

The Write Line

~ July 2026 ~



Will Fulkerson, Formula SAE Powercat

The official newsletter of the Salina Region SCCA

Regional Executive Views

Summer is in full swing, which means projects and to-do lists are most likely not able to get done because of the Kansas heat. That's not with the City of Salina as our site has **NEW ASPHALT!** (See story, Page 5.)

We had word that it was on their list to do but for next year. If you have been to our site the concrete on the sides closest to the grass has been slowly breaking apart. You would best remember if you come through the finish on a course, typically your tires will grab a bit of gravel coming into grid.

Well, that is no longer the case. Yes we would have loved concrete instead of asphalt but when it is hard enough to find a site to host an event. We will take it with arms wide open.

Keep an eye out on MotorsportReg.com as we do apologize that last month's Mirror Khana was cancelled. The great thing is that we have decided to move it to our twin solo weekend in September. Come on Saturday September 19th for a solo and come back Sunday for a fun Mirror Khana course.

We do not have an event in July but make sure you sign up for August's Solo.

My kiddos' sports are officially done for the season. I should be able to start making it out to more events. The

All-Trac still needs a wheel bearing changed as it is starting to growl, but we should be able to make something happen.

If you happened to drive through Salina here recently or in the future. Disregard all of the tree limbs and roofing companies in town. We had a really bad hail storm come through in late April and a few weeks later a storm with 100+ mph winds. At this rate with Mother Nature, all I am waiting for now is the tornado to touch down.

I hope everyone had a safe and fun 4th of July. Have a great rest of Summer and I want to see everyone in August.

—Andlee, RE Salina Region



► Next Event ◀

Solo – Aug. 16

Berkley Family Recreation Area, 841 Markley Road, Salina

Entry fees: SCCA members \$33

Non-members \$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

Week of
Aug 17 ~ 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 ~ 2026

All events at Berkley Family Recreational Area unless noted otherwise

Event

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

Chair

Mason Libby/Nicholas Lake
Chandler Brown
Andlee Phengphachanh
Salina Region Board
?

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

(Subj9t to correction and approval at the next Salina Region board meeting)

Call to Order – by RE Andlee Phengphachanh at 7:08 pm on July 8, 2026, via Zoom.

Also attending: Sharon Brillhart, Rocky Enriken, Phelan Gagnon, Mason Libby, Artt Mann, and Nancy Smith, creating a quorum to enable the meeting to start. Hank Brillhart and Dennis Smith joined later.

Minutes – Artt moved to approve the April 21 meeting minutes as presented, Nancy seconded, passed.

Treasurer's Report – Nancy moved to approve treasurer's report as presented, Artt seconded, passed.

Old Business – Lunch at Octoberfast (Oct. 11) – Artt will be the primary provider if available, with Phelan as the backup. Menu will offer both pork and chicken.

A post-event party at Flareside Performance, a Salina tuner shop, was discussed. Possible date is Oct. 11 following Octoberfast, as long as it does not conflict with owner Josh Reich's race schedule.

Evolution School – We have not yet received our payment for the April 17-19 Evolution Schools. Rocky will check with owner Mike Johnson.

Formula Wheat – Andlee is contacting SCCA about possible liability concerns from supporting the Powercat Motorsports event by the Formula SAE chapter at Kansas State University, borrowing Salina Region equipment.

New Business – Pavement repair – City of Salina has completed asphalt repairs to broken concrete at Berkley Family Recreation Area. Repairs were completed early because of concerns from the Lead Sled Spectacular event at the end of July.

Safety Steward – Rocky introduced a motion to reward a safety steward who is the only one present at an event. After discussion, Artt proposed a version which would reward such an individual with free entry to any subsequent event within one year. Passed unanimously.

Event Entry – After heated discussion over cancellation of the June 28 Mirror Khana, Andlee offered the following motion as policy to manage an event with a small entry: "Two days prior to event an email will be sent out to the board of directors to determine if we will have a cancellation or a modified course. At that time it will be decided per vote/motion. If a board member does not respond an attempt to call or text will occur, at that time they will have the chance to respond." Phelan seconded. Passed, All voted aye except Rocky abstained. The policy to be added to the Salina Region Operations Manual.

Mirror Khana – It was decided to reschedule the Mirror Khana for Sept. 20, the second day of a Saturday-Sunday event already on the schedule. Andlee said he will chair.

Artt moved to adjourn, Mason seconded, adjourned.

Next meeting: Week of Aug. 17, via Zoom.

