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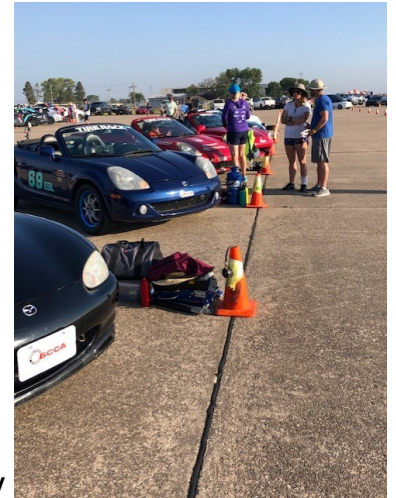
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# 2022 Solo Nationals Recap

by Janet Bauman

Bill and I went to our 7th or 8th Solo Nationals this year. Compared to many of our region members, that is not a lot but it has turned into a trip we look forward to every year now. While my finishing times are not worth mentioning, the whole Nationals experience is un-equalled in our autocross world. If you've considered going but are unsure about what goes on, here are a few notes from my perspective that might help you decide to give it a try.

We took our motorhome and the car we got back the previous day with a "new" rebuilt engine up to Lincoln, Nebraska the Friday before the Labor Day holiday. The motorhome adds a little travel time, but we like having on-site accommodations for the six or seven days we are there. We watched some good competition at Saturday and Sunday's Pro Solo events. I got my Test & Tune runs in, my first chance for competition-style seat time in that car with the "new" engine, new clutch, and stiffer rear shocks. I need a lot more seat time!



Solo Nationals week kicked off on Monday with this year's theme being "Back to the Eighties." I don't really remember the 80's, but I saw a lot of people having fun with it. Several nights featured gatherings at the on-site Tire Rack Event Center (formerly



known as the Big Fun Tent) with food, beer, and swag provided. The Lincoln Rebels car club gave us an incredible car show one afternoon. Mazda sponsored a brunch for their "Women on Track" program and a dinner that was open to all. The U.S. Air Force gave tours of one of their reconnaissance aircraft. The KS/ KCR paddock tent was a good, shady place to hang

out anytime, drink a beer, and catch up with friends.



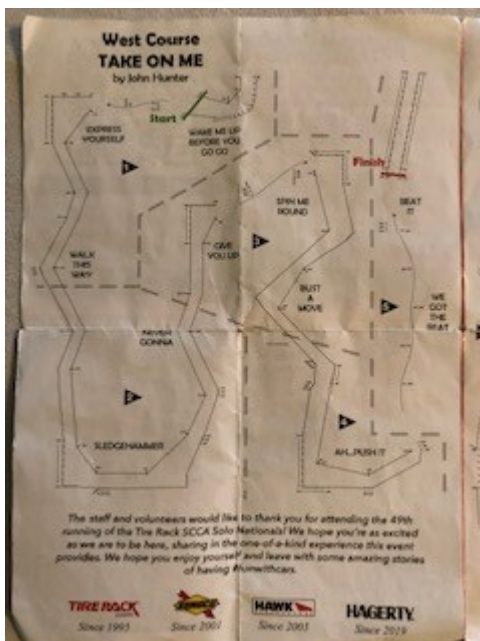


There was no shortage of parties in paddock-ville, either. Ice cream and whiskey, anyone? The mayhem and shenanigans of previous years seem to have tempered a bit, or maybe I just went to bed early and slept through it. Some things that were hard to miss were the colorful sunrises, the big airplanes that taxied through paddock several times a day (No parking in the taxiway!), the fighter jets that sometimes seemed to be putting on a show just for us, and the golf cart powered bubble machine...or maybe it was the bubble-powered golf cart...either way it was pretty neat! There was no rain in Lincoln while we were there. Those who have been in previous years will know how unusual that is.



My class drive first heat Tuesday and Wednesday. I didn't hear any complaints about the courses this year. Both were fairly easy to follow without the layered 'sea of cones' effect that so often leads to (my) disorientation. There were plenty of challenges to test your abilities or ruin your run. The West (corn) side has the faster cars clocking 45-50 seconds. The East (plane) side was more technical and a lot longer at 9/10 of a mile to walk and 75-80 seconds to drive in a fast car. When I first saw the layout for the East side's EIGHT sweepers and corners, I was pretty intimidated and thinking I would DNF and chase course workers for two of my runs. (I've done it before). After walking it and applying some of what I learned at Evo school this year, I found it was not nearly as spooky as it first appeared. I ended up really liking the longer time on-course and learning more about the power and handling of our newly acquired toy.

We go to Lincoln for many reasons: to test ourselves and our car, to spend time with friends, to get away from reality for a little while, to have fun. I will continue warming the tires or padding the trophies as long as I'm enjoying myself. One of these years, I may have to get serious about that driving part.



# VOTE NOW for the 2023 KCRSCCA General Election

I am sure you are all sick and tired of political ads, campaign calls and texts...but there is one more ballot that needs your vote! Nominations for the 2023 KCRSCCA General Election were officially closed at the end of the last week's General Membership Meeting.

