

The Write Line

~ September 2025 ~



Parade Lap (Rocky Entriiken photo)

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

Regional Executive Views

I do not know who made Mother Nature upset, but someone needs to apologize. What crazy storms we have had as well as much needed rain. We have been pretty fortunate at our events to not have weather issues. Enough of what we cannot control and let's get down to something about the Salina Region.

This month's September event was a double weekend event with some revision to the course because the City of Salina is refurbishing the water tower, and also adding a new section to the dog park.

(I have personally called the city was told the tower work should be completed by OctoberFast).

Even with the revision which made it a "shorter" course it was still a very quick and fun drive. Thank you to our Assistant RE, Mason Libby, for designing both days' courses. It had great feedback from many drivers. It was a great turnout and I appreciate all that signed up and made it happen.

Now if you have been reading, OctoberFast registration is open and the site should be clear for us. If that does not happen we have a backup plan to make it just as memorable, as well as a one-of-a-kind event. Reminder, Lunch is \$10 cash or pre-pay on MSR when you sign up. Plus if you are a Salina Region member the entry is FREE for the event. Last year we had 52 drivers

sign up and it was an amazing event. Let's try to break that record this year.

With October approaching, it means the end of the year is coming very quickly. Look for an email instructing members to go to MotorsportReg for next year's officer voting. Remember, you can run for positions as well. I was only two years into autocross and Monte, our past RE, emailed me multiple times and I finally ran for RE.

You can run for Regional Executive, Assistant Regional Executive and Secretary. Two other required board members are the Treasurer and the Solo Chair (responsible for setting up our season). Both are appointed by the four elected members (which includes the immediate Past RE), so if you are interested in either tell me. That desire is all it takes to get on the ballot.

You can make a difference and be a part of a great group that truly cares.

Nothing juicy on the personal front. If anyone was out for this past event on Saturday, I did drive my son's Prelude. Not having 200 treadwear tires, front wheel drive and less horsepower truly put things into perspective. It was pretty fun after the first lap after getting used to how it handled and got the tire pressure where it needed to be.

Hope to see everyone at OctoberFast 36 on the 12th. Thanks for reading.

—Andlee, RE Salina Region

► Next Event ◀

Octoberfast 36 ~ Oct. 12

Berkley Family Recreation Area, Salina

MEMBER APPRECIATION EVENT ~ FREE ENTRY TO SALINA REGION MEMBERS

Entry Fees: SCCA Members \$30 ~ Non-members add \$15 (*includes Weekend Membership*)

Check-in/tech opens 8 am, closes 9 am ~ Coursewalk 8:30 am

Novice coursewalk 9:15 am ~ Drivers' Meeting 9:30 am ~ Cars on course by 10 am

Pre-register on MotorsportsReg.com

Credit card not charged until after the event.

Next Business Meeting

October 16 ~ 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

Oct 12 – Solo #12 – Octoberfast 36

Nov. 2 – Solo #13 – Solo, maybe a Mirror Khana

Chair

Salina Region Board

Dennis Smith

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)

Call to Order – by RE Andlee Phengphachanh via Zoom at 7:08 pm, Sept. 18, 2025.

Also attending: Sharon Brillhart, Chandler Brown, Rocky Entriken, Phelan Gagnon, Mason Libby, Artt Mann, Dennis and Nancy Smith.

Minutes – Mason moved to approve June 12 minutes as written, including notations from July 17 and Aug. 21 meetings for which there was not a quorum. Phelan seconded. Passed.

Treasurers Report – Chandler moved to approve Treasurers Report as presented. Mason seconded. Passed.

Old Business - Schedule next year to consider Kansas City Region (Independence, MO), Nebraska Region (Lincoln Airpark) and Wichita Porsche Club.

Attendance notice for less than 24 drivers may result in a modified course or potential cancellation. Has been updated on MSR.

Kansas State Formula SAE loaning of equipment.

New Business – September Event, great shorter courses. Lots of fun. Had a couple of glitches with computer (died twice). Nancy will make “CTRL-S” sticker to remind computer operator to save regularly (after every run).

OctoberFast, Phelan will provide award winning BBQ. May have to work around dog park construction or water tower maintenance.