Submitted: Rocky Enriken, Secretary Pro Tem



POWERCAT MOTORSPORTS: 3RD PLACE AT FSAE (OUT OF 130)

From Newsradio 1150 KSAL

Kansas State University's Powercat Motorsports team, including three Salina Region SCCA members, finished in third place – out of 130 international Formula SAE teams – at the annual FSAE competition at Michigan International Speedway.

In any endeavor, continual improvements become more difficult as results improve over time. K-State's Formula SAE design team knows this well. Coming into 2026, the Powercat Motorsports team in the Carl R. Ice College of Engineering had posted an improved score and finish in each of the last four years at Formula SAE Michigan, the organization's largest and most important international competition of the year. In 2025, the club jumped up six spots to take fourth place.

The trend of constant improvement continued into a fifth year, with the club cracking the top three at Formula SAE Michigan in late May, once again resetting the mark for the best competition finish in club history. The strong finish was also a special moment for club president Tyler Carlgren, senior in mechanical engineering, Leawood.

"Being able to provide this passionate group of people with the tools needed to execute the most successful competition performance in team history makes me extremely proud," Carlgren said. "From where I started with the team — still getting on our feet after Covid — to this point is such an impressive jump."

The K-State team finished in third place overall out of 130 teams behind Universidad Politecnica de Valencia in Spain, which also won in 2025, and Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN. The club scored well in nearly every category but was paced by another strong driving performance in the endurance race, finishing third. The club also took fifth place in autocross, which provided a good starting point for the endurance race, avoiding track moisture from early-morning rain.

It was the final year of competition for the team's two drivers, Carter Cygan, senior in mechanical engineering, Spring Hill, and **Salina Region SCCA member Will Fulkerson**, senior in electrical engineering, Salina. The two have been driving together for three years and that extra familiarity has helped the club become one of the top teams in the country.

"With the multiple years of experience and increased testing time this year along with the best car we have ever built, we had high hopes," Carlgren said. "Seeing other teams get towed off the track while we are going around is a reminder that any failure could put us in the same situation. Carter and Will were able to execute on the biggest stage and put down a really solid time, which, paired with only hitting one set of cones and no off-course penalties, led us to finish third in endurance."

Cygan said the hard work all year long was worth it. "I'm super proud of the team and all the work everyone has put in over the years to get to this point," he said. "In the moment, I was super pumped, and it was a fantastic way to end my FSAE career."

With year after year of improvements in the shop and on the track, the team has discussed what it will take to keep its momentum into next year as a new group of students carries the torch.

"It is going to take our team continuing to stay hungry and pushing for more," Carlgren said. "We have been able to make a



car that successfully passed the rules and consistently finishes endurance, so now we are focusing on how to get the most performance out of the car. It's about identifying where our design can be improved and focusing our effort on making improvements that don't negatively affect other components."

Hosein Baboly, teaching associate professor, and Kevin Wanklyn, teaching associate professor, both from the Alan Levin Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering, serve as faculty advisors to the team.

In addition to Carlgren, Cygan and Fulkerson, competing members of the 2026 Powercat Motorsports team at Michigan International Speedway included **Salina Region SCCA members Lawson Hall**, senior in mechanical engineering, Fort Scott, and **PJ Migliazzo**, junior in mechanical engineering, Leawood.

The team also numbered Teah Calini, sophomore in mechanical engineering, Leawood; Alayna Dill, senior in electrical engineering, Shawnee; Louis Evans, senior in mechanical engineering, Wichita; Ben Grauerholz, junior in mechanical engineering, Salina; Thomas Harp, 2026 graduate in biochemistry, Osawatomie; Taisen Hendershot, sophomore in mechanical engineering, Maize; Reese Hirschler, sophomore in mechanical engineering, Leawood; Madi Horton, senior in news and sports media, Newton; Payton Lee, graduate student in mechanical engineering, Ottawa; Carlos Loubriel, freshman in mechanical engineering, Kansas City; Austin Menge, senior in mechanical engineering, Topeka; Cody Noland, sophomore in mechanical engineering, Manhattan; Holden Sailer, sophomore in mechanical engineering, Wichita; Hank Schreiner, sophomore in industrial engineering, Spring Hill; Brady Shanklin, sophomore in mechanical engineering, Manhattan; Charlie Slothower, senior in mechanical engineering, Salina; Mary Stevens, junior in interior architecture, Salina; Brendan Stillie, sophomore in electrical engineering, Frisco, TX; and Tyler Weber, senior in mechanical engineering, Kansas City, MO.

