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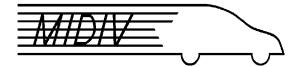
# A PUBLICATION OF THE KANSAS CITY REGION SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA



At the Midiv Convention, Charlie Clark, former winner of the England-Stipes Award, presented the award to the 2009 recipients, Ken and Gini Ragan



Bill Johnson, Jr. was recognized at the Midiv Convention in honor of Bill's induction into the SCCA HALL OF FAME



# CONVENTION



Bob Eddy, Executive Steward, presented Bill Johnson III, the Stewards Award to the SIT or other Stewards who although achieving the goals, provided the most entertainment while doing so. (It's a charming hat!)



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# RE VIEW WITH GINI RAGAN

Since the last Checkpoint, SCCA has had 2 conventions that should be of interest to the Kansas City Region members. One was the National Convention held in Las Vegas and the other was the Midwest Division (Midiv) Convention held right here in Kansas City. There were a total of more than 400 SCCA members at the National Convention. I will not attempt to name those attending either convention, but I can remember seeing at least 10 KC Region members in Las Vegas. The Midiv convention had more than 100 attendees with more than 30 being KCR members.

A theme of both conventions was "Make it Easy — Make it Fun" with an emphasis on recruiting, and retaining members. This is also a concern of mine and the membership of the Kansas City Region Board of Directors. Our membership number is lower than I remember it ever being (around 550.) Norma Williams has been Membership Chairperson for a number of years and is a great resource. She can provide help if your license or membership cards are not correct, she can help get them corrected, and she can provide information for new and prospective members including info for licensing and annual tech. Norma sits with a novice applicant and helps with forms etc. so a driver has what he or she needs when they arrive at the track and school.

This year Chelsea and Ken Snyder and Kathy and Tony Giordano will be working with Norma. They will be contacting prospective members and the weekend members, as well as those members that have not renewed their memberships.

You, too, can help our club by sharing with your neighbors, co-workers, family and friends your experiences in SCCA and inviting them to a meeting or event. Most people have to be asked; they just don't volunteer without asking! There are incentives for recruiting new members as well as the incentives for volunteering. I hope you will become a member of the membership recruitment team for the Kansas City Region.

Until the next time Gini







#### **Notes from the National Convention**

The National Office has developed an incentive program for volunteers at Club Races. Credit towards the members' dues is given for days worked. It is necessary for the volunteer to register the days worked. This can be done by logging onto SCCA,Com and clicking the LogIn button on the right had side of the bar. You will need your member # and password. Next you click on the Member Home Page and then volunteer participation. In the middle of the next screen is a line titled Active Participation Information; click add under that line. A screen with blanks for the date worked and a drop down button lets you select the event worked; there is also a drop down that lets you select number of days worked. After you filled in all the blanks, click save. You will be credited with the days worked and when your dues billing comes you will pleased to find a reduction in the amount of dues due. This program does not affect our clubs income from dues as it is funded by a small fee collected from drivers thru registration.

Any member can take advantage of this program by volunteering at any SCCA sanctioned race. There are many areas of specialty where one can volunteer. For on the track-close to the action, try Flagging and Communication; to examine race cars, check out tech; you want to meet drivers, volunteer to work the grid or registration; Course Marshal (emergency services) offers an opportunity to work on a hot track where the action is; T&S offers a chance to use your technical skills or some manual ones. Other opportunities are offered in Sound Control, Hospitality, Race Administration or in the Pits. By volunteering, you can help your club and get some credit, up to \$30.00, toward your dues.

#### **Notes from the Midiv Convention**

At the Midiv Convention, the executive committee which includes the Officers and the voting RE's, agreed to continue the incentive program **Vroom.** Vickie Jaracke and Janet Barry will be the cochairman this year with Mark Walker continuing as points keeper. Vickie and Janet were charged with bringing recommendations for changes and improvements to the Board within 60 days. Until that time, the current catalog is still available.

