

The Write Line

~ April 2025 ~



Darla Presnell, DSL BMW 330i (Rocky Entriken Photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

Regional Executive Views

It's springtime, which means the temperatures are finally getting right for the Salina Region site on the Berkley Family Recreation Area's concrete. Just three events into the season and we have seen many new faces, but we want to see some other member faces that we haven't seen yet this season.

SCCA started something new this year with an assigned course designer on top of the usual assigned duties at events (event chair, safety steward, registrar, waiver chief). For the Salina Region we usually have the "Event Chair" as the course designer and the event decision maker. The first weekend I was event chair and did the courses. For our April doubleheader I was not able to physically attend the actual event but was able to go in the morning and be the course designer and help with setup.

With the help of our Assistant RE Mason Libby to help be event chair, it turned out to be a great event with two different individuals listed for the different duties and satisfying what SCCA is wanting.

On that note, moving forward it looks like we have a few events without a course designer or event chair. If you would like to design a course but not yet ready to run an event or the other way around. If you want to take

a shot at running an event but not ready to design a course, or vice versa, please let me know or someone on the board. We can have someone help before or on event day with anything needed to get things started. Which is kind of how we've been doing it for years anyway.

The next few events have a course designer or an event chair so remember to register. Registration is live for the May 10 Mother's Day Saturday event, with our Solo Chair Phelan Gagnon in charge. And then Mason's going to chair our leg of the Midwest Division Solo Championship June 7-8. Registration for that one is also up and ready for everyone to sign up.

Now a little about life. The AllTrac has a killer squeal from the passenger front brake. I thought it was from just the material of the pad when I upgraded the caliper and pads but because it's just the one side it might be more than meets the ear. Finding another vehicle to add to the collection, well that might be on hold. Just haven't decided on exactly what I want, especially figuring out what class I would like to be in.

I hope everyone had an amazing Easter. Remember the next event is on Saturday, the day before Mothers Day. Thanks for reading and Happy Mothers Day.

—Andlee, RE Salina Region



► Next Event ◀

Solo ~ Day before Mother's Day May 10 (Saturday)

Entry Fees: SCCA Members \$30, non-members \$45 (one day)
Check-in/Tech (both days) opens 8 am, closes 9 am ~ Coursewalk 8:30 am
Novice Coursewalk 9:15 am ~ Driver's Meeting 9:30 am ~ Cars on course by 10 am

Pre-register on MotorsportsReg.com ~ Link at salinascca.org

Credit card not charged until after the event.

Next Business Meeting

May 15 ~ 7 p.m.
on Zoom

Contact Andlee for Zoom link

*Business meetings are open
to all members and guests*



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Salina Region Schedule ~ 2025

All events at Berkley Family Recreational Area unless noted otherwise

Event

May 10 – Solo #4 (Saturday)
Jun 7-8 – Solo #5 & 6, Divisional Championship
Jun 29 – Solo #7 – Mirror Khana XLIII
July 27 – Solo #8 – Sunflower Solo Showdown 25.1
Aug 17 – Solo #11 – Sunflower Solo Showdown 25.2
Sep 6 – Solo #9 – AfterNats
Sep 7 – Solo #10 – AfterNats
Oct 12 – Solo #12 – Octoberfast 36
Nov. 2 – Solo #13

Chair

Phelan Gagnon
Mason Libby
Dennis Smith
Wichita Region at Yoder

Salina Region Board

Would you like to chair an event? Contact Phelan Gagnon

A Salina Divisional (if held) and Solo Nationals (Sep. 1-5, 2025) also score in Salina Region's Championship, with bonus points. Lowest four scores are thrown out, five if we do a Divisional

MiDiv



SPS/R&S MiDiv Solo Series – 2024

May 3-4 – Wichita @ Yoder KS (Road Yoder)
June 8-9 – Salina @ Salina (Berkley Family Rec Area)
June 28-29 – NeOkla @ Muskogee (Davis Field)
Aug 2-3 – Nebraska @ Lincoln (Lincoln Airpark)
Sep 20-21 – Kansas @ Independence KS (Independence Airport)

SCCA Solo Nationals ~ Sep. 1-5, 2025 ~ Lincoln, NE

MEETING MINUTES

(Subject to correction and approval at the next Salina Region board meeting)

Meeting Called to Order: by RE Andlee Phengphachanh via Zoom at 7:05 pm April 17, 2025. Also attending: Chandler Brown, Rocky Entriken, Justin Gagna, Phelan Gagnon, Mason Libby, Nancy & Dennis Smith.

