos of winners and the lists from

RallyCross, membership pins, and legacies will be shared in a future Checkpoint.





## **Kansas City Region Awards**

New Member of the Year

Vincent Woska

Norma Williams Award of Excellence

Jessica Dorn

Outstanding Members

Chris Kern, Dick Berger, Niles Davis, Aaron Holstrom, April Turner, Andrew Fails, Eric Votipka, Jeremy Utterback, and Mark Macoubrie

Outgoing Board Members

Reuben Samuels, Tim Friest, Mike McGinley, Greg Cheney (re-elected), and Bill Johnson (re-elected as RE)

## **Road Racing Awards**

E. Tom Newcomer Driver of the Year Award

Cliff Ira

Glen Shepard Most Improved Award

Joshua Holsworth

Vic Sadler Award

Chris Keith

Tom Holstrom Regional Driver of the Year

Steve Johnson

Time Trials Driver of the Year

Brian Struck

## **Autocross Racing Awards**

A Street

1st—Ryan Kubr

B Street

1st—Eric Moe

2nd—George Luehrs

C Street

1st—Stephen Fudge

2nd—Luis Rodriguez

3rd—Matthew Purcell

E Street

1st—Kevin Brown

2nd—Bill Bauman

E Street Ladies

1st—Janet Bauman

## Autocross Racing Awards (continued)

F Street	1st—Adam Luehrs 2nd—William Correll
G Street	1st—Phillip Meredith 2nd—Raymond Pieterick
H Street	1st—Jeff Bartz 2nd—Nick Spilman 3rd—J. Douglas Patterson
Heritage Classic Street	1st—Douglas Hitchcock
Street Touring S	1st—Leon Kleyn
Street Touring R	1st—Cameron Winter
Street Touring U	1st—Mark Hill
Street Touring U Ladies	1st—Paula Diehl
Street Touring H	1st—Greg Cheney
S Street Prepared	1st—Vladimir Grebenyuk
A Street Prepared	1st—Paul Sanguinett
D Street Prepared	1st—Jonathan Griffith
Classic American C	1st—Patrick Darling 2nd—Shane Cook 3rd—Jared Nelson 4th—James Young 5th—Todd Morris
Classic American T	1st—Eythan Watts
Xtreme Street A	1st—Kent Edmondson 2nd—Dave Sturgeon 3rd—Chance Whittle
Xtreme Street B	1st—Heath Helmick 2nd—Guillermo Chinchilla 3rd—Alexander von Bevern
C Prepared	1st—Albert Hermans 2nd—Don Cory
C Modified	1st—Graham Smith
Novice	1st—Dana Christian



# Crash-Fire-Rescue at Ozarks International Raceway

by Jessica Dorn

We lucked out with the weather for the Crash-Fire-Rescue school at Ozarks International Raceway (OIR). While I would have preferred the 70 degree weather from a few days prior, the 50 degree weather was nothing to scoff at either. Several knowledgeable volunteers from across the Midwest Division shared their knowledge and experience with over 100 people interested in working flagging and communications at the new OIR.

Chris Kern (KCR SCCA) and Mike West (National SCCA) welcomed everyone to CFR and gave a brief overview of the GCR rule book. These rules explain the why behind the processes we have in place. West reminded everyone that above all else, he wants us to have fun while helping at events. If you're not having fun, please let one of the stewards know so that we can see if we can help.



The fire and medical crews from local volunteer departments moved to the garages to review specifically how the SCCA runs events as a sanctioning body since it does differ than some of the other sanctioning bodies that will also run events at OIR. When at an event, remember to thank them for their service as they are here to keep everyone safe—drivers and corner workers alike.



Chris Keith (KCR SCCA) discussed flagging. He has been flagging since 2002, and he has three rules—have fun, protect yourself, and protect your team. Flags are a way for corner workers to talk to the drivers and let them know what to prepare for on track. The role of flaggers on track is for the safety of everyone involved and to communicate that to the drivers. He reminded us that “our job is to give the race track back to the racers.”