Andlee will setup up voting for board members for next season on MSR before the first of the year.

Club EZ-Up awning – it hasn't been used in years. Rocky moved to put up for sale. Chandler seconded. Passed.

Sunflower Showdown – Only two Salina members (who were not also Wichita Region members) ran at Wichita, but no Wichita members (beyond three who are Salina members and regular participants) came to the Salina event.

Next meeting – 7 pm Oct 16th via Zoom.

Submitted ~ Chandler Brown, Secretary



Something autocrossers do that makes no sense to anyone outside the sport



Theresa Walton, in pursuit of maintaining and expanding her lead in CSXL, picked up a couple of unwanted passengers (that she later ejected further down course). This was her second run, day 1 on the West Course, The blown time would've been a 54.9.

Theresa Walton picks up her third Nationals victory

Her two-time winning E Street Miata sold, Salina Region member Theresa Walton borrowed a ride in Club Spec MX5 to claim her third consecutive victory at the SCCA Tire Rack Solo Nationals.

Despite her two-cone pickup on her second run, day one on the West Course, Theresa was undaunted as she went out for her final lap and knocked off a 55.244 to lead the day by 1.064 sec.

Day two, East Course, things got tighter. Theresa ran 57.969 on her final run but there was one car left. Brittany Edwards was the second driver in the only 2-driver car in the class. She already had a 57.7 on the board and the announcer was hyping the possibilities as Edwards left the line, coming home with a 57.298 – not quite enough by 0.433 sec.

Theresa picked up the ride in a 2014 Miata owned by NeOkla Region drivers John Kinton and Steve Wright. They were asked what arrangements had been made for the drive,

and replied simply, “She asked, we said ‘yes’.”

CSX is a class created just last year exclusively for third-gen NC Miatae. Her first time to sit in the car was her first run on Tuesday. Fortunately, CSXL ran in the fourth heat. By then the morning rains had dissipated and the concrete was dry.

Theresa was careful to note that’s it is technically not a “National Championship,” CSX being a “developmental/exhibition” class at this year’s Nationals, (along with the CAM classes, Extreme classes, Club Spec Mustang and Electric Vehicles).

But so what? Theresa whacked a six-car class, which was larger than 15 other Ladies classes that did declare national champions!

There was an unofficial mention at one of the evening gatherings that all those classes will be championship classes next year. As far as we’re concerned, Salina Region now has a three-time region-of-record champ. Congratulations, Theresa!

11 SALINA REGION MEMBERS COMPETE AT SOLO NATIONALS

In addition to Theresa Walton’s victory, Salina Region members scored five other trophy finishes at the 2025 SCCA Tire Rack Solo Nationals. Eleven Salina Region members competed at the 52nd annual running at the Lincoln Airpark in Lincoln, NE.

Joe Silva picked up his 14th trophy finish, his sixth top-3 in seven outings co-driving with nine-time champion Craig Wilcox in the Street Modified FWD class. After the first day the two were only a tenth of a second apart, but on the second day Wilcox laid a hammer on the class, running 48.6 sec while Silva, still second-quick, was 2½ seconds back.

Mark Hill posted his ninth trophy finish, Ryan Pemberton scored his sixth Nationals trophy, and Dan Rowland and Mason Smith both brought home their first Nationals hardware.

As the host of the Solo Nationals, Lincoln, NE, has now claimed the title of The Host The Most with its 16th time as home of the championship. The Nationals were held in Salina 15 times between 1975 and 1994 – six at our current BFRA site when we had the full 1.15-mile length of the runway to use, and nine more at the current Salina Municipal Airport in front of the “Big Bertha” hangar.

OTHER SALINA REGION TROPHY WINNERS

2nd SMF – **Joe Silva** (1999 Honda Civic)
 5th BST – **Mark Hill** (2006 Mitsubishi Evo IX)
 11th CS – **Mason Smith** (2022 Mazda Miata)
 11th SSC – **Daniel Rowland** (2013 Scion FR-S)
 12th XA – **Ryan Pemberton** (2015 Mitsubishi Evo IX)

ALSO COMPETING FROM SALINA REGION

25th CSM – **Don Knop** (2007 Ford Shelby GT)
 26th CST – **Rocky Entriken** (2003 Mazda Miata)
 39th CAMS – **Jim French** (2012 Corvette)
 43rd BS – **John LaRandeau** (2023 Toyota GR Corolla)
 46th XA – **Joshua Huff** (2010 Volkswagen GTI)



AfterNats Saturday

The idea was that we'd do a doubleheader on the weekend after the Solo Nationals and maybe pick up a few drivers on their way home. Well, maybe not, but we still had a nice turnout of 24 cars to take on Mason Libby's speedy course.

