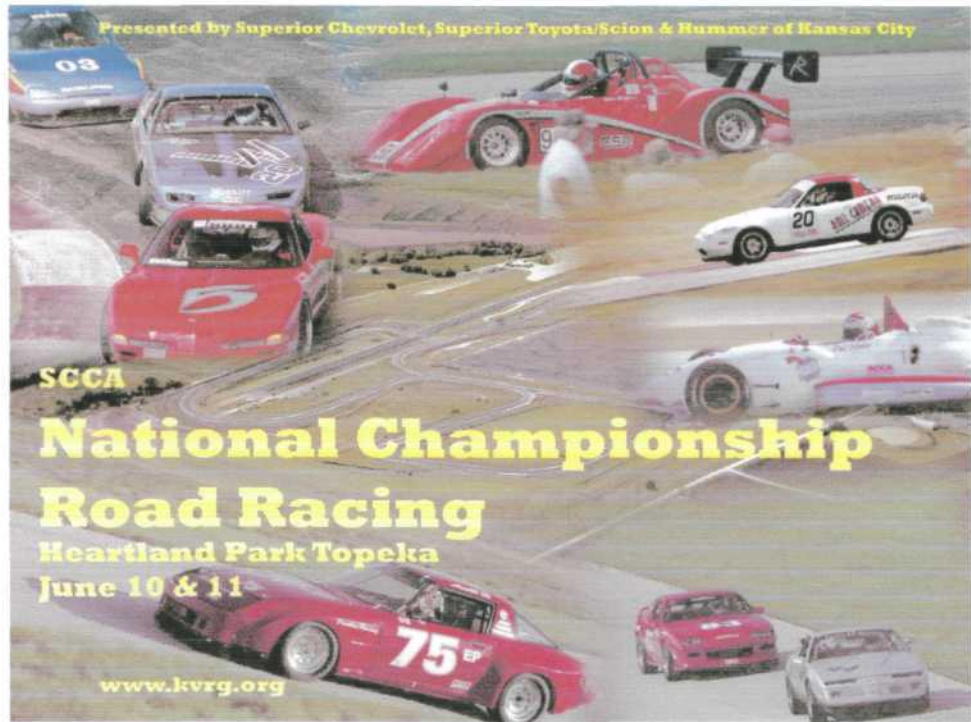


WHEELER



The picture(s) above are the result of Jim Wheeler's creative touch. Bill Johnson, III, our RE is planning to visit some of the area car clubs encouraging their members to come to Heartland Park. He will be distributing this poster when he makes his visits. The visits could also be a means of recruiting new members both as competitive racers and workers.

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RE VIEW
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BILL JOHNSON

Worker Station 5

I am standing at worker station #5 after yet another miserable weekend at Gateway in St. Louis and trying to find something positive to justify the time and expense of the trip (racers logic).

As racing goes my weekend was a total disaster. I was sick all weekend and while the motor ran strong the car just would not turn in when I wanted it to. I figured if I can just hang in there until Sunday afternoon I would be fine but my race ended as quickly as it started with the throttle sticking open halfway through the first lap.

After venting my frustration in a very mature manner, corner worker Nancy Pratt arrived at my car after a short jog from her worker station and greeted me with a hug. She walked me back to corner station #5 manned by herself, Dale Smith and foreign exchange student Felix. Dale showed his ability to multi-task by talking to me, talking on the headset and occasionally waving a flag, sometimes all at the same time. While we all talk about our workers we never really get to see how great they are until we have a problem. After a few minutes at station #5 I realized I got exactly what I was looking for when I came to Gateway – I drove my race car and spent time with my friends. Overall my weekend was a success.

The issue of workers or actually lack of workers is increasingly becoming a problem everywhere, even at our races at Heartland. To address the issue we've formed a division wide committee, have an e mail message board and a worker survey coming. This all sounds good and it is good that we are starting to deal with the issue but it will not solve the problem.

Our workers have always come from our very own personal friends and contacts. While we need to be more active in the community to promote our club, and we are working on that, no amount of advertising or e mails will help this problem. SCCA is like Amway, we are a pyramid scheme or multi-level marketing. The only way for us to grow is from the bottom up. Historically we have done a lousy job selling what we have. The real issue is our worker base and our membership have been in decline for many years, yet as an organization we have stood by and done nothing. Now were at a point where it's a problem.

Our workers have the best seat in the house for great racing, the excitement of the occasional call to action and the fun that comes with a weekend spent with friends. Certainly all drivers could benefit from some time spent on a corner.