Minutes – Motion to approve by Dennis. Nancy seconded. Passed.

Treasurers Report – Andlee presented on Sharon's behalf. Motion to approve by Chandler. Dennis seconded. Passed with no opposition.

Old Business –

- Cones, group buy with Wichita a no go. Rocky moved for Dennis and Andlee to purchase up to 200 cones. Chandler seconded. Passed.
- Solo Safety Steward – Mason is ready for license. Need to complete paperwork. Phelan Gagnon and Goeff Leazer will shadow soon.
- New computer/equipment – New system is working well overall.
- Trailer solar charger/battery – Ongoing discussion. Will need to replace battery at some point. Further discussion to come.

New Business –

- Evo School – Good overall turnout and positive feedback from participants. Rocky (chair) would like to see some younger people help out with the school in the future. Dennis (Safety) was very busy, the new disc golf course brought players into the area immediately adjacent to the autocross course.
- April Event – Good event overall. Fun course with 2 laps to make ~60 sec runs. Saturday we had eight runs! It appears that the base antenna wire for timing system may have been damaged during Sunday event. Andlee and Chandler will determine what antenna we need to permanently mount to trailer.
- May 10 Event chair/course designer for May 10 - Phelan Gagnon.
- MiDiv Championship event (June 7-8) – chair/course designer – Mason Libby

Open Forum –

- Need USB extension cable. Chandler to work with Andlee.
 - Website "Results" for 2025 needs cleaned up.
 - Issues with MSR over-charging for late fees. Andlee has fixed.
- Motion to adjourn 8:43 p.m. Next meeting May 15 via Zoom.
Submitted: Chandler Brown, Secretary.

PAX Index Updates

In the January issue of *The Write Line* we published the 2025 PAX/RTP index, which included the renamed Street Touring classes and a few new classes. Since then, PAX administrator Rick Ruth has collected new data leading to four classes getting new index numbers:

- CSX is bumped to 0.812 (former 0.803, Club Spec Mustang)
- SSC is bumped to 0.809 (former 0.802, Solo Spec Coupe)
- SST is bumped to 0.837 (former 0.832, Super Street Touring)
- EM is bumped to 0.916 (former 0.912, E Modified)

So far this season, of the four classes only two drivers in the SSC/SSCL classes are directly affected, Jimmy Green and Marcia Haynes, plus AS driver Chandler Brown, at our first event.

Jimmy's PAX was boosted from 42.612 to 42.984, Marcia's from 43.575 to 43.955. It did not change Jimmy's PAX ranking (3rd) at the "Lone Cone" event, while Marcia dropped from 6th to 7th, lifting Chandler Brown to 6th.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

- **Travis Vaughn**, Valley Center. Won CAM·C in a Mustang GT at our season opener in March.



Easy path to a Divisional Championship (maybe)

The Midwest Division Solo Series begins in two weeks. This year the path to a championship might be a bit easier for Salina Region drivers.

By which I don't mean the competition will be easier. That may be true, or not, depending on your class. Rather, the literal path. The opening event is just an hour down the highway, and the second round is right here in Salina. Just one day of each event meets the minimum qualification. After that, you get to count your best six events. Some classes, of course, are tougher than others. Let's look at some of the details:

The schedule this year is five 2-day weekends. Each day is a single event. Minimum participation requirement is two weekends. The maximum of six events can be done in three weekends. Such as:

Wichita Region's opening round May 3-4 in Yoder, then June 7-8 in Salina. Shazam! You're qualified, even if you only ran one day at each one.

Registration is open now for both events on MotorsportsReg.com. But if you're in contention maybe you want one more weekend to try for the maximum points.

Two more weekends are just 3½ hours away – either Nebraska Region's turn Aug. 2-3, usually running last year's Solo Nationals courses. Or the finale Sept. 20-21 at the Independence-Freedom Airport in Independence, KS by Kansas Region. The town has wonderful hospitality and a great site.

A little more distant is Davis Field in Muskogee, OK, the

June 28-29 event by Northeast Oklahoma Region. It's about a 5-hour drive but all on Interstates or Turnpikes (if you have a Kansas Turnpike K-TAG it works on the Cimarron Turnpike.)