Maintenance work on the water tower (with city trucks and gear on the pavement) plus the markers for a northward extension of the dog park, made it prudent to draw a course in the 35-40 sec range, still plenty quick and tons o' fun.

FTD turned out to be the most interesting contest, with four drivers covered by little more than a quarter-second. AST is a brand new class added when the rest of Street Touring was renamed to its alphabet arrangement from the previous descriptive names. Roger Hill's Saturn Sky Redline is the only AST we've seen here and after a slow start, he pounded down to a 36.434 on his 5th of seven runs. There was a 35.8 on his final turn but it carried a cone.

Behind Roger were BS winner Mason Libby and AS winner Chandler Brown, both at 36.6, then CSP winner Theresa Walton at 36.719. The spread from Roger to Theresa, 0.285 sec.

Theresa, in the family Miata (not the borrowed CSX she drove at Nationals a few days earlier), and her husband Mark also staged one of the two closest class battles. Mark posted a 37.5 on his second run. He was a shade quicker on two late runs but both were plus-1. Theresa was fighting off cones also, whacking one on three runs, but finally came home clean at 36.719 to win by 0.858 sec., also taking Fast Lady.

Slightly tighter was the E Street duel. Jason Rash posted 39.1 on his first run but then the orange aliens did him in, jumping under his car on five of his next six runs. Meanwhile Rocky Entriken, who only captured one cone (on his slowest run) was threatening with 39s, then 38s, finishing with 38.378 for a 0.789 victory.

Sharon Brillhart, with a 37.271 in ESL, snagged Top PAX honors.

AfterNats Sunday

Sunday gained several more entrants, 31 cars total including Paul Tibbals, a driver from California who said he was on vacation and in no hurry to get home so why not? Mason Libby turned things around so we ran what was mostly Saturday's course in reverse direction.

FTD and PAX fell to EST winner Mason Herrick's Miata, who'd trophied in a 43-car EST class in Lincoln a few days earlier. After a warmup 38.0 he ran off six 36 sec runs, his fifth the best at 36.148. Second quick was Tibbals' BST Subaru STi at 37.9. After that were six drivers in the 38s.

The closest contest featured another Herrick, older brother Conner in a CST Miata topping the day's largest class. Conner had major pylon issues on the day, clouting nine of them in his seven runs, but his one clean run was a 39.774, and that was just enough by 0.123 sec to hold off Steven Allen's challenge.

Family Walton staged another showdown, a bit less fouled by cones (Theresa 1, Mark 2, none on fastest runs), with the same result as before, Theresa winning by a margin of 0.494 sec. and again claiming Fast Lady.

