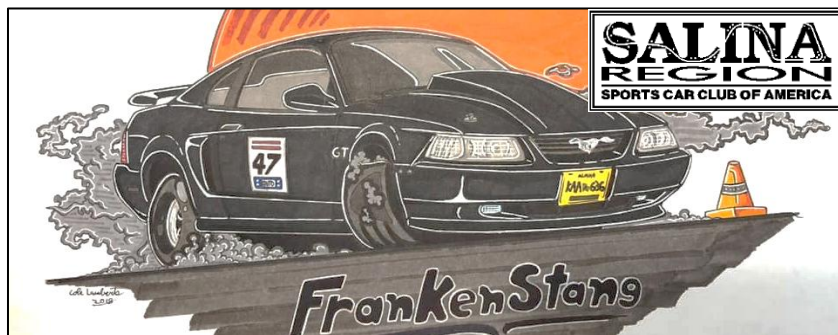


# The Write Line

~ May 2026 ~



"Frankenstang" by Cole Lambert

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

## Regional Executive Views

It is almost summer which means the coolest and best events are yet to come. I hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather as well before it gets too hot.

Even though I was not able to drive, I was able to help set up the course with Mason this past weekend. There was some very good feedback on the course and I was happy the bad weather stayed away. I want to thank the board for keeping the events running smoothly. Remember you as a driver can help as well, from chalking the course to helping put away cones after the event is over.

Back to the course, Mason and I made the course on a whim. You can be precise but Dennis Smith told me one time, make the beginning and the end of the course, then fill in the middle. At least for our site this works well for the "flow" as it is a hard site to make a fun and creative course.

I bring it up as if anyone wants to take on helping make a course someone can partner with you to make that happen. As of this year, SCCA now requires that course designers take its design school and get a license. Super easy, and we need more official course designers. Right now we only have four. See the note on Page 3. The online school takes about 30 minutes and the license is immediately attached to your membership card. It is

also a great way to get more involved in the region. Anything helps us keep the region going.

I hope you'll register for not one but both days in June for our June 6 & 7 event (click the "Full Weekend" box), plus sign up for our Famous Mirror Khana event on June 28th. I always like Mirror Khana because the clock no longer matters. It's just a good old-school brawl against another driver on a course originally designed in 1974! If you have not experienced Mirror Khana you have to at least do it once, it's nice to change things up a little with as different as it is.

Baseball and gymnastics is still in full swing for the kids but we should be winding down in July, so expect me out to events driving in late summer. All I ask is to know one can switch classes to BST for the time being. 😊 I mean it is called the "beast" class for a reason, just kidding.

Now that June is coming, have a great Father's Day.  
—Andlee, Salina Region



### ► Next Event ◀

## Twin Solos #5 & #6 – June 6-7

Berkley Family Recreation Area, 841 Markley Road, Salina

Entry fees: SCCA members \$33

Non-members add \$53 (includes Weekend Membership)

Check-in/Tech opens 8 am, closes 9 am ~ Coursewalk approx. 8:30 am

Novice guided coursewalk 9:15 am ~ Drivers meeting 9:30 am

**Registration on MotorsportsReg.com**

*Credit card not charged until after the event.*

### Next Business Meeting

June 9

7 pm, via Zoom

Contact Andlee (see Pg. 2)

For Internet Link

*Business meetings are open to all members and guests*



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## Salina Region Schedule ~ 2026

All events at Berkley Family Recreational Area unless noted otherwise

**Event**

June 6 ~ Solo #5  
June 7 ~ Solo #6  
June 28 ~ Solo #7, Mirror Khana XLIV  
Aug. 16 ~ Solo #8  
Sep 19 ~ Solo #9  
Sep 20 ~ Solo #10  
Oct 11 ~ Solo #11, OctoberFast 37  
Nov 1 ~ Solo #12

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Phelan Gagnon  
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**Would you like to chair an event in 2026? Contact Phelan Gagnon**

A Salina Divisional (if held) and Solo Nationals (Sep. 7-11, 2026) 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 - 2026**

May 2-3 - Wichita @ Yoder KS (Road Yoder)

June 13-14 - NeOkla @ Muskogee (Davis Field)

Aug 1-2 - Nebraska @ Lincoln (Lincoln Airpark)

**SCCA Solo Nationals ~ Sep. 7-11, 2026 ~ Lincoln, NE**

## MEETING MINUTES

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

May 12 board meeting not held for lack of quorum.