You can go Midiv.org to review your points and select an item of choice. There are shirts, polo or twill, light weight jackets and heavy jackets. They are personalized with your name and your date of membership. Wearing these items at events, races, meetings or around town help promote the Midwest Division and SCCA. The wearable you might receive, although free to you, is a promotion of our sport and our organization. Please do not hesitate to acquire these items. Here is how you do it

Visit the Midwest Division website (Midiv.org) and click on **HOME**, left side of screen; then click on **VOLUNTEERS**, also left side of screen, scroll to box where you are asked to enter your name, then scroll to find your name. Now you know how many points you can redeem, look at the catalog and make your selection and then fill out the redemption form (following directions) and receive your Midiv Promotion items. If you question your points (days worked), contact Mark Walker@dvti.com. If you worked a race in the Midwest Division in 2008, you probably registered for this program. If you don't find your name, you may need to register and there is copy of the sign-up sheet available on the Volunteers page with easy directions.

Any member of SCCA can benefit from this program. All they need to do is register to volunteer at any race in the Division and of course, work the race. It only takes a few days, usually weekends, to build up the points to receive those benefits. I hope all of you in the Kansas City Region will step forward and receive your share of the benefits.



Errors: Mark Hill, was a first place winner of the Regional Solo Awards in A Stock and was not recognized as such in the February issue of Checkpoint. Sorry Mark, I'll get all these Hills figured out, one day.

#### 2009 Runoffs Tech Team Invites You to Join the Team

The SCCA National Championship Runoffs has a great Tech Team moving to Road America for 2009 but there is **room to** include you in the plans. We invite you to be part of the exciting SCCA National Championship Runoffs: September 21-27, 2009.

Come to the Runoffs! See the cars -up close. Meet the drivers and crews. Meet other people with the same tech interest as you have. Make new friends. Be there 5 days or 10.

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- 1. At Driver Check In we greet the drivers, make sure the car's information on the tech entry card matches the specifications for the class. (instructions and specs are included for on the job training) and issue tech decals.
- 2. We do annual inspections on cars and issue log books for new cars.
- 3. We assist the drivers with post crash inspection to help get the car safely back on the track.
- 4. We work with the Category and Class Chiefs to make the compliance plan for post qualifying and post race. We make the plan and complete the plan.
- 5 We congratulate the winners and celebrate with our friends.

What do you need to do to join the team? 3 simple things:

- Send an email to scrutineer@scca.com and let us know that you will be there and what you would like to do. Do this
- Register when SCCA opens registration.
- Be at the Runoffs. See ya' there!

Toni Creighton

NA Tech

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## **February Meeting Recap:**

Our Bring a Friend promotion brought 2 visitors to our February meeting.

**Paul Langley**, a motorcycle and car enthusiast from Overland Park, joined us to learn more about our organization. Paul has participated in several Heartland Park track days...on 2 wheels. He owns several Chevrolet V8 motors and his interests seem to lean towards power versus momentum racecars.

**Chris Reynolds** is a recent empty-nester who is ready to pursue his interest in motorsports. Chris and his wife currently reside in Belton, MO. Chris has wrenched on cars since he was 14 and has made a living of it at times. He has an interest in open-wheel racing, but is eager to get in any type of car to get started.

New member, **Frank Fisher**, also attended. This was Frank's 1<sup>st</sup> Race Group meeting. Welcome, Frank! Look forward to seeing you back in March.

Jim Wheeler provided the AV equipment to show the **MidDiv Racing Season Highlights DVD**, which was quite entertaining. Several of the video stars were in attendance. The Matts were both there (**Matt Potter and Matt Rivard**), as well as **Charlie Clark**, and previously mentioned **Jim Wheeler**.

## **Upcoming March Meeting:**

A: Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> Q: What is the date of the next Race Group Meeting!

Practice answering in the form of a question because we are going to play SCCA Jeopardy!!!!

This is a team sport (we will split into teams upon arrival) and will challenge our members to "question" the "answers" in Checkpoint, the GCR, the SCCA Website. This will be a lot of fun and a good source of information for new members too!

Look forward to seeing you all there!

Your 2009 Race Group Chair, Meredith Haupt, a/k/a "Mere", #75 EP

EDITORS NOTE: SCCA Jeopardy Game has been postponed until the April Race Group Meeting.





# **CRASH – FIRE – RESCUE SCHOOL**

# hosted by Des Moines Valley Region, Sports Car Club of America

	Registration – 7:00 a.m. to Classes Begin – 8:00 a.m				
Where:	West Des Moines Fire Station #17 1401 Railroad Ave., West Des Moines, IA				
Cost:	FREE to SCCA members Non-members \$10.00				
Coffee, hot to sack lunch pr	ea, soft drinks, rolls/doughnu ovided.	its and			
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Saturday, March 14, 2009

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#### Dear Mom:

Mirl Swan will be going Pro Racing in Formula Atlantic this year. He will be moving to Youngstown, Ohio the end of Feb or first of March. He will set up a shop, prep pro cars and also be driving a pro race car. Good luck Mirl.