As mentioned above, each day at a Divisional weekend is a separate event. Winners get 15 points, then 12, 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, and 10th and below all get 3 points. Even if you have a really bad day and DNF every run, you still get 3.

More information, including series rules, schedule, points standings, etc.,

may be found on the Midwest Division website, www.midiv.org. Look under "Programs."

The series is co-sponsored by Solo Performance Specialties, St. Louis, MO, and R&S Racing, Winterset, IA. Both provide services for racers including tires and performance parts.

Don't be thinking you're not "good enough." Anyone with that mindset never will be. Do you have fun autocrossing? Then you're good enough. But you can be better. We all can.

It is an oft-spoken aphorism that "to be the best you gotta beat the best." Sometimes it's "to get better race against someone better. "Or maybe just simply, "nothin' beats seat time."

It is equally true that experience on different courses, different pavements, different weather conditions, different organizations also makes you a better driver.

There's no One Right Way to draw an autocross course or to drive an autocross course. The more versatile you are, the more adaptable you are, the better you are.

MiDiv



Eight Across the 8

Eight runs on a figure-8 course by Andlee Phengphachanh, and Andlee didn't even get to run it. His son's baseball game takes precedence. Priorities!

The setup also meant eight slaloms per run on the south end of our BFRA site while our annual Evolution Schools were running on the north end for students who came from Indiana, Colorado, Missouri, Oklahoma, Topeka, and last-minute students from Wichita and Salina.

Although only 19 entries showed for the Saturday contest, it produced three battles decided by less than one second separation. 53 pylons were dead on the day for an average of 2¾ pylons per driver. Oh, the plasticity!

Only CAM-C winner Steve Schrag made it through eight runs without penalty or DNF.

In A Street, Chandler Brown's Lotus Elise and newcomer Kevin Omo from Wamego in a Z06 traded pylons and DNFs back and forth – for Chandler four DNFs and one more cone, for Kevin one DNF and four cones until Kevin finally got a clean 58.1 on his seventh lap and Chandler posted an equally shiny 58.0. But with one lap to go, Kevin found 57.5 while Chandler collected his final DNF. Kevin had a 0.513 sec MOV for the win.

In E Street's Miata mayhem Jason Rash started at 64.5 and whittled off another second before Rocky Entriken appeared from shepherding the Evo School to post an opening 63.1. Jason's Lap 8 was 61.064. Rocky completed his last three runs in the second heat, getting down to 61.755, but could not improve it. Jason's time held up for a 0.691 sec victory.

The third close one was in H Street between Don Herrick's Fiesta and the Mini Cooper of Dennis Smith, who also had to break away from working the Evo School as safety steward. Dennis got down to 62.189 on his fourth try, but Don found a 61.253 on his sixth run to take the class by 0.936 sec.

FTD and Top PAX were both claimed by Mason Libby's Saturn Sky, 56.287 sec. Sharon Brillhart claimed Fast Lady at 58.588

Watch yer six ✈

Sunday's course was essentially Saturday's in reverse direction. Only six runs this time. Most of the 23 drivers, of those who ran both days, said it flowed better, but at 64 pylons knocked down the average cone count remained at 2¾ per driver.

And again, only one driver got through the day clean, this time HSL winner Nancy Smith, and the day only produced one contest decided by less than a second.

That was CAM-C, where Ethan Gibbs arrived to give chase to Steve Schrag. In raw time, Ethan was quickest but that run carried three cones and he could never get within a half-sec again, his best a 60.2. Schrag finally broke 60 on his last two runs, a cone hid his best one but second-best was 59.7 – good enough to win by 0.449 sec.

Sharon Brillhart swept the honors, FTD, FL and Top PAX.

~ Eight Across the 8 • PAX Rankings ~

Driver	Class	Best	Index	PAX
Mason Libby	BS	56.287	0.819	46.099
Sharon Brillhart	ESL	58.588	0.790	46.285
Kevin Omo	AS	57.568	0.826	47.551
Chandler Brown	AS	58.081	0.826	47.975
Don Herrick	HS	61.253	0.784	48.022
Jason Rash	ES	61.064	0.790	48.241
Phelan Gagnon	BS	59.074	0.819	48.382
Dennis Smith	HS	62.189	0.784	48.756
Rocky Entriken	ES	61.755	0.790	48.786
Nancy Smith	HSL	65.646	0.748	49.129
Thomas Pacheco	BS	61.178	0.819	50.105
Steve Schrag	CAMC	60.852	0.825	50.203
Abner Perney	HS	64.770	0.784	50.780
Donald Wolfe	CAMS	61.533	0.844	51.934
Roger Hill	AST	63.167	0.834	52.681
Mitchell Bell	CAMT	64.190	0.821	52.700
Henry Brillhart	ES	66.731	0.790	52.717
Willie Vega	EST	72.990	0.815	59.487
Jessica Wolfe	CAMSL	71.523	0.844	60.365