THE CALGARY HERALD—Friday, March 25, 1960

# ANN LANDERS

## Answers Your Problems



Ann Landers

### Wonderful Hobby

DEAR ANN: My husband has gone goofy over sports cars. I'm just about ready to tell him to go sleep in the garage if he puts the cars before his own family.

He has a good business, and we don't want for anything but it's the time I resent. He spends hours monkeying with the cars—he has two now. He reads everyihing on sports cars that he can lay his hands on.

He'll drive miles to see a sports-car race. He can't take the kids along because only two can get in the car with him, and the other two would have to stay home.

The other evening the dog was sick and my husband couldn't even drive him to the vets because both cars were torn down.

He doesn't have any big faults like smoking, drinking or swearing but this car business is getting my goat. What is your opinion?—GLADYS.

DEAR GLADYS: You ought to be happy your husband has a four-wheeled pastime instead of a two-legged one. Sports cars are a wonderful hobby, and many women are just as interested in them as men.

There are more plusses to your marriage than minuses. Count your blessings and don't be a flat tire.



# Top-10 races in the USA? SCCA's Runoffs stand at #6!

BY PHILIP ROYLE

scca.com

Running door-to-door with the biggest names in American motorsports isn't for the faint of heart, but that's exactly what the SCCA National Championship Runoffs continues to do.

Voting for the 2026 USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Award for Best Motorsports Race has officially wrapped, and the results are in, with the Runoffs finishing an impressive sixth out of the 20 chosen contenders. That's a result worth celebrating!

Thanks to the passion and dedication of SCCA members who voted (that's YOU!), the Runoffs held its own against the most iconic events in the country. Landing in sixth puts the Runoffs right behind giants like the United States Grand Prix at COTA, the Indianapolis 500, and the Daytona 500. Those events define motorsports in America, so it's an honor to finish on their heels.

Even more impressive? The Runoffs placed ahead of marquee events like the Rolex 24 at Daytona, Motul Petit Le Mans, and several other major races.

In recent years, the Runoffs has proven it belongs in this elite company. Back-to-back fourth-place finishes in 2024 and 2025 showed strong momentum, and this year's result reinforces that the event is a consistent contender.

Anyone who has spent time in the Runoffs paddock as a racer, volunteer, crew, or fan understands why. The Runoffs is where championships are decided by inches, where every corner matters, and where drivers leave everything on track. It's intense, emotional, and deeply competitive – everything a great motorsports event should be.

Most importantly, this result reflects the strength of the SCCA community. So, to everyone who voted and supported the Runoffs: thank you!

Also, you can experience the Runoffs in person! The 2026



Ethan Lampe holds off Camden Gruber to win the Spec MX5 championship at the 2025 Runoffs, run at Road America.

SCCA National Championship Runoffs takes place Sept. 28-Oct. 4 at Road America in Plymouth, WI. Drivers can qualify via the Hoosier Racing Tire SCCA Super Tour or U.S. Majors Tour, with workers from across the country encouraged to volunteer at the event (worker and driver registration begins in July). Spectators are also welcome.

Learn more about the Runoffs at [scca.com/runoffs](http://scca.com/runoffs).

## Here are the 2026 USA Today 10Best Motorsports Race poll results:

1. Sick Week (week-long endurance drag race)
2. United States Grand Prix (Formula 1)
3. NOS Energy Drink Knoxville Nationals (WoO Sprint Cars)
4. Indianapolis 500 (Indy Cars)
5. Daytona 500 (NASCAR)
6. National Championship Runoffs (SCCA)
7. King of the Hammers (multi-event off-road race)
8. Rolex 24 at Daytona (IMSA)
9. Chili Bowl Nationals Powered by NOS (indoor midget races)
10. Motul Petit Le Mans (IMSA)

## Get a Solo Course Design License!

We really need more licensed course designers in Salina Region. It's easy, takes maybe a half hour online to do the course.