The only way to get people out on a corner is to ask them and the time to ask is now. Please be active, it is up to all of us to help fix this problem. Our clubs best advertising is you.

Bill Johnson
RE

PS – Thanks to Steve Roberts for getting us set up and organized for the solo / road race challenge at Sadlers. It was just way too much fun and the solo guys really showed their stuff. Steve has some good ideas on how to make the event bigger and better next year.

YAKETY YAK....

Dear Mom,

Mom received an email on April 24th, 2006 (4:55pm) stating "It's not safe on the road; Danielle got her license today!" And the email was from Danielle's father, Bob Henson!!

Brian and Jennifer Williams celebrated their recent marriage with an open house at their new home in Overland Park the last weekend in April. Several family members and friends (actual count was 116) enjoyed the good food, great band (Broady Buster) and many hours of visiting.

Dick Berger has moved to 831 North 81st Terrace in Kansas City, Kansas. His new phone number is 913-334-9688 and the answering machine with sexy girl will answer if he is ot home! He said that he also has a phone in the garage and it really does work!!

Alex Clark has changed jobs. She is now the Retail Division controller with Block & Company, Inc. on West 47th Street in Kansas City, MO.

Kyle Ritter had a disagreement with a large gas bottle and he lost!! He was home for one day recovering from a very severe injury to one of his fingers.

Brittney Williams flew to Atlanta, GA the last weekend of April to attend her friend Andy's prom. Andy then flew to Kansas last weekend to attend Brittney's prom. Britt wore her Gma Norma's necklace that Norma wore 51 years ago at her senior prom!!

Donna Swift has been seen around town driving a new blue mini.

Linda, Danielle and Robert Henson are flying to Sarasota, Florida over the Memorial Day weekend to see Linda's cousin. While there they will attend the Bar Mitzvah of her cousin's son and the Bat Mitzvah of her cousin's daughter.

Jeffrey Jenkins and Leah Hendrix were married on Saturday, March 25, 2006 in a small private ceremony with their families present. A reception for family and friends was held after the ceremony at the VFW Hall in Shawnee, KS.

Jim Wheeler flew his airplane to the Vinland aerodrome last week and picked up Felix Dicks. Felix is an exchange student from Germany who is living with Dale and Deena Smith this school semester. Jim and Felix flew over to Heartland Park Topeka and shot aerial photos showing the paving and building improvements that took place since Jim's last flight a few months ago. On the way back Felix got his first flying lesson! One of the photos is the background for the flyer that is promoting the June National Race.

Felix Dicks will be headed back to Germany at the end of June. Felix came to Baldwin City, KS the first of 2006 to live with the Dale Smith family and attend high school as a senior. Felix became a member of the Sports Car Club of America Inc. upon arrival at his "new home". Felix has attended many of the Kansas City Region meetings and also the races at Heartland Park Topeka. We will miss this new member but wish him much luck in his future. Hopefully hew will return to the Midwest and visit us all often.

DON'T LOOK BACK.....

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Lake Superior and Canada

submitted by Jennifer Bennett

I had a great time. My husband and I left Independence, Missouri at 5:00 am on Sat. May 13, 2006. We rode all the way on a 2005 Concourse Kawasaki motorcycle. It was cold, wet, windy and rainy most of the way. When we got into Iowa, it was cold. We took I-35 north to Two Harbors, Minnesota. Arrived at Two Harbors lighthouse around 3:30 pm. The harbor was cold, misty and foggy. I heard the fog horn and saw a big ship. What an eerie feeling! We were given a tour of the lighthouse. As guests you become assistant lighthouse keepers. We were encouraged to feed the deer, birds, and raise and take down the U.S. flag, sweep, check the lights, etc. We were also encouraged to read about the lighthouse history and to write in the journal. As our hostess left us for the evening, she stated that the lighthouse was haunted!

There were other guests too. A couple and his mother stayed in the other two rooms. At breakfast, the man asked if we heard any noises. I heard the fog horn. The man stated that he heard tapping noises but did not see anything. Breakfast was delicious.

Sun. May 14, 2006-We rode to Duluth, Minnesota. We went to the Maritime Visitor Center. We saw a ship go under the aerial lift bridge. It was very impressive! We took a tour on a boat around the bay of Lake Superior. Later we visited the William A. Irvin Ore Boat and the Coast Guard "Sundew". We then rode back to Two Harbors, Minnesota. We feed the deer and took down the U.S. flag. The sunset over Lake Superior was so beautiful. In the distance, a ship was loading up coal, etc at dock. We meet an elderly couple from Kansas. All of us talked until around 8:00 pm. Everyone went to bed early. I was left alone downstairs reading ghost stories. I noticed how quiet it became and I had chills. I locked up for the night. All night long, I heard the fog horn. It became too quiet and I kept hearing noises. I was too scared to get up to use the bathroom. I did look out at Lake Superior. The big ship was still there. It was foggy and things became eerie. At this time it was 12 midnight. I did not sleep well on Sunday night.