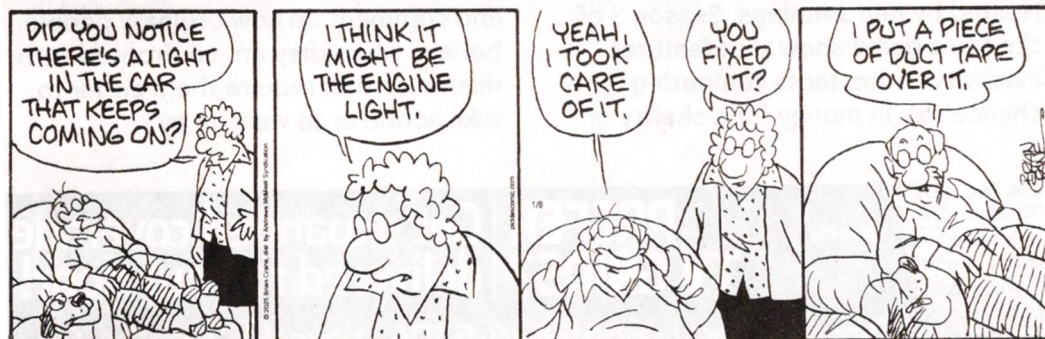
~ AfterNats Saturday • PAX Rankings ~

Driver	Class	Best	Index	PAX
Brillhart, Sharon	ESL	37.271	*0.790	29.444
Libby, Mason	BS	36.634	*0.819	30.003
Smith, Dennis E.	HS	38.505	*0.784	30.187
Brown, Chandler	AS	36.662	*0.826	30.282
Entriken, Rocky	ES	38.378	*0.790	30.318
Hill, Roger	AST	36.434	*0.834	30.386
Rash, Jason	ES	39.167	*0.790	30.941
Schrag, Steve	CAMC	37.514	*0.825	30.949
Herrick, Don	HS	39.765	*0.784	31.175
Walton, Theresa	CSP	36.719	*0.859	31.541
Morris, Kale	HS	40.306	*0.834	31.599
Smith, Nancy	HSL	40.372	*0.784	31.651
Brillhart, Henry	ES	40.146	*0.790	31.715
Entriken, Buck	CST	38.867	*0.830	32.259
Walton, Mark	CSP	37.577	*0.859	32.278
Burns, Andrew	BST	39.461	*0.833	32.871
Phengphachanh, Andlee	HS	42.053	*0.784	32.969
Perney, R Abner	FS	40.527	*0.817	33.110
Phillips, Eric	XB	39.108	*0.848	33.163
Reyes, Trinidad	SSC	42.776	*0.802	34.306
Williamsen, Paul	DP	40.176	*0.865	34.752
Holm, Brent	CAMC	43.903	*0.825	36.220
Vela, Willie	EST	44.448	*0.815	36.225
Howard, Scott	DP	42.312	*0.865	36.599

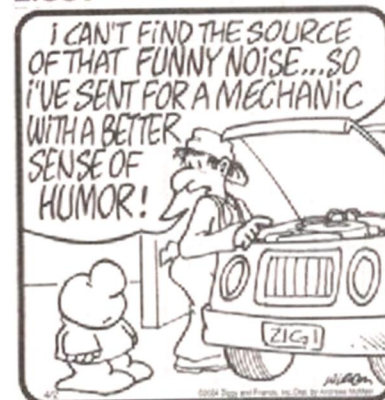
~ AfterNats Sunday • PAX Rankings ~

Driver	Class	Best	Index	PAX
Herrick, Mason	EST	36.148	*0.815	29.460
Herrick, Mike	EST	38.360	*0.815	31.263
Brillhart, Sharon	ESL	39.906	*0.790	31.525
Rash, Jason	ES	40.020	*0.790	31.615
Tibbals, Paul	BST	37.961	*0.833	31.621
Libby, Mason	BS	38.809	*0.819	31.784
Brown, Chandler	AS	38.651	*0.826	31.925
Schrag, Steve	CAMC	38.704	*0.825	31.930
Smith, Dennis E.	HS	40.778	*0.784	31.970
Ormo, Kevin	CAMS	38.250	*0.844	32.283
Entriken, Rocky	ES	41.315	*0.790	32.638
Herrick, Conner	CST	39.774	*0.830	33.012
Allen, Steven	CST	39.897	*0.830	33.114
Herrick, Don	HS	42.315	*0.784	33.175
Walton, Theresa	CSP	38.711	*0.859	33.252
Walton, Mark	CSP	39.205	*0.859	33.677
Brillhart, Henry	ES	42.948	*0.790	33.928
Entriken, Buck	CST	40.909	*0.830	33.954
Smith, Nancy	HSL	43.650	*0.784	34.221
Shelton, Drew	CST	41.258	*0.830	34.244
Presnell, Tracy	CST	41.274	*0.830	34.257
Burns, Andrew	BST	41.526	*0.833	34.591
Hall, Lawson	EST	43.433	*0.815	35.397
Stefanese, Joseph	EST	44.514	*0.815	36.278
Pearce, Nik	HS	46.333	*0.784	36.325
Holm, Brent	CAMC	44.328	*0.825	36.570
Presnell, Darla	GSL	46.127	*0.794	36.624
Perney, R Abner	FS	45.090	*0.817	36.838
Williamsen, Paul	DP	42.694	*0.865	36.930
Fulkerson, Will	XB	44.432	*0.848	37.678
Howard, Scott	DP	45.484	*0.865	39.343