To access the Solo Course Design course, follow these steps:

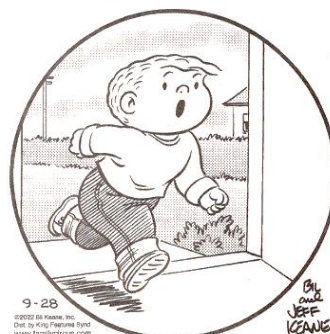
- Log in to the SCCA Member Account Portal through the SCCA website.
- Navigate to the SCCA Academy section.
- Find the Solo Course Design course and register for it.
- Use the SCCA Academy Quick Start Guide PDF or Quick Start Guide Video to walk you through the registration process,

The course is available to all SCCA members, and once completed, you'll obtain a Solo Course Design certificate, and will be listed as holding a course design license. It will also appear on your membership card. This is now a requirement to be officially named as a Solo Course Designer for SCCA events.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBER

• **Cameron Dawson**, Minneapolis, did a ride-along in March, came back in May with a Z28 Camaro to run in F Street.

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"Uncle Tom's car has a new invention on it -- it's called a stick shift!"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"THAT'S CUTE. WHAT KIND OF CAR WILL IT BE WHEN IT GROWS UP?"

# Mama Said *there will be days like this...*

Mason Libby and Andlee Phengphachanh designed a wicked fast course for our day-before-Mother's-Day autocross. Mason did the uphill and Andlee the downhill, or maybe it was the other way around. I forget. But anyway I shoulda grabbed 3rd gear in three places, but didn't. 😞

Sam Krauss brought his XB Eagle Talon up from Oklahoma and blew everyone away. A final-run 41.929 was 3.3 sec faster than anyone else could do! Second-quick Chandler Brown was the only driver to beat Krauss's *worst* raw time, and Chandler's 45.2 in his AS Lotus Elise was still 6/10ths quicker than Rich Chapman's SS Corvette or Russell Blume's GS Mini Cooper S, both turning 45.8 times.

All four of our newest members came to play, two of them involved in the day's closest finishes. Luke Broberg, who joined in March, gave Phelan Gagnon a contest on CAM·C. Both of them got down to the low 47s with Phelan only 0.303 sec quicker. Cameron Dawson, who signed in just the week before, brought a Z28 Camaro to duel Abner Perney's Nissan 350Z. The world's most experienced novice prevailed by only 0.881 sec.

And then there was E Street, where Henry Brillhart has been showing newfound speed. Jason Rash once again claimed the win – both drivers playing in 48 sec territory – but only by 0.829 seconds over Henry, who'd snagged the lead after third and fifth runs. However, Henry was DNF on #6 while Jason found a 47.9 for the win.

Recognizing other new members, Justin Blew won CAM·T with a classic '71 Dodge Challenger, Michael Mace claimed SMF in an Acura Integra – both joined in March – and Nicholas Lake, who joined in December, took SMF in his Ford Focus.

## ~~ Mama Said • PAX Rankings ~~

Driver	Class	Best	Index	PAX
Samuel Krauss	XB	41.929	0.859	36.017
Russell Blume	GS	45.848	0.809	37.091
Sharon Brillhart	ESL	47.470	0.788	37.406
Chandler Brown	AS	45.240	0.830	37.549
Jason Rash	ES	47.908	0.788	37.752
Henry Brillhart	ES	48.737	0.788	38.405
Rick Chapman	SS	45.891	0.840	38.548
Mason Libby	HS	49.559	0.780	38.656
Mike Herrick	CST	46.669	0.829	38.689
Phelan Gagnon	CAMC	47.086	0.828	38.987
Luke Broberg	CAMC	47.389	0.828	39.238
Don Herrick	HS	50.738	0.780	39.576
Tracy Presnell	CST	47.984	0.829	39.779
Nancy Smith	HSL	51.067	0.780	39.832
Rocky Entriken	ES	50.715	0.788	39.963
Brent Holm	CAMC	49.163	0.828	40.707
R Abner Perney	FS	50.399	0.817	41.176
Michael Mace	SMF	48.326	0.857	41.415
Cameron Dawson	FS	51.280	0.817	41.896
Justin Blew	CAMT	52.410	0.819	42.924
Nicholas Lake	FSP	53.535	0.833	44.595
Darla Presnell	GSL	59.995	0.809	48.536



## Thinking about doing Nationals? Rookie tip: be brave!

BY MIKE BRAUSEN

[scca.com](http://scca.com)

A two-time SCCA Solo National Champion and Evolution School instructor has some words of wisdom for those heading to Lincoln for the first time.