THANK YOU to the election committee for seeking new nominees and for the nominees for volunteering your time to help this club!

All current KCRSCCA members are strongly encouraged to vote, and ballots must be cast by the General Membership Meeting to be held December 6, 2022. Mail-in paper ballots will not be available or accepted this year. All voting will be done electronically. If a member does not wish to vote electronically, they can attend the December General Membership Meeting and vote in person there.



Get to know your candidates and check out their statements and bios online (click the image).



Submit your vote electronically (click the image) before the close of the General Membership Meeting to be held December 6, 2022.

## Board of Directors

### Regional Executive

Bill Johnson

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Assistant Regional Executive

Paula Diehl

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 2023 KCRSCCA General Election (continued)

### Treasurer

Jessica Dorn

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Secretary

Ed Nicholson

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Directors (select up to 3)

Josh Holsworth

Chris Kern

Phil Meredith

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Solo Advisory Committee** (select up to 2)

Al Hermans

Jon Robertson

Tara Young

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### **RallyCross Advisory Committee** (select up to 2)

Niles Davis

David Noble

Clarissa Votipka

James Woodward

Other: \_\_\_\_\_



# CALLING ALL SANTAS

The Kansas City Region will be collecting toys and clothes for Operation Santa Claus. As Paula Diehl stated, "We are so blessed to be able to enjoy our cars with our friends, so let's pay it forward!" After all, gratitude and generosity go hand in hand. This year we are collecting new, unwrapped toys and new clothes (with tags) for those children who are in situations that don't favor a Christmas with presents under the tree.

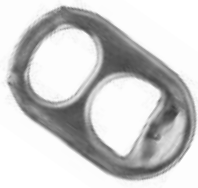
We will be collecting gifts at the December General Membership Meeting on December 6th starting 7:30 pm. Our deadline for collections is December 10th. If you have items but are unable to attend the meeting in December, please contact Paula ([pdiehl51@yahoo.com](mailto:pdiehl51@yahoo.com)) and she will be happy to pick them up in the Kansas City area.

Let's make this Christmas special lots of children!





# Pop Tops for Kids



THANKS to a giant reminder and collection bin at Solo Nats as well as several other donations, over 40 pounds of pop tabs were donated! We now have 53,000 pop tabs—surpassing our original goal—let's keep it going for the 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 to help cover the cost of chemotherapy for a child.

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## *RallyCross Report*

by Niles Davis

Our last event went incredibly well with 31 registered drivers showing up! Timing issues were minimal and all in all it was a very smooth event. Our net revenue for the weekend was \$679.70.

The RAC members whose term is ending include Niles Davis and Clarissa Votipka, both of whom are re-running. We also have David Noble nominated.

Our next events are Event #8 on Sunday, November 20th at I-35 Speedway and Event #9 on Sunday, December 11th at Thunder Valley Sand Drags.

## *KVRG Report*

by Bill Johnson

There will be a Super Tour at Hallett in April. KVRG will host a Road Race with a Time Trials at Heartland Park May 21-22. KVRG is looking into having an event at Ozarks International Raceway July 15-16 that may include a National Time Trials event as well.

We are looking at ways to encourage folks from Solo and RallyCross to get into Time Trials. We are considering doing a school to help the transition.

We are also looking for workers for next year. It's a great time and the second-best seat in the house!

## *Autocross Report*

by Al Hermans

Event #9 was held on October 16. There were 116 participants. Event results are posted on the region website.

Event #10 (Halloweenie) was held on October 30. There were 144 participants and lots of leftover food. Event results should be posted soon on the region website. A lot of people indicated they had a good time and enjoyed the challenging but fast course.

Planning is beginning for the 2020 season. If anyone has comments or suggestions, the SAC is ready to listen. We are looking for people interested in becoming chiefs.

Two SAC positions are open for the upcoming election. Stephen Fudge will fill out the term of Everett Watts.



*Save the Date*

**KCR SCCA Awards Banquet**

• **Saturday, February 11, 2023**

• **St Andrews Golf Club**

**11099 W 135th St**

**Overland Park, KS 66221**

**\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\***

**MIDIV CONVENTION**

**February 17-19**

**Hilton Garden Inn**

**19677 E Jackson Dr**

**Independence, MO 64057**

# 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. 11th**

**GV**

**Saturday, Oct. 22nd**

**TBD**

**Sunday, Nov. 20th**

**I35**

**Sunday, Dec 11th**

**GV**

KCRX Events sponsored by:





# UPCOMING EVENTS

Race Group Meeting	November 15 7:30 pm	Conroy's Public House 12924 State Line Rd Leawood, KS
KCRX Event #8	November 20	I35 Speedway Winston, MO
Board of Directors Meeting	November 29 7:00 pm	Conroy's Public House 12924 State Line Rd Leawood, KS
Solo Advisory Committee	December 6 6:00 pm	Conroy's Public House 12924 State Line Rd
General Membership Meeting	7:30 pm	Leawood, KS
KCRX Event #9	December 11	Thunder Valley Sand Drags Grain Valley, 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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