Dale Smith has a new job. He has been hired by KU in Lawrence, KS as an electrician. He gets to go to all games in the auditorium and will sit down on the "floor".

Ellen Wilkins Wolf, a mixed media artist, has a showing at the Community Christian Church Gallery, 4601 Main, KCMO. The show will be held from March 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 24<sup>th</sup>. The Church was designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and very unique. This showing called "Observations" is a selected solo exhibition. The opening reception was held Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> and KCR members attending were Victor LaViola, John & Phyllis Nelson, Charlie & Sharlene Smith and Charlie & Norma Williams. (At least those were the ones Mom saw there).

Ellen is also entered in a juried show at Irene B French Community Center Art Gallery in Merriam, KS. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Heartland Artist Exhibition and will be from March 8<sup>th</sup> thru March 28<sup>th</sup>. She has three pieces accepted and the opening night reception will be Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> with prizes awarded at 6:30pm.

Melissa McGinley and Matthew Smilor were married on February 21, 2009 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church with a reception at the Loose Mansion. Melissa is the daughter of Mike and Mary McGinley. She graduated from the University of Kansas with a Bachelors of Social Welfare, where she was a member of Alpha Gamma Delta. She is employed by The Goddard School. Matthew, son of Dr Raymond and Judy Smilor, graduated from the University of Colorado with a Bachelor of Sociology, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity. He is employed with Tiffany Greens Golf Club.

Frank Fisher, new KCR member, has received his novice permit and is planning on entering the double school/regional race in April at MAM. He will be driving a Fiesta.

Charles Guenther has renewed his novice permit and will be racing his Thunderbird at the double school/regional race in April at MAM also.

DON'T LOOK BACK . . . . . . . .

PLEASE CALL "MOM" WITH YOUR NEWS. YOU CAN REACH HER BY PHONE

913-262-6300 or by mail

2701 West 47th Street, Shawnee Mission KS 66205 or by Fax

913-262-6719 or by email

kcmomwilliams@aol.com

## March birthdays

- 1 Mark Buffon Sue Kinney
- 3 Meredith Haupt

Kelly Rowe (5) d of Tom & Peggy Caleb Swanigan

- 4 William Merit (5) grs of Ken & Rita Keifer Max Williams - s of Keith & Cheryl
- 6 Shawn Hill
- 7 Chris Town Dick White
- 8 Chuck Berve
- 9 Drew Arnold Jim Johnston
- 10 Emily Miller Mandi Mitchell
- 11 Joshua Harrison Brenda Kirkland Glen Shepard
  - Stephen Westhead
- 13 Eric Buetzer Robert Bruce Curry

Isabella Williams - (1) d of Keith & Cheryl

- 14 Lynnet Asselta Sue Woloscsuk
- 15 Keith Williams
- 16 James King

- 18 Michael Hill
- Patrick Hughey 20 Rick Davison Jr.
  - Max Irvine (11) s of Jerry & Lorena
- 21 Tyler Johnson Joyce Pruett
- James A Rowan 22 David Bennett

Henry Eberman - (3) grs of Steve & Mary Debbie Seale

Everett Watts

- 23 Joe Fossati
- 24 Charlie Clark Don Lillig
- 25 LaVone Daily
- 26 Rita Keifer Jeff Kopp Nico Prelogar
- 27 Felix Dicks
  Jacqueline Kern
- 28 Tami Dean Meredith Gilmore
- 29 Dan Axtell Morgan Baskett Jr
- 30 Linda Stone Rodney Winters
- 31 Larissa Bell (14) d of Richie & Jonie

## **March Anniversaries**

10 Aaron & Melissa Holstrom
19 Tim & Kiersten Koch
21 David & Angela Ducey - 11 years
23 Lee & Tara Wallace
25 Jeffrey & Leah Jenkins

Steve Roberts will be our chairman for the Street Survival School this year. He has scheduled a school for

April 25, 2009

at the Metropolitan Community College, Blue River Campus.