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Driver	Class	Best	Index	PAX
Sharon Brillhart	ESL	56.831	0.790	44.896
Jerry Irvine	GS	58.179	0.794	46.194
Mason Libby	BS	57.139	0.819	46.797
Dennis Smith	HS	59.894	0.784	46.957
Terry Irvine	GS	60.165	0.794	47.771
Don Herrick	HS	61.039	0.784	47.855
Jason Rash	ES	60.620	0.790	47.890
Phelan Gagnon	BS	58.846	0.819	48.195
Alex Redman	CST	58.115	0.830	48.235
Nancy Smith	HSL	62.257	0.784	48.809
Rocky Entriken	ES	61.838	0.790	48.852
Steve Schrag	CAMC	59.790	0.825	49.327
Henry Brillhart	ES	62.508	0.790	49.381
Donald Wolfe	CAMS	58.749	0.844	49.584
Ethan Gibbs	CAMC	60.239	0.825	49.697
Brendan Sotta	BS	60.711	0.819	49.722
Mitchell Bell	CAMT	60.781	0.821	49.901
Andrew Schowengerdt	HS	68.371	0.748	51.142
Bret Vaughn	CST	62.030	0.830	51.485
Tracy Presnell	CST	63.015	0.830	52.302
Peter Sotta	BS	66.148	0.819	54.175
Darla Presnell	GSTL	68.323	0.810	55.342
Jessica Wolfe	CAMSL	70.107	0.844	59.170



SALINA REGION SOLO CHAMPIONSHIP • 2024

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Points after Watch Yer Six

* QUALIFIED FOR AWARDS (MIN. 4 LOCAL EVENTS)

AS	Chandler Brown*	21
	Kevin Omo	12
BS	Mason Libby*	36
	Phelan Gagnon*	18
	Thomas Pacheco	7
	Brendan Sotta	7
	Peter Sotta	6
CS	Greg Dunham	12
ES	Jason Rash*	33
	Rocky Entriken*	30
	Henry Brillhart*	14
ESL	Sharon Brillhart*	36
GS	Jerry Irvine	12
	Terry Irvine	9
HS	Dennis Smith*	33
	Don Herrick*	21
	R. Abner Perney*	16
	Andrew Schowengerdt	7
HSL	Nancy Smith*	36

For most of the season all competitors are listed. However, only Salina Region members are eligible for championship awards and must be members before Octoberfast and run at least four local events. As of Octoberfast all non-member points are stripped.

SSC	James Green	12
SSCL	Marcia Haynes	12
AST	Roger Hill	12
BST	Andlee Phengphachanh*	12
	Andrew Burns	9
CST	Geoff Leazer*	12
	Alex Redman*	12
	Israel López de Jesús	9
	Bret Vaughn	9
	Tyler Skrivanek	7
	Tracy Presnell*	7
DST	Riley Heaton	12
	Alexander Rittmiller	9
EST	Willie Vega	12

◆ PAX – Top 10 ◆		
ESL	Sharon Brillhart*	298
BS	Mason Libby*	291
HS	Dennis Smith*	286
ES	Rocky Entriken*	274
ES	Jason Rash*	274
HSL	Nancy Smith*	271
AS	Chandler Brown	192
HS	Don Herrick*	191
BS	Phelan Gagnon*	187
CAMC	Phelan Gagnon*	178

◆ Conekiller – Top 10 ◆

ES	Henry Brillhart*	13
GS	Jerry Irvine	13
BS	Mason Libby*	11
DST	Riley Heaton	8
AST	Roger Hill	8
ES	Jason Rash*	7
CAMT	Mitchell Bell*	6
DST	Alexander Rittmiller	6
CAMS	Donald Wolfe	6
ESL	Sharon Brillhart*	5
BS	Phelan Gagnon*	5
HS	Don Herrick*	5
BST	Andlee Phengphachanh*	5
CST	Alexander Redman*	5
HS	Dennis Smith*	5