Robert Carpenter has a number of ProSolo titles as well – so he knows how to get it done. We asked him what advice he might have for a first-time competitor at the Solo Nationals, or any big Solo event.

“The first time it's just trying to get over the first-time jitters. It's just learning to relax, because you've got to put two good days in. You could have a fabulous first day and overlook minor things on the second day or vice-versa,” he says.

Some other tips he had to offer:

- “I think it's good to find someone you respect as a driver and **walk the course with that person**. That's how I learned. Ken Rupp was someone that kind of mentored me a lot when I was first getting started, and he was a fabulous driver out of Atlanta. He doesn't race anymore, but Ken is one of the best I've been around. Find someone you really respect and walk the course and learn why you're doing what you're doing.”

- “**Don't be intimidated**. If you're not going there with the nicest-prepped car, the highest-level-prep car, that doesn't mean you can't outdrive everybody else. That's from somebody that took an older car that everybody said couldn't do it, in E Stock in 2001 (with a Honda CRX), and I was the fastest guy out there. It can happen for anybody.”

- “Go out there and **give it all you've got** on your first run. Don't be scared to run 12/10ths. I've seen a lot of people that were really good drivers that when you go out there and you put together a really hot first run, they mentally shake themselves out of the game because they feel they can't beat you.

I've also been known to run straight down the middle of the slalom running all over the rev limiter to drop a second on the whole class, and come in and try to be the intimidator.” (The timer display won't show the DNF.)

“Our sport is so much mental,” he concluded. “Think about it: We struggled all year long, and we fought to get to this one point, and it comes down to this one day, and you have three runs to make it the best you can. It really does come down to a mental block and a lot of people have problems there.”





# Events

## Elsewhere — 2026

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

- May 21-23 .... **SCCA ProSolo @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE**
- May 23-25 .... **SCCA National Tour @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE**
- Jun 5-6 ..... Oklahoma @ Jenks-Simmons Field House, El Reno, OK
- Jun 13-14.....\* **NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee, OK (Divisional)**
- Jun 20.....‡Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE  
.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
- Jun 21.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE  
.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
- Jun 27.....\* Kansas @ Darana-Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka, KS
- Jul 11.....‡Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
- Jul 12.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE  
.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park
- Jul 18.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
- Jul 19.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
- Jul 25/26..... Kansas @ Darana-Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka, KS
- Aug 1 ..... Kansas @ Darana-Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka, KS
- Aug 1-2 ..... Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE (Divisional)**
- Aug 7-9 ..... SCCA ProSolo @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE**
- Aug 9 ..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park
- Aug 15..... §Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO  
.....‡Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
- Aug 16.....\*Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO  
.....\* Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
- Aug 22.....‡NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK  
.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
- Aug 23.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK  
.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
- Aug 29 ..... Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
- Aug 30 ..... Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO
- Sep 4-6..... SCCA ProSolo Finale @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE**
- Sep 7-11..... SCCA Solo Nationals @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE**
- Sep 19.....\*Kansas @ Darana-Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka, KS
- Sep 26 ..... Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO  
.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK  
.....§.Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
- Sep 27 ..... Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO  
.....NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK  
.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
- Oct 3.....‡ Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
- Oct 4.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE  
.....Oklahoma @ Remington Park
- Oct 17/18..... Kansas @ Darana-Heartland Motorsports Park, Topeka, KS
- Oct 24 ..... Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO  
.....‡Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE  
.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
- Oct 25 ..... Kansas City @ MetroCC Driving Center, Independence MO  
.....Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE  
.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS
- Oct 31 ..... NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK
- Nov 1.....\* NeOkla @ Davis Field, Muskogee OK

- Nov 7 ..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park
- Nov 8 ..... Oklahoma @ Remington Park  
.....Wichita @ Road Yoder, Yoder KS (Endurocross)