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AfterNats Saturday

Salina Region SCCA ~ September 6 & 7, 2025 ~ Berkley Family Recreational Area, Salina

Class	Driver	No.	Car	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4	Run 5	Run 6	Run 7	Total	
AS	• Brown, Chandler	19	2005 Lotus Elise	37.612	36.767	36.662	35.776+1	36.732+1	D.N.F.	36.804	36.662	
BS	• Libby, Mason	62	2008 Saturn Sky Redline	37.811	37.393	37.287	37.154	36.722	36.870	36.634	36.634	
ES	• Entriiken, Rocky	4	2000 Mazda Miata	39.905	39.328	39.873	40.014+1	38.445	38.932	38.378	38.378	
ES	Rash, Jason	13	2000 Mazda Miata	39.167	38.747+1	39.404	39.134+1	38.749+1	39.973+1	44.550+1	39.167	
ES	Brillhart, Henry	48	1999 Mazda Miata	40.242	D.N.F.	41.280	41.666	D.N.F.	40.146	41.053	40.146	
ESL	• Brillhart, Sharon	28	2003 Toyota MR2	38.594	38.559	38.183	D.N.F.	37.741	37.271	38.559+1	37.271	PAX
FS	• Perney, R Abner	5	2005 Nissan 350Z	42.415	40.584	40.609+1	40.746	40.527	41.176	40.178+1	40.527	
HS	• Smith, Dennis E.	77	2013 Mini Cooper	40.237	39.342	39.362	38.955+1	38.505	38.627+1	38.713	38.505	
HS	• Herrick, Don	8	2015 Ford Fiesta ST	40.773	40.670	40.156	39.915	39.765	40.227	D.N.F.	39.765	
HS	Morris, Kale	7	2017 Ford Fiesta ST	41.977	41.445+1	40.306	40.423	D.N.F.	40.209+1	41.773+1	40.306	
HS	Phengphachanh, Andlee	23	1995 Honda Prelude	D.N.S.	D.N.F.	44.368	42.948	42.354	42.518	42.053	42.053	
HSL	• Smith, Nancy	77	2013 Mini Cooper	44.207	41.950+1	40.372	41.229	40.916	40.641	40.421	40.372	
SSC	• Reyes, Trinidad	37	2025 Toyota GR86	45.270	D.N.F.	44.308+1	42.457+1	46.870+1	42.776	42.944	42.776	
AST	• Hill, Roger	113	2008 Saturn Sky Redline	45.582	38.005	37.008	36.543	36.434	40.876	35.864+1	36.434	FTD
BST	• Burns, Andrew	13	2013 Audi S5	40.802	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	39.892	39.461	39.814	39.743	39.461	
CST	• Entriiken, Buck	7	2003 Mazda Miata	D.N.F.	40.838	44.373	40.706	39.865	38.867	39.414	38.867	
EST	• Vela, Willie	19	2005 Mazda 3	45.133	D.N.F.	45.903	46.588	45.372	44.927	44.448	44.448	
CAMC	• Schrag, Steve	44	2018 Mustang	39.876	38.278+1	37.745	37.608	38.678	37.791	37.514	37.514	
CAMC	Holm, Brent	5	2011 Mustang GT	46.800	D.N.F.	45.018	D.N.F.	44.185	43.903	43.773+1	43.903	
XB	• Phillips, Eric	17	2013 Volkswagen Golf R	39.902	39.386+1	39.408	39.345	39.108	39.260	39.106+1	39.108	
CSP	• Walton, Theresa	199	2002 Mazda Miata	38.329	37.634+1	D.N.F.	37.781+1	37.319+1	36.719	36.777	36.719	FL
CSP	Walton, Mark	99	2002 Mazda Miata	38.779	37.577	37.855	39.117	37.503+1	37.173+1	D.N.S.	37.577	
DP	• Williamsen, Paul	146	Datsun PL510	D.N.S.	D.N.F.	41.367+1	41.731	40.491	40.176	D.N.S.	40.176	
DP	Howard, Scott	46	Datsun PL510	48.393	46.160	D.N.F.	46.271	42.697	43.288	42.312	42.312	