Eight across the 8

Salina Region SCCA ~ April 12, 2025 ~ Berkley Family Recreational Area, Salina

Class	Driver	No.	Car	Make	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6	Run 7	Run 8	Total		
AS	•Kevin Omo	62	2002	Corvette	Z06	61.720+2	60.065+1	59.996	58.516	D.N.F.	58.828+1	58.196	57.568		
AS	Chandler Brown	19	2005	Lotus	Elise	D.N.F.	60.474	60.078+1	D.N.F.	59.161	D.N.F.	58.081	D.N.F.	58.081	
BS	•Mason Libby	62	2008	Saturn	Sky Redline	58.279	57.463+1	57.242+1	57.459+1	57.819	56.518+1	56.287	56.472	56.287	FTD/PAX
BS	Phelan Gagnon	6	2015	Camaro	SS	61.949+1	59.184	D.N.F.	61.240	60.587+1	59.096	58.599+1	59.074	59.074	
BS	Thomas Pacheco	321	2017	Mustang	GT350	67.031+1	64.440	62.425	62.562	61.723	61.404	62.427	61.178	61.178	
ES	•Jason Rash	13	2000	Mazda	Miata	64.573	65.669	74.932	63.696	62.609	62.655	63.107+2	61.064	61.064	
ES	Rocky Entriken	4	2000	Mazda	Miata	63.115	62.738+1	62.837	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	62.625	61.755	62.502	61.755	
ES	Henry Brillhart	48	1999	Mazda	Miata	66.768	73.563+1	66.520+1	66.969	65.259+2	66.731	65.608+4	D.N.F.	66.731	
ESL	•Sharon Brillhart	28	2003	Toyota	MR2	59.881	59.302+1	58.748+1	59.362	58.588	59.266+1	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	58.588	FL
HS	•Don Herrick	8	2015	Ford	Fiesta	64.079	63.128	62.217	60.964+1	D.N.F.	61.253	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	61.253	
HS	Dennis Smith	77	2013	Mini	Cooper	66.193	63.295	63.610+2	62.189	62.244	62.937	62.289	62.150	62.189	
HS	Abner Perney	5	2012	Fiat	500 Abarth	68.234	68.681	66.204	66.188+1	67.043	65.742	64.770	65.918	64.770	
HSL	•Nancy Smith	77	2013	Mini	Cooper	67.515+1	67.785	66.294	67.237	65.646	65.776	65.900	65.789	65.646	
AST	•Roger Hill	113	2008	Saturn	Sky Redline	87.467	64.862	63.167	62.898+1	61.751+1	61.191+4	61.985+1	61.896+1	63.167	
EST	•Willie Vela	19	2005	Mazda	3	79.113+1	75.139	75.689+1	74.807	74.701+1	75.795	72.996	72.990	72.990	
CAMS	•Donald Wolfe	17	2017	Corvette		66.046	63.631+1	61.421+2	62.289+1	63.504	61.633+1	61.533	D.N.S.	61.533	
CAMSL	•Jessica Wolfe	26	1999	Corvette		77.665	D.N.F.	74.423	71.523	70.077+1	D.N.F.	71.771	70.019+2	71.523	
CAMC	•Schrag, Steve	44	2008	Mustang		66.193	63.999	63.091	62.417	62.067	60.944	60.852	61.702	60.852	
CAMT	•Mitchell Bell	69	1969	Camaro		69.751	67.485+1	65.679+1	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	65.311	64.190	D.N.F.	64.190	