Neava Ford (KCR SCCA) has worked several positions in flagging and communication, but currently handles race control. She noted that when she started, she had no clue what she was doing. So if you feel that way, that is completely okay. You will be paired with an experienced corner worker who will help you put the knowledge you learn here to use. Her tips related to clear radio communications—speak slowly and keep your traffic clear and concise. She also noted that a lot of what we do is subjective and situational. The more races you work, the more knowledge you will get and the better equipped you will be to evaluate each situation independently. Diane Struve (DMVR SCCA) joined Ford to discuss the operations team for communications. She noted to remember that the operations team is doing a lot of things simultaneously, so be patient as you wait for them to be ready for your radio traffic.



Justin Walker (KCR SCCA) discussed hand signals and corner station set up. He also emphasized that your actions should always protect yourself first, then the car and driver. While radios are the best form of communication, we try to keep radios in the bunkers. When one person goes to check on the car, they must use hand signals to talk to the person with the radio in the bunker. He emphasized that the signals are pretty simple, not too creative, but even so remember to get familiar with them so that you know what to do should the need arise. A copy of the Flagging and Communication manual was passed out and is also [available online with this link](#).





Walker also went over corner station set up:

- Check radio
- Check flags
- Have discussion with Corner Captain to see what the expectation is
- Check where the boundaries of your zone are
- Check fire extinguishers—check that it is charged and has a pin (tip it up and down to mix it up so it's ready when needed)
- Check your surroundings
- Know your exits and keep those exits clear

Walker noted that corner workers where white or orange so you are visible but not confused as flag colors. Keep these colors in mind when bringing umbrellas, hats, rain jackets. Make sure to have a bag with the essentials—water, sun screen, bug spray, ear protection, paper and pens, rain gear, and anything else you may need weather depending. Dressing in layers is a good idea as mornings can start off cooler but heat up as the day goes on. Also bring a chair—you will not be sitting while the track is hot, but is nice to sit down between heats for a few minutes. He also emphasized having the flag at-the-ready but hidden from view of the driver (ie. tucked under your arm with one hand on the end corner and one hand on the stick so you are ready to pop it out at a second's notice).

After a lunch break, both fire and medical crews and the flagging and communication people were reunited to go over how corner workers can assist the fire and medical crews with extrication, putting out fires, and how to assist with medical concerns. We also drove around the track and checked out a corner station to visualize some of the things mentioned in the morning sessions.





Lots of people picked up the fire extinguisher to put out a small car fire. Several more people watched as local fire crews used specialized tools to tear apart a car.



Top: A local resident from Stover, MO puts out the car fire.

Right: Local volunteer fire fighters use the jaws of life and other extrication tools on Chevy Cavalier.

Bottom: KCR SCCA member, Kevin Brown, puts out the car fire.



As the day came to an end, there were a lot of good side discussions from both the drivers' and the corner workers' perspectives. They reminded everyone that the SCCA is a volunteer organization, but now that they are certified they can work for tracks.

The main theme throughout the school was that flagging and communication tries to keep incidents localized so that most of the track can be green and racers can continue to race as much as possible.

# *Autocross Call for Event Chairs, Co-Chairs, and Safety Stewards*

by Al Hermans

With a new season, comes a new request for event chairs, event co-chairs, and safety stewards.

## Event Chairs and Co-Chairs:

We can train event chairs if needed and have some documents that will help keep you organized. You can also co-chair with an experienced chair to help you learn the position and responsibilities. Event chairs receive the event they chair and a future event at no charge. Co-chairs receives the event they co-chair at no charge. Immediate event needs are below:

Novice School—April 30

Event #2—May 1

Event #5—July 17

Event #6—August 21

## Event Safety Stewards:

The process to becoming a safety steward is a multi-step process. First, you need to attend a training session. These are offered online through the national office or I can host an in person training (remember those?) if there is enough interest. Second, prospective safety stewards will need to shadow a licensed SSS on two occasions—you can shadow during an event heat or during set up. Third, you may apply to the SCCA for the SSS license.