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AS	• Brown, Chandler	19	2005 Lotus Elise	40.324+1	39.686	38.987	39.153	38.353+1	46.803	38.651	38.651	
BS	• Libby, Mason	62	2008 Saturn Sky Redline	39.997+1	39.454	41.531	38.809	38.610+1	39.084	40.303	38.809	
ES	• Rash, Jason	13	2000 Mazda Miata	42.638	42.051	41.377	D.N.F.	41.146	41.438	40.020	40.020	
ES	Entriiken, Rocky	4	2000 Mazda Miata	44.166	42.910	41.571	41.701	41.966	41.315	41.496	41.315	
ES	Brillhart, Henry	48	1999 Mazda Miata	D.N.F.	44.000	43.328	43.381	43.514	42.948	44.375+1	42.948	
ESL	• Brillhart, Sharon	28	2003 Toyota MR2	42.086+1	40.562	40.625	40.357	40.222	39.906	40.015	39.906	
FS	• Perney, R Abner	5	2005 Nissan 350Z	47.373	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	47.446+1	46.085	D.N.F.	45.090	45.090	
GSL	• Presnell, Darla	33	BMW 330i	50.688+1	47.581+1	46.127	47.910	46.613	47.343	46.627	46.127	
HS	• Smith, Dennis E.	77	2013 Mini Cooper	42.192	41.938+1	42.037	41.002	40.784	40.778	41.907+1	40.778	
HS	Herrick, Don	8	2015 Ford Fiesta ST	43.575	42.336	42.712	43.004	42.886	42.315	42.528	42.315	
HS	Pearce, Nik	54	2016 Honda Civic	47.631	47.678	47.038	46.480	46.851	46.333	46.850	46.333	
HSL	• Smith, Nancy	77	2013 Mini Cooper	46.422	44.250	44.354	47.719	43.821	43.650	47.976	43.650	
BST	• Tibbals, Paul	35	2006 Subaru STI	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	41.708	38.447	37.996	37.961	37.961	
BST	Burns, Andrew	13	2013 Audi S5	42.363	41.994	41.857	41.730	41.526	41.747	44.364+1	41.526	
CST	• Herrick, Conner	89	1999 Mazda Miata	40.802+2	40.322+2	39.505+1	40.513+1	39.774	39.727+2	40.480+1	39.774	
CST	• Allen, Steven	13	2002 Mazda Miata	D.N.F.	42.868	40.733+1	40.916	40.302+1	39.897	40.644	39.897	
CST	Entriiken, Buck	7	2003 Mazda Miata	43.105	D.N.F.	42.708	41.625	40.909	41.237	41.259	40.909	
CST	Shelton, Drew	3	2002 Mazda Miata	41.258	41.521	41.430	D.N.F.	41.647	41.358	41.943	41.258	
CST	Presnell, Tracy	28	1999 BMW Z3	41.922	41.889	41.538+1	43.572	43.143	41.562+1	41.274	41.274	
EST	• Herrick, Mason	189	1990 Mazda Miata	38.042	36.721	36.361	36.104+1	36.653	36.094+2	36.148	36.148	FTD/PAX
EST	• Herrick, Mike	89	1990 Mazda Miata	40.883	39.691+1	39.357	38.360	38.547	D.N.F.	D.N.F.	38.360	
EST	Hall, Lawson	192	1992 Mazda Miata	D.N.F.	46.202+1	45.242	43.827	43.670	43.494	43.433	43.433	
EST	Stefanese, Joseph	63	1991 Mazda Miata	49.078	45.934	58.376	48.751+2	45.414	44.514	57.937	44.514	
CAMC	• Schrag, Steve	44	2018 Mustang	41.759	40.646	39.610	39.411	38.704	39.827	39.223	38.704	
CAMC	Holm, Brent	5	2011 Mustang GT	49.064+1	46.502+1	45.846	45.296+1	44.394	44.328	44.541+1	44.328	
CAMS	• Omo, Kevin	62	2002 Corvette Z06	D.N.F.	41.309	39.850	39.084	38.830	38.250	38.751	38.250	
XB	• Fulkerson, Will	14	1991 Honda CRX Si	44.908	44.432	45.624	45.167	44.815	44.670	44.475	44.432	
CSP	• Walton, Theresa	199	2002 Mazda Miata	40.112	39.737	39.479	38.849	39.615+1	38.856	38.711	38.711	FL
CSP	Walton, Mark	99	2002 Mazda Miata	41.656	40.442+1	D.N.F.	40.172	39.205	39.665	39.787+1	39.205	
DP	• Williamsen, Paul	146	Datsun PL510	45.505	46.657	45.154	43.587	44.186	42.694	42.959	42.694	
DP	Howard, Scott	46	Datsun PL510	D.N.F.	47.118	47.079	46.742	46.150	46.522	45.484	45.484	