• Trophy FTD - Fast Time Of Day FL - Fast Lady PAX - Top PAX

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Class	Driver	No.	Car	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6	Best		
BS	•Mason Libby	62	2008	Saturn	Sky Redline	58.575	57.595	57.279	56.662+1	54.563+3	55.139+1	57.139
BS	•Phelan Gagnon	6	2015	Camaro	SS	61.903	58.979+1	61.040	58.846	58.944	58.232+1	58.846
BS	Brendan Sotta	45	2021	Audi	S5	63.228	61.690	62.422+1	60.711	60.925+1	60.714+1	60.711
BS	Peter Sotta	145	2021	Audi	S5	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	66.713	67.182+1	66.148	66.238+1	66.148
ES	•Jason Rash	13	2000	Mazda	Miata	64.361+1	61.102	60.174+1	61.119+1	60.620	59.179	60.620
ES	Rocky Entriken	4	2000	Mazda	Miata	61.838	61.429+1	64.464	D.N.F.	61.654+1	62.227	61.838
ES	Henry Brillhart	48	1999	Mazda	Miata	D.N.F.	63.455+1	61.696+2	62.993+2	63.172	62.508	62.508
ESL	•Sharon Brillhart	28	2003	Toyota	MR2	58.641	57.563+1	56.831	57.253	57.164	57.806	56.831
GS	•Jerry Irvine	62	2024	Honda	Civic Si	58.617+1	55.648+3	57.816+2	55.896+2	56.179+1	55.812+4	58.179
GS	Terry Irvine	162	2024	Honda	Civic Si	64.737+1	63.296	60.950+1	61.446	60.672	60.165	60.165
HS	•Dennis Smith	77	2013	Mini	Cooper	61.804	62.791+1	60.808	61.021	60.816	59.894	59.894
HS	Don Herrick	8	2015	Ford	Fiesta	63.142	61.039	60.897+1	59.601+1	60.289+1	59.719+1	61.039
HS	Andrew Schowengerdt	15	2005	Honda	Civic Si	D.N.F.	77.990	D.N.F.	70.681	68.672+1	66.371+1	68.371
HSL	•Nancy Smith	77	2013	Mini	Cooper	67.189	64.579	64.057	62.527	62.925	64.436	62.527
CST	•Alex Redman	97	2001	Toyota	MR2 Spyder	D.N.F.	60.746+1	59.756+1	59.413	58.804+3	58.115	58.115
CST	Bret Vaughn	197	2001	Toyota	MR2 Spyder	D.N.F.	64.780	62.810	62.030	64.195	62.770+1	62.030
CST	Tracy Presnell	28	1999	BMW	Z3 Roadster	D.N.F.	63.430	63.032	61.806+1	61.015+1	61.532+1	63.015
GSTL	•Darla Presnell	33		BMW	330i	77.178	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	70.701	D.N.F.	68.323	68.323
CAMS	•Donald Wolfe	17	2017	Corvette		63.782	61.633+1	60.524	58.749	60.623	59.436	58.749
CAMSL	•Jessica Wolfe	26	1999	Corvette		D.N.F.	D.N.F.	70.107	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	D.N.S.	70.107
CAMC	•Steve Schrag	44	2008	Mustang		D.N.F.	61.045	61.006	60.036	59.790	59.209+1	59.790
CAMC	Ethan Gibbs	12	2005	Mustang	GT	63.166	59.714+3	60.239	66.143+1	60.779	60.325	60.239
CAMT	•Mitchell Bell	69	1969	Camaro		65.745	D.N.F.	62.697	60.781	61.492+2	59.972+2	60.781

• Trophy FTD - Fast Time Of Day FL - Fast Lady PAX - Top PAX



Events Elsewhere - 2025

A calendar of AutoX and RallyX events by the Wichita, Kansas, Kansas City, Nebraska, NeOkla and Oklahoma Regions of SCCA. Go see how others do it!

‡ = Test & Tune / § = Street Survival School

▷ = Starting Line School / ● = Region or novice school

ALWAYS CONFIRM THE EVENT BEFORE MAKING A LONG TRIP!

(* = Salina Region autocross on this date)

AUTOCROSS

April 26.....● Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

April 26-27...SCCA Solo National Tour, Frederick, OK

April 27.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

May 3.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS (Divisional Champ)

.....‡ Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

May 4.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS (Divisional Champ)

.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

May 17.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park

May 18.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park

May 22-24SCCA Spring Nationals ProSolo, Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE

May 25-26SCCA Spring Nationals Nat.Tour, Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE

June 1.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

June 21.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park

.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

June 22.....* Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

.....* Oklahoma @ Remington Park

.....* Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

June 28.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK (Divisional Champ)

.....‡ Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

June 29.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK (Divisional Champ)

.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

July 12.....‡ Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

July 13.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

July 19.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

July 20.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

July 26.....▷ Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

July 27.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

Aug 1.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (Evo School)

Aug 2-3.....SCCA ProSolo, Burns Flat, OK

.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE (Divisional Champ)

Aug 9.....‡ NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

Aug 10.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

Aug 16.....§ Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

.....‡ Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

Aug 17.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

Aug 23.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park

.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

Aug 24.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park

.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

Aug 29-31ProSolo Finale @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

Sep 1-5.....Solo Nationals @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