### RALLYCROSS

- May 24-25 .... Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley, MO
- May 31 ..... Kansas @ McCain's Off-Road Park, Carbondale, KS
- Jun 7 ..... Nebraska @ Raging Beaver Racecourse, Beaver Crossing, NE
- Jun 14 ..... NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK
- Jun 20 ..... Kansas @ McCain's Off-Road Park, Carbondale, KS
- Jun 28.....\* Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Winston, MO
- Jul 3-5..... MiDiv Challenge @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK**
- Jul 19 ..... Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Winston, MO  
.....Nebraska @ Raging Beaver Racecourse, Beaver Crossing, NE
- Jul 25 ..... Kansas @ McCain's Off-Road Park, Carbondale, KS
- Jul 26 ..... NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK
- Aug 2..... Kansas City @ Ray Rocks Offroad Resort, Rayville, MO
- Aug 16.....\*NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK
- Aug 23..... Kansas @ McCain's Off-Road Park, Carbondale, KS
- Sep 6.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK
- Sep 12-13 .... Nebraska @ Green Valley Ranch, Kearney, NE
- Sep 13..... Kansas @ McCain's Off-Road Park, Carbondale, KS
- Sep 20..... Kansas City @ Thunder Valley Sand Drags, Grain Valley, MO
- Oct 4 ..... Kansas City @ Holsworth Farm, Garnett, KS  
.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK
- Oct 11.....\* Nebraska @ Raging Beaver Racecourse, Beaver Crossing, NE
- Oct 16-18..... RallyCross Nationals @ Camp Verde, AZ**
- Nov 7 ..... Kansas @ McCain's Off-Road Park, Carbondale, KS
- Nov 8..... NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK
- Nov 15..... Kansas City @ I-35 Speedway, Winston, MO
- Nov 22..... Kansas @ McCain's Off-Road Park, Carbondale, KS
- Dec 6.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK (Tent.)
- Dec 12..... Kansas @ McCain's Off-Road Park, Carbondale, KS

## 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

- Jul 11-12..... Majors @ Ozarks Int'l Raceway, Gravois Mills, MO
- Sep 28-Oct 4 . The Runoffs @ Road America, Elkhart Lake WI**

### MIDIV TIME TRIALS SERIES

- May 23-24.. @ Pueblo Motorsports Park, Pueblo, CO
- Jun 13..... @ I-29 Speedway, Pacific Junction, IA
- Jul 11-12.... @ Ozarks Int'l Raceway, Gravois Mills, MO
- Aug 8 ..... @ Motorsports Park Hastings, Hastings, NE
- Aug 22-23 ... @ Ozarks Int'l Raceway, Gravois Mills, MO(TENTATIVE)
- Sep 19 ..... @ I-29 Speedway, Pacific Junction, IA
- Oct 4 ..... @ Hedge Hollow Raceway, Adrian, MO

### TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA

- Jun 24 ..... @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail, CO
- Jul 24..... @ Pikes Peak Int'l Raceway, Fountain, CO
- Sep 16 ..... @ High Plains Raceway, Deer Trail, CO
- Oct 1 ..... @ Hallett MRC, Hallett, OK

# What the Solo Rules' dB(C) sound measurement means

By Brad Smith

A couple of questions heard on the autocross grid include: "Is dB(C) even a real sound measurement? OSHA uses dB(A), so why don't we?" Also: "My car used to be compliant. Why is it suddenly too loud?"

I joined the Solo Events Board (SEB) in 2024, the same year the Club's revamped sound policy went into effect for autocross events. Since then, I've read the member letters and talked to drivers on grid at various Solo events, and I understand their frustration. Sound enforcement at events often feels like a moving target, but the current policy aims to address two critical goals: improving everyone's event experience and protecting the future of our sport.



I want to take a moment to directly address some of the questions the SEB has received over the last couple of years regarding sound, but before we get to that, it's important to have a foundational understanding of the sound measurement process.

## Process and Procedure: The Foundation

Admittedly, standardization isn't the most exciting topic. However, establishing how we collect data, calibrate meters, and uphold rules is the bedrock of fairness.