Please let your friends, family, co-workers, neighbors and others know about this event.



Steve will be looking for volunteers to help with instruction and other positions for this event.

To volunteer, you can contact him at

913-829-8828 or lexustech@aol.com



Dear Prospective SCCA member; To apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, the worlds largest

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Norma Williams, 2701 W. 47th Street, Westwood, KS Please Print or Type	<b>6 66205.</b> If you have questions, please call (913)262-6300.
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Business address	Telephone
City	StateZip
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Which address would you like mail sent to, and which phone n Mail:homework Phone:homeworkboth What areas of SCCA activities are you most interested	number, or both, would you prefer to be listed in the Region roster?
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I hereby apply for membership in the Sports Car Club or and agree to abide by the bylaws. I require the following type of membership:	oOB  f America, Inc., and its Kansas City Region  ber and spouse - \$113Family - \$126
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## 2009 Midwest Division Calendar

Date	Event	Sponsor	Location
March 14 March 14/15	Crash, Fire and Rescue Double National Race	DesMoines Valley Reg. event cancelled	Des Moinesm, Iowa
March28/29	Regional/National/IT Tour	St Louis Region	St. Louis MO (GIR)
April 4/5 April 18/19 April 18/19	Regional/National/IT Tour SuperSchool/Regional Midiv Solo Series	Ark Valley Race Group AVRG. MVRG, KVRG	Hallett, OK (HMRC) Glenwood IA (MAM) Blytheville AR
May 2/3 May 1-3	Double National Race Pro Solo	Kaw Valley Race Group	Topeka, KS (HPT) Lincoln NE
May 23/24 May 30/31 May 29,30,31	Double Regional Regional/National/IT Tour National Tour Solo	MidSouth Region Missouri Valley Race Grp	Memphis Tenn (MMP) Glenwood IA (MAM) Blytheville AR
June 5-7 June 27/28	ProSolo Midiv Solo Series		Blytheville AR Salina KS
July 4/5 July 11/12	Regional/National/IT Tour Midiv Solo Series	Ark Valley Race Group	Hallett (HMRC) Neosho MO
Aug 1/2 Aug 15/16 Aug 21/23	Regional/National/ITtour Regional/National/ITTour MiDiv Solo Series	St Louis Region Missouri Valley Race Grp	St. Ouis MO (GIR) Glenwood IA (MAM) Lincolne Air Park
Sept 5/6 Sept 4-6 Sept 8-11 Sept 14-21 Sept 22-27	Double Regional/Bonus Race Pro Solo Finale Solo Nationals Test Days at Road Antlanta National Championship Runoffs	Kaw Valley Race Group	Topeka KS (HPT) Lincoln NE Lincoln NE Elkhart Lake WI Elkhart Lake WI
Oct 9-11 Oct 24/25	National Rallycross Double Regional	St. Louis Region	Fountain CO St. Louis MO (GIR)
Nov. 6-8	ARRC	Atlanta Region	Road Atlanta

## KC REGION SOLO SCHEDULE

April 18—Test and Tune-April 19 Event #1 at the Metropolitan Community College, Blue River Campus May 16-School and May 17-Event #2 at the Kansas Speedway May 24-Event #3 TBA

June 21—Event #4 at the Metropolitan Community College, Blue River Campus
July 19-Event #5 TBA

August 9-Event #6 at the Metropolitan Community College, Blue River Campus August 30-Event #7 at the Kansas Speedway

September 27-Event #8 at the Metropolitan Community College, Blue River Campus

October 11-Event #9 at the Kansas Speedway
October 25-Event #10 TBA
Locations and dates are changing fast

Check the with the SAC to confirm dates and locations!

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# UPCOMING EVENTS ON THE KC REGION CALENDAR

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April 28

March 14	Crash Fire and Rescue, Des Moines, Iowa
March 17	Race Group at Westport Flea Market
March 31 7:30pm	BOD Meeting at Westport Flea Market
April 4 & 5	Solo Test and Tune and Event #1
April 7 6:30	Solo Group Meeting
8:00	General Membership Meeting,
	Westport Flea Market, 817 Westport Road
April 17,18,& 19	Super School and Double Regional, MAM
April 21 8:00	Race Group Meeting
April 25	Street Survival School

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BoD Meeting, Westport Flea Market

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