On Mon. May 15, 2006-Dawn arrives at 5:30 am. I thought it was 9:30 am and realized it was only 5:30 am. After breakfast we said bye to everyone. We rode on the North shore and stopped at Gooseberry State Park. We stopped at Split Rock Lighthouse. We climbed down 171 steps to see the falls. We decided to take the hill back up to the parking lot. We stopped for lunch at Grand Marais. At the Kakabeka Falls Provincial Park we saw the Kakabeka falls. There were more steps to climb down and up.

We rode into Ontario, Canada at the Pigeon River boarder. A few questions and we were on our way. Welcome to Ontario, "eh"! We stayed overnight in Thunder Bay, Ontario. Had to find an ATM to get some Canadian cash. We ate supper at a Tim Horton's. (A fast food chain).

Tues. May 16, 2006-We rode to Dryden, Ontario. We were told to watch out for Mr. Bullwinkle's family. We saw Mr. Beaver by the side of the road. We arrived in Dryden, Ontario at 12:00 noon. Ron was riding around with Leon and Chris. (Leon rode his motorcycle from Virginia, outside of the District of Columbia. Leon hit a deer on Thurs. May 4, 2006. Leon broke his collarbone. Leon's friend, Chris (also from Virginia) came up with a station wagon and trailer. We walked around downtown Dryden. We ate at the Chip Box. I had a polish sausage and Alan ate some good greasy fish and chips. We walked back to Ron's house and no one was there. We walked back into downtown and found the Beer Store. We walked back to Ron's house and everyone was there. Jacques, a friend of Ron's came by. Sonya, Ron's wife came home from work. Sonya made us supper. We all talked about motorcycles and drank a lot of Canadian beer.

Wed. May 17, 2006-We left Ron and Sonya's and rode to Hurkett, Ontario. Two motorcyclists passed us. Later we saw them at the side of the road. They were watching a mother black bear and her cub. They asked if we wanted to join them for coffee at the Otter House Restaurant at Red Rock, Ontario about 50 km. Do you remember your metrics? Scott and Ruth, our new Canadian friends, shared their stories about riding their motorcycles. We were invited to Ruth's house for supper in Thunder Bay, Ontario. We exchanged emails and addresses. We left Ruth's house around 5:30 pm and rode on to Terrace Bay, Ontario. We stayed in a hotel overlooking Lake Superior. The room was hot; we could not turn down the heat. We went to a Chinese restaurant and ordered take out. It was not good food.

This journal will be continued in the July issue.

Home Sweet Home Rally

Kansas Region SCCA TSD Road Rally

Saturday, July 22, 2006

The **Home Sweet Home Rally** is a TSD (time-speed-distance) Touring Rally sanctioned by the Kansas Region of the SCCA. It will be the Region's second rally of the year counting toward the 2006 SCCA Midwest Division Regional Rally Series. The rally master for this event is Randy Gregg.

The rally will traverse paved rural roads for about three hours. The rally is a test of precision driving and teamwork between driver and navigator. Straightforward, non-devious route instructions with specified average speeds will test the rallyists' ability to arrive at unknown checkpoint locations on time, neither early nor late.


Any street-legal automobile capable of normal rural highway speeds can be entered. Rest stops are planned during the rally, at convenience stores enroute.

When: Saturday, July 22, 2006. Registration 11:00 am with first car out at 12:01 pm. First car finishes around 3pm.

Where: SCCA National Headquarters, Forbes Field, Topeka.

Minor Waiver: Entrants must be 18 years of age or else have SCCA Minor Release, printed in color, signed and notarized by both parents. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS REQUIREMENT! See http://www.scca.org/_Filelibrary/File/minorreleaseform2.pdf for the form.

Questions regarding the event may be directed to
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SECOND ANNUAL CHALLENGE

By Steven Roberts

On Wednesday May 17th, 34 brave entrants brave the indoor weather at Sadler's go cart track for the second annual Solo group versus Race group event. Kansas City region was host to this event that included visitors from Kansas region. After 3 hours and many laps, two races were run as an A and B main. The overall fastest lap and A main winner was Angel Morales. Half of the final event qualifiers were Solo participants as was the winner and 4 of the top six. The most amazing part of the event was the consistency of the times turned in by the SCCA members. All of the two finals race entrants were within 2 seconds of the 31.36 time set by Angel. The Sadler's employees commented that this was the fastest overall group they had yet seen.