Please reach out and volunteer to ensure we are able to run all of our events. Contact me or any member of the Solo Advisory Committee if you are interested or have any questions.

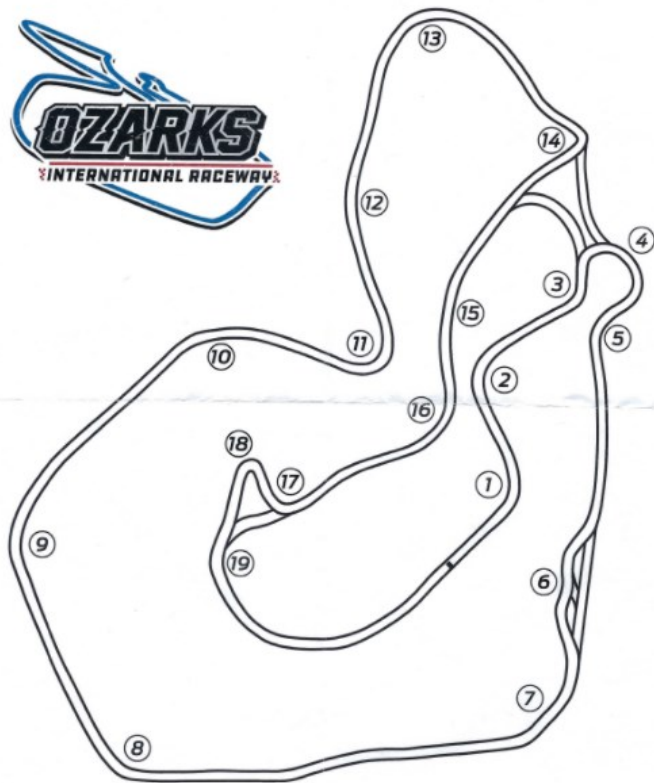


# Registration Now Open for the MiDiv Ozarks Lakefest Majors and Time Trials at Ozarks International Raceway June 3-5, 2022

This is the exciting new track that everybody is talking about. Join the SCCA for their inaugural event here.

Event registrations are now open for our Majors event and will be opening soon for Time Trials. We encourage everyone to join us Friday for a Test Day to learn the 3.97 mile, 19 turn track with over 1,200 feet of elevation change in a single lap!

Register early to save \$30 and to guarantee your garage space.



### WORKERS NEEDED

We need workers for all of our events in 2022. Please plan early to join us at our Road Race and Time Trials events at Heartland Motorsports Park (May 21-22) and Ozarks International Raceway (June 4-5).



# 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**

KCRX Events sponsored by:





# **2022 KCR SCCA Autocross Schedule**

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

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

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](mailto:solo@kcrscca.org).

For more information on the Starting Line School check out the [SCCA events page](#).

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## 2022 MidAm Championship Schedule

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

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)





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## 2022 SPS and R&S Racing MiDiv Solo Series

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







# UPCOMING EVENTS

Solo Advisory Council Meeting	April 5 6:00 pm	The Bar
General Membership Meeting	7:30 pm	6101 Johnson Dr Mission, KS
KCRX Event #1	April 10	Valley Speedway Grain Valley, MO
Super Tour	April 23-24	Hallett Motor Racing Circuit Jennings, OK
Board of Directors Meeting	April 26 7:00 pm	The Bar 6101 Johnson Dr Mission, KS
Track Night in America	April 28	Heartland Motorsports Park Topeka, KS
KCR Autocross Solo School & Event #2	April 30 May 1	Precision Driving Center Independence, MO
Solo Advisory Council Meeting	May 3 6:00 pm	The Bar
General Membership Meeting	7:30 pm	6101 Johnson Dr Mission, KS
KCRX Event #2	May 15	I35 Speedway Winston, 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.

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