Sep 13.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park

Sep 14..... Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO

.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park

Sept. 20..... Kansas @ Municipal Airport, Independence, KS

Sept. 21.....* Kansas @ Municipal Airport, Independence, KS

Oct 4.....‡ Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

.....§ Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

Oct 5.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE

.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS

RALLYCROSS

May 4.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK

May 10.....* Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley MO

May 18.....Nebraska @ Green Valley Ranch, Kearney NE

Jun 1.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK

Jun 8.....* Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Winston, MO

.....* Nebraska @ Green Valley Ranch, Kearney NE

Jun 14-15.....MiDiv Championship, NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK

Jun 29.....* Kansas City @ Ray Rocks Offroad Resort, Rayville MO

Jul 6.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK

Jul 20.....Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Winston, MO

.....Nebraska @ Green Valley Ranch, Kearney NE

Jul 27.....* NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK

Aug 23.....Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley MO

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Go

Racing!



Five MiDiv road course tracks are within a 5-hour drive of Salina. Be part of the action as a race worker -- flagging on corners, timing, grid, tech, etc. Or be a driver?

- Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett OK
- Hedge Hollow Raceway, Adrian, MO
- Motorsports Park Hastings, Hastings NE
- Ozarks International Raceway, Gravois Mills MO
- I-29 Speedway, Pacific Junction, IA

ROAD RACING

Apr 26-27.....Super Tour @ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett OK

May 24-25 ...Majors @ WorldWide Raceway, Madison, IL

July 12-13....Majors @ Ozarks International, Gravois Mills, MO

Aug 9-10.....Majors @ Motorsports Park Hastings, Hastings, NE

Sep 29-Oct 5...The Runoffs @ Road America, Elkhart Lake WI

MIDIV TIME TRIALS SERIES

June 15.....@ I-29 Speedway, Pacific Junction, IA

July 12-13....@ Ozarks International, Gravois Mills, MO

Aug 9-10.....@ Motorsports Park Hastings, Hastings, NE

Aug 23-24....@ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail, CO

Sep 20-21 ...Time Trials Nationals @ Pittrance, Wampum, PA

Sep 21.....@ I-29 Speedway, Pacific Junction, IA

TBD.....@ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett OK

TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA

May 2.....@ Pikes Peak Int'l Raceway, Fountain, CO

May 3.....@ Eagles Canyon Raceway, Decatur, TX (Track Day)

May 15.....@ Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett OK

Jun 25.....@ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail, CO

Jul 25.....@ Pikes Peak Int'l Raceway, Fountain, CO

Sep 24.....@ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail, CO

New to Autocross? Five things you need

By Rob James Krider

One of the things I love about SCCA Autocross is the extremely low barrier to entry. Do you have a car? I do! Do you crave adrenaline? For sure! Then let's go play with cars! It's literally that simple.

Autocross allows anyone the opportunity to find the extreme limits of their vehicle around a coned course in a very controlled environment. Yes, you *can* slide your car around a corner with a smile on your face and Johnny Law actually can't turn on that dreaded red light. In fact, police officers have been known to participate.

Even though the barrier to entry for autocross is about as low as it gets for motorsports, there are a few items every autocrosser can use as they head to their favorite parking lot or airport runway to compete. This list is by no means all-encompassing, but what's on it will help you survive your weekend of #funwithcars.

1. Helmet — SCCA's Solo Rules require that every driver (and passenger) utilize a helmet that holds an approved safety rating. For most, that means a helmet meeting Snell requirements, which right now means a 2010 rated helmet or newer.

What's a Snell rating? It's a certification from the Snell Memorial Foundation that tests the viability of crash helmets. You'll find a small Snell sticker with a year (the ratings come out every five years, so 2010, 2015, 2020, and so on) placed on the inside of a rated helmet. For SCCA Autocross, most people will utilize a Snell "M" or "SA" helmet. "M" rated helmets (generally used for motorcycles) are usually less expensive than "SA." An "SA" (Special Application) rating is used for road racing, but is also allowed for autocross. [Ed: The "K" rating (Karts) also works. It's identical to SA except it lacks the fire-resistant quality.]