Final Positions for "B" main:

1 Tyler Calvert	31.59	0:00.70 gap
2 Jerry Irvine	31.82	0:00.17
3 Arthur Johnson	31.85	0:06.80
4 Bill Johnson III	32.43	0:01.93
5 Mike Asselta	32.39	0:05.89
6 Justin Page	32.71	0:01.84
7 Michael Asselta Jr	32.94	0:00.83
8 Charlie Clark	32.74	0:01.52
9 Britt Brown	33.56	0:02.22
10 Steve Johnson	32.94	0:19.54
11 Cole Helbert	32.99	

Finishing Positions for "A" Main:

1 Angel Morales	31.36	0:01.21
2 Scott Scurlock	31.63	0:03.00
3 Andrew Johnson	31.89	0:00.77
4 Jessie Prather	31.93	0:00:55
5 Steve Sulatycki	32.27	0:016.99
6 Steve Roberts	31.84	0:02.96
7 Kent Prather	32.92	0:02.91
8 Todd Wright	32.92	0:02.61
9 Liz Berger	33.18	0:33.09
10 Ken Tripkos	32.70	0:00.00
11 Ron Lentz	00.00	Pits

Thanks to all who attended and those who came to watch.

KC and Kansas Regions members had fun at Sadlers



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Michael Albarelli s of Keith & Pamela
Elizabeth Holsworth (11) d of Lenard & Mary
Michael Koch (3) s of Tim & Kiersten
Ron Lentz
Betty Ruckman
- 3 Bryan Harris
Adam Larsen
Ben Rodriguez
- 4 Scott Peterson
Monica Shaw
- 5 Richard Oben
Tom Cook
- 6 BobBuxbaum
Jeff Saunders
Bryan Wagne
- 9 WillardKing
Kathleen Larsen
Gabriel Reyes
- 11 Pat Abies
Michael Farley
Tom Holstrom
Ronald Muller
Jeff Stehney
- 12 John Strickler
John Tully
- 13 Robert Charlesworth
Meghan Burke (7) grd of Dick & Peggy White
- 14 Neava Ford
R W Miller
- 15 Charles Dillon
Jill Pruet
Mark Simpson
- 16 TimHerron
- 17 Jordan Allen (II)d of Jim & Michelle
- 18 Suzanne Berger
Elias Eberman (6) grs of Steve & Mary
- 19 Jarold Boettcher
- 20 Butch Trozzolo
- 21 Jason Meeker
Katelyn Peter (14) d of Hans & Susan
- 22 PyotrSchulte
- 24 Andrew Conley s of Steve & Marsha Wolf
Hannah Conley d of Steve & Marsha Wolf
Ian Grant Elliott (3) s of Fraser & Donna
- 26 Hans Peter
- 27 Mason Graham (14) s of Larry & Susan
Ross Mericle
Chee Teong Ong

- 28 Andy Brown
Laura Floden
Hannah Morrey (13) d of Joe & Elizabeth
- 29 Ryan Davis (7) grs of Chuck
Scott Tucker
- 31 Steven Gilmore

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Tony & Kathy Giordano
Ken & Char Keith—35 years
- 8 Ken & Chelsea Snyder—10 years
- 9 Joe Tassler & Theresa Hartigan
Chuck & Marty Walter—34 years
- Charlie & Norma Williams—50 years
- 11 Dale & Deana Smith—29 years
- 14 Steve & Marsha Wolf
- 15 Steve & Dian Bachenberg—32 years
Claes & Christina Lillig
- 19 Bill and Dottie Johnson—52 years
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- 2 Melissa Giebel - d of Rodney & Tammy
Ned Smith
Robert Thompson
- 3 Liz Berger
Cliff Johnson
- 5 Mark Bachenberg
- 6 Parker Allen - (4) s of Jim & Michelle
Victor La Viola
- 7 Lane Holcomb
- 8 Keil Roberts
- 10 Bill Johnson (RE)
Mallory Toombs - d of Kelly & Kathi
- 11 Robert Maupins
- 12 Hunter Smith - (10) grs of Charlie & Sharlene
- 13 Jeff Adkins
Christina Allen - (12) d of Tim & Janice
Michael J Asselta
Albert Hermans
Ryan Staub
Donna Swift
- 14 Linda Henson
- 15 Stuart Hembree
Barry Johnson
Gary Phillips
Kenny Wayne Snyder
- 16 Fred Gault Sr
Jill Leonard
- 17 Jason Ducey - (7) grs of Fred & Sharon Bybee
- 18 Isabella Soladt - (8) grd of Ken & Virginia Rozeboom
- 19 John Collins
- 20 Greg Mathews
Casey Moore
Bert Swift
- 22 Makenna Carlson - (2) d of Melissa Carlson
Chuck Woloscuk
- 22 Amy Giebel - d of Rodney & Tammy
Ron Reynolds
- 23 Alex Rowe - (8) s of Tom & Peggy
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E Production