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

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 1-2Nebraska @ Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE (Divisional)
Aug 7-9SCCA 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

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



ANNIVERSARIES

••Five Years••

Nora Schrag

Sep 6.....NeOkla @ Billy Bob's Farm, Billings OK
 Sep 12-13Nebraska @ 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 4Kansas 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

Sep 28-Oct 4 . The Runoffs @ Road America, Elkhart Lake WI

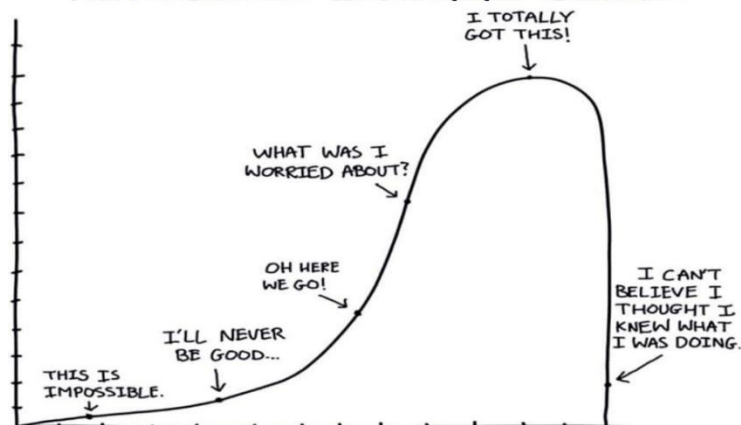
MIDIV TIME TRIALS SERIES

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
Oct 24-25 ... Time Attack Nationals @ Eagles Canyon Raceway, TX

TRACK NIGHT IN AMERICA

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

AUTOCROSS LEARNING CURVE



Road Work!

BFA pavement repaired; Magnolia Hike/Bike Trail Work Begins

From the Salina Region SCCA point of view, it's as if the road construction fairies just appeared one day and fixed the pavement damage at the Berkley Family Recreational Area.

Gone is the crumbling concrete, 25 feet wide along each edge of the pavement just south of Evans Field, reaching to the runway extension in the vicinity of Barkley Park. 😊

But really, the magic is courtesy of the City of Salina, and perhaps with a bit of credit to the Lead Sled Spectacular, arriving in Salina July 23-26. Part of that event is the run-what-ya-brung 1/8-mile drag races Friday evening. The return road was along that rubble-strewn edge and participants had complained about the pavement.

City Engineer Rex Ritter said the new asphalt cap was two inches deep, with runway concrete under it. Ritter had "no concerns" about our autocross activity on the new blacktop portion, including potential hard braking if the finish chute is located there.

While significant course design on the blacktop (high G-force turns) is unlikely, the transition between concrete and asphalt is indiscernible. There's no bump, and Ritter said the contractor made special effort to make it so. However, autocrossers should be aware the grip on asphalt, especially new asphalt, will not be the same as on the airport concrete.

The former Salina Municipal Airport was built in three segments. The original segment was 100 feet wide and something less than a mile long. Later it was decided the airstrip needed more width and a 25-foot addition was laid along each edge. That addition is the part that has been breaking up. Still later, another extension was added to the south end, bringing the runway length to 1.15 miles. The original runway and the south-end extension have both held up well.

Salina has also begun construction of a new hike and bike trail along the south side of Magnolia Road between Belmont Boulevard and Ohio Street. This is not the Magnolia project announced earlier this year, expected to take place sometime in 2027 or 2028, Ritter said.

That project, between the soccer fields and Markley Road, will also include a new wider bridge over the Smoky Hill River. Markley Road dead-ends at both Crawford Street and Magnolia Road, the two primary access routes to our site for autocrossers.

Ritter said the plan is that Magnolia Road will remain



open during both projects, although it may be limited to one-lane each way. The work will require the closure of the southernmost eastbound lane of Magnolia Road, construction equipment will be working from that lane.

In June, a brief occasion of survey work required a Magnolia closure to a single lane across the Smoky Hill River bridge with eastbound and westbound traffic taking turns passing through behind a pilot car.

The current project will tear up the existing five-foot sidewalk along the south side of Magnolia, to be replaced with a paved hike/bike trail 10 feet wide. That 90-day project is planned in two segments, the part alongside Salina South high School first with completion expected by the time the school year begins.

There is no sidewalk beside the water tower on the southwest corner with Belmont Boulevard; a culvert will have to be created in the ditch that is there now. —R.E.

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You must be a member to enter SCCA events. There are several different types of membership available, including Regular, Family, First Gear (under 25) and Military, plus short-term Trial (free) and Weekend (\$20) Memberships. Questions? Call Salina Region membership chair Rocky Entriiken at 785-827-5143 or e-mail rocky@spitfire4.com.

••• Associate memberships •••

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