• 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

Oct 4.....‡. Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
§. Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 Oct 5.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 Oct 11.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
 Oct 12.....* NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
 Oct 18.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park
 Oct 19.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park
 Oct 25.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 Oct 26.....Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
 Nov 1.....‡ Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
 Nov 2.....* Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln NE
* NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
 Nov 9.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS (Endurocross)

RALLYCROSS

Sep 27.....‡. Nebraska @ Green Valley Ranch, Kearney NE
 Sep 28.....Nebraska @ Green Valley Ranch, Kearney NE
NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK
 Oct 5.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK
 Oct 12.....Nebraska @ Green Valley Ranch, Kearney NE
Oct 17-19..... RallyCross Nationals @ Hollytree Off Road Park, Hollytree, AL
 Nov 9.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK
 Nov 16.....Nebraska @ Green Valley Ranch, Kearney NE

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

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



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

- **Lawson Hall**, Manhattan, has run our recent events in an EST Mazda Miata.
- **Brent Holm**, Enterprise, ran a Mustang GT in CAM·C both days of our AfterNats Solos.

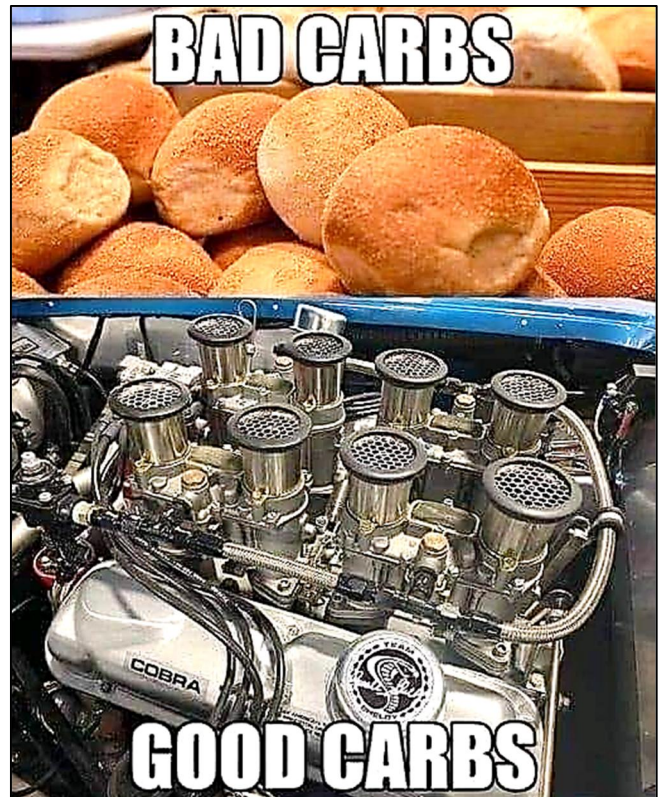
PAXTON IS CADET KART CHAMP!

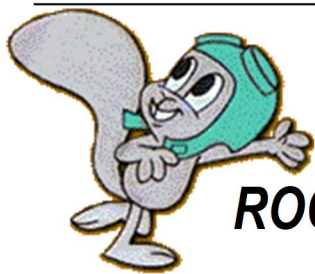
Salina Region member (and our 2019 Rookie of the Year) Paxton Cowden is the KCKA Cadet class champion for the 2025 season!