	3rd Charlie Clark	
23		
4th	Brian Haupt (T)	21
6th	Meredith Haupt	19
7th	Chuck Clark	16
8th	David Long	10

G Production

8th	Robert Maupins	6
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C Sports Racing

1st	Hans Peter	36
2nd	Mike McGinley	18

D Sports Racing

1st	Mark Dalen	24
	Charlie Smith	0

Sports 2000

1st	Jack Platt	24
	Bill Johnson	0

Spec Racer Ford

1st	Ron Lentz	30
2nd	Chris Funk	24
3rd	Frank Stone	16
4th	O.L. Kinney JR	11
5th	Kelly Toombs (T)	10
13th	Jim Cote Jr	4
	Jim Cote Sr	0
	Jeff Stehney	0
	Marc Wilson	0

FA

1st	John Strickler	37
6th	Mirl Swan (t)	19
9th	Scott Foutch	10
13th	Jason Mabee	6
16th	Willard King	5

FC

4th	Phil Hemmes (T)	12
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FM

3rd	Gary Phillips	15
4th	William Eriksen	12

9th	Cliff Koehler	4
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Formula Ford

1st	Cliff Johnson	21
4th	Tim Koch	7

Formula Vee

10th	Patrick Hughey (T)	6
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AS

2nd	Jim Wheeler	23
5th	Jeff Kopp	13

Touring 1

1st	Mike McGinley	36
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SM

8th	Steve Johnson (T)	8
16th	Mike Asselta	2
	Brian Patnode	0
	Bill Tucker	0
	Jim Wheeler	0
	Chuck Graul	0

Showroom Stock C

2nd	Walter Grayum	25
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If a KC members is not registered in a class, the class is not listed here. That information is available at the Midwest Division Website.

Mid-Am Championship Points
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Super Production

1st	Harlan Moore	12
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GT2

2nd	Aaron Holstrom	12
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Sports 2000

1st	John Nelson	31
3rd	Jack Platt	21

SRF

1st	O.L. Kinney Jr	40
3rd	Dan Axtell (T)	19
3rd	Jim Cote Jr	19
7th	Robin Kirkland (T)	16
9th	Jim Cote Sr	9
10th	Jeff Stehney	5
11th	Marc Wilson	3

FA

1st	Willard King	24
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FM

1st	Gary Phillips	33
3rd	Cliff Koehler	16

Formula Ford

2nd	Tim Koch	12
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Formula Vee

2nd	Patrick Hughey	12
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Spec Miata

1st	Stephen Johnson	34
2nd	Mike Asselta	33
8th	Brian Patnode	12

ITS

1st	Aaron Holstrom	28
5th	Bob Gill	12
7th	Jeffrey Meeker(T)	9

ITA

3rd	Steve Eberman	20
4th	Travis Nordwald	19
5th	Guy Watney (T)	18
7th	Steven Bachenberg (T)	12

ITE

8th	Jeff Goodnow	7
10th	Andy Ruggiero	4

IT7

3rd	Scott Peterson	18
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The Midwest Division I.T. Tour
Points as of May 9, 2006

ITS

6th	Aaron Holstrom (T)	9
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3rd	Jim Lorenzetti	13
12th	Guy Watney (T)	7
15th	Steve Eberman(T)	5
15th	Travis Nordwald (T)	5
	Jeff Meeker	0

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1st	Scott Peterson (T)	12
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CLASSIFIED ADS

Old Corner Worker wants to rent a mobile of any type for use at HPT during the runoffs. After working turns for 40 years I decided I can no longer perform at the physical level I set for me. I will officially retire at the end of the runoffs week. If you can help me find a place to sleep at HPT for that week please call me at 505-682-2092 or email me at kenkern@yahoo.com. Ken Kern 05/06

For Sale: 1986 Honda ITC. Competitive. New Paint.. Many, many spare parts (much is new), including new engine and two trans. \$6000 for the pile, including body pars and 14 aluminum wheels w/ mounted Hoosiers. Make me an offer. Jerry at 785-738-8159 or email jboettcher@boettcherenterprises.