Measuring sound at an event isn't as simple as setting up a meter and walking away. We must account for shifting atmospheric conditions and different operators to ensure a reading at 9 a.m. in the fog is consistent with one at 2 p.m. in the baking sun. This has been the larger of two major issues as we continue to refine the process and implement change.

## The Great Weighting Debate: dB(A) vs dB(C)

This is where the technical jargon becomes important. To understand why the Club switched from dB(A) to dB(C), we have to look at how these function. Think of these as "filters" for a spectrum of sound. A V-8 rumble and a rotary scream produce very different frequencies.

**dB(A) (A-Weighting):** This mimics the human ear at lower volumes (around 65 dB, like typical speech). It "ignores" a lot of low-frequency bass because our ears aren't very sensitive to it at low levels.

**dB(C) (C-Weighting):** This is a "flatter" filter. As sound gets louder, the human ear actually becomes less sensitive to midrange frequencies, so low and high frequencies become more important and pronounced. At the high decibel levels produced by a race car, dB(C) provides a much more accurate representation of the actual acoustic energy being produced.

## Site Retention: Why Neighbors Care

We've all seen it happen: a great site (an old airstrip, stadium lot, or fairground) suddenly disappears from the event schedule due to "noise pollution."

A car can be 100% legal on a dB(A) meter and still lose us a site. Because dB(A) ignores those low "thumpy" frequencies, it fails to measure the exact sound that travels half a mile and rattles a neighbor's windows. By switching to

dB(C), we are finally measuring the sound that actually causes the complaints.

## Protecting Our Greatest Asset: The Workers

Beyond the neighbors, there is the immediate concern of the people standing 50 feet from your exhaust all day. Low-frequency noise carries a massive amount of physical energy.

Even with earplugs, that energy can cause physical fatigue and long-term hearing damage by vibrating the small bones in the ear. dB(C) gives us a more honest look at the total energy hitting our course workers.

The transition to dB(C) isn't moving the goalposts to be difficult, it's about using a more accurate tool for a high-volume environment to ensure our sport is sustainable and our sites are secure.

## SCCA Sound Policy: Frequently Asked Questions

With those basics now in mind, let's directly tackle some of the most frequently asked questions that come to the SEB regarding sound. Some of what follows might be redundant after you've just read what's above, but it's important that everyone truly understands sound.

### • Why did we move away from dB(A) if that's what most sites use?

The dB(A) measurement was designed to mimic the human ear's response to sounds like conversation. It intentionally filters out low frequency "bass." Race cars are significantly louder and may produce high-energy low frequencies that travel long distances, dB(A) is no longer the right tool for measuring the true impact on our sites and neighbors.

### • Does dB(C) make the sound limit stricter?

Not necessarily "stricter," but more "accurate." A car with a very high-pitched exhaust note may see very little change between dB(A) and dB(C). However, a car with a deep, bass-heavy exhaust will likely see a higher reading on a dB(C) scale because those low frequencies are no longer being filtered out.

### • What is the current sound limit?

For the current season, the Solo Events Board has set the limit at **108 dB(C)**, measured at the standard 50-foot distance. Check for any Regional or event-specific variances.

### • My car passed sound under dB(A) but failed under dB(C). What changed?

Your car likely produces significant low-frequency energy. Under the old dB(A) rules, the meter was essentially "ignoring" that section of the spectrum. The new dB(C) limit captures that energy, which is exactly the type of sound that causes site-retention issues and neighbor complaints.

### • How can I quiet my car down if I'm over the limit?

Adding a physical muffler, a "turndown" exhaust tip aimed up or down, or an additional resonator can help. Keep in mind that "packing" in mufflers can wear out over time, so a car that was quiet two seasons ago might need a muffler refresh. Also, don't forget intake noise when considering a full audio attenuation package.

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**••• Associate memberships •••**

• Associate Memberships in Salina Region expire concurrent with National and Region-of-Record memberships. All Associate memberships paid direct to Salina Region are notified to SCCA Membership and expire on their National expiration date. Associate members are fully-vested members of Salina Region, although their Region-of-Record is elsewhere.

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• To become an Associate Member of Salina Region, contact SCCA Membership (call 1-800-770-2055) and ask to be included as a member in Salina Region. The Region's dues will be paid at that time and added to your renewal fees.

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