He won the Liberty Cup #2 final on Saturday following an all day battle and swapping heat race wins with quick Jack Baines. On Sunday he challenged the always fast RJ Brown and finished P2 in the final. The Sunday pre-final was one of the most exciting races of the weekend with four lead changes between the two racers. -Larry Brady



"Bottom line for me is, if you don't like what our sport is defined to be, please go find something else to do where you'll be happier, and don't screw it up for the rest of us. It's about control, precision, and skill at the car's limits, not velocity. -Karen Babb





ASSORTED NUTS FROM ROCKET J. SQUIRREL

—ROCKY ENTRIEN

It's a question newbies sometimes ask, and sometimes even those not so new: how to hold on to a steering wheel.

I've taught at PDX sessions (Performance Driving Experience at race tracks) and the first thing I usually do is have my student cruise the paddock so I can see how he sits and handles the wheel and gearshift. Almost always there's something to fix.

J.G. Pasterjak, Tech Editor for Grassroots Motorsports, wrote an article on this recently in which he made a rather startling statement: "The car does not care where your hands are on the wheel."

Wow! And he added, the car doesn't care if you shuffle steer or do it overhand. "What the car actually cares about is the speed, smoothness and accuracy with which you move that wheel. It doesn't care how you accomplish that; it just cares that that's what is accomplished."

And he's right. My version of the lesson has been that both shuffle and overhand work, do what's comfortable. What's important is smoothness.

But let's go back to my students' drive through the paddock. I tell them 10 and 2 (o'clock) as the basic, but it may depend on where the spokes of the wheel are. Sometimes the manufacturer puts the steering wheel spokes right in the way, so you end up at 10:30 and 1:30, or something else. For reasons I cannot explain I often find myself at 10 and 1.

And for a reason I can explain, if I'm in a big turn I've often dropped to 9 and 3 – the reason there is, in that big turn you have centrifugal force acting on your arms, and at 9 and 3 you are bracing against the wheel hub while at 10 and 2 (or something else) you're fighting the wheel.

The next thing I usually have to fix – and this is before we're even on the track! – is "get your right hand off the gearshift! Both hands on the wheel." The reason is control. You're not controlling a damn thing with that hand on the shifter, unless you're going to shift *right*

now! In autocross, especially, mostly you are doing a 1-2 shift just after the start and then need never touch the knob again. On rare occasion you might want 3rd gear, so do it and then get back to the important tool, the steering wheel!

I took a competition driving course back in the '70s from a fellow named E. Paul Dickinson, the first person to win five SCCA Solo Nationals. He gave me a technique that I find really works, what he called "preparing the turn." As you approach a turn, usually from a straightaway, he would drop the opposite hand down to the 5 or 7 o'clock position. What this gives you is a full 180° or more of turn with that one hand, eliminating any need to shuffle or overhand the wheel.

E. Paul also taught students to unwind the wheel. That is, don't let it go and spin to center. Then you're letting the car decide where it wants to go. But manually undo the turn, unwind the wheel, at the rate *you* want it to do.

I'm not really sure how to explain this one, but I have sometimes found myself, usually in a quick slalom, with both hands at the 12 o'clock position on the wheel,

rapidly whipping back and forth through the cones. Maybe those sticky 200 treadwear tires have something to do with it – I didn't do that back in the day – but it also seems to depend on how long and how fast the slalom is. That 12 o'clock trick isn't useful all the time, except when it is. What's weird is it seems a jerky maneuver, contrary to the lesson of "smooth." But as long as the car doesn't go sideways I guess I'm good with it. Then again, one thing I'm trying to do in

slaloms is maintain a constant maximum speed, not jumping back and forth between accelerator and brake. It works better with long slaloms than short ones.

There is also an eternal misconception that, with motor racing, you can't practice. Actually you can, and should, every time you get behind the wheel. Hold the wheel correctly, don't laze a hand on the gearshift, shift open-handed, sit up straight, look ahead (not at the taillights of the car ahead, but the one in front of him, or farther), smooth braking. If you're not doing all that, make yourself do it. That's the practice. I do it in my Miata, in my wife's car, in my Chevy G30 van. You can practice everything in your toolkit of driving techniques on the open road except the part of mashing your right foot to the floor.

But then, that's the easy part.



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