For those new to the sport, don't be frightened by the requirement of a helmet. In the 30 years I've been playing in parking lots, I've seen more helmets age out than be damaged – and those incidents where a helmet *is* damaged were usually caused by the helmet rolling off a vehicle or toolbox in the paddock and hitting the ground. In other words, treat your helmet with care and it'll last you a long, long time.

[Ed: The next generation 2025 Snell rating comes out in October. 2010 helmets will expire next year, December 2026. If you are new to the sport you might be better off using loaners until 2026 helmets are available.]

2. Tire gauge — The most important part of a car (besides the nut behind the wheel) is the tires. Those round rubber donuts are the only thing between your car and the racing surface that you'll be using to accelerate, brake, and turn. They're also the best performance modification you can make. It's little hyperbole to say that tires are everything.

Since tires are vital to success, it's crucial that the air pressure in those tires is optimized for performance. Too little air, the tire can de-bead from the rim. Too much air and the car will slide around and feel skittish. What's the right pressure for your car? There's no simple answer for that – but to consistently maintain that correct tire pressure once you find it, you need a tire gauge.

A simple pen gauge will work, but a nicer dial gauge with a bleeder valve will make adjustments between runs much simpler, and be more accurate. A portable electronic air pump is also extremely handy to have in case you find the need to add air. [Ed:

Or a portable air tank, which is quicker.]

3. Car numbers/class (or painter's tape) — Autocross is a competition (hence the adrenaline), which means the folks in the timing trailer needs to know which car is on course in order to log your official time.

Stickers or magnetic numbers and class designation (minimum eight inches tall for the car numbers and four inches tall for the class) help the folks running the event keep track of everything. But, if you don't have fancy magnetic numbers, simple painter's tape and some moderate artistic ability can get the job done.

Painter's tape will not hurt the finish of your car, although when event photos come out online of you exiting a corner with the tail out, you'll probably wish you upgraded the tape for some sharp looking magnetic numbers so you look more like Max Verstappen.

It's also notable that for some Regional autocross events, the organizers will supply numbers printed on paper that you then tape to the side of your car – in which case, you'll need painter's tape anyway. [Ed: Salina Region provides both paper numbers and /letters, and painter's tape to attach them to your car. And we'd prefer you use them.]

4. Sunscreen, hat, umbrella ... and yes, shoes —

Because Solo events are held in large parking lots or airport runways, there's generally little to no shelter, which means you need to bring your own shelter with you. Whether it's raining or shining, you should probably bring a good hat and an umbrella – plan on packing sunscreen for sunny events and a rain jacket when it'll be damp.

The reason autocross events are so affordable (in many cases, around \$50 for a day of fun) is because it's a work/race format. You get to drive around the course fast while (hopefully not) smacking cones – and you get to stand on course while other people drive around fast and you pick up their knocked-over cones. Consequently, there's a decent amount of time spent on your feet, so wear good shoes (per rules, shoes must cover the entire foot).

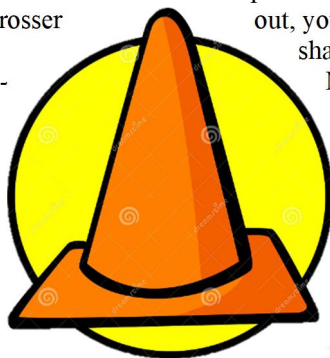
5. Snacks and water — Autocrosses are rarely held in the hustle and bustle of a shopping strip any more. They're held at the kind of places that don't mind if we drive cars around cones like maniacs. That is to say, fast food is usually not nearby. Autocross events are also porta-potty land (speaking of which, bring hand sanitizer just to be safe).

These events don't usually have a long enough break for you to leave to grab a meal at a Michelin-rated restaurant. Or even Mickey D's. So bring a small cooler with snacks and a meal to help get you through the day without getting hangry and wanting to chew off your own arm.

I'm by no means a nutritionist, so don't look to me for dietary advice. Apples and bananas? That's probably not a bad idea – but keep in mind that the person offering this advice starts every one of his competition weekends with doughnuts.

For water, a rule of thumb for hikers is to bring one liter for every two hours on the trail. Extrapolate that to an autocross, and packing a gallon of water is likely a good idea. [Ed: Salina Region usually provides bottled water for workers and competitors.]

About the author: Rob Krider, from San Francisco Region, is a national champion racer, the author of the novel *Cadet Blues*, and host of the *Stories and Cocktails* podcast. At the last Solo Nationals (2024) he trophied 4th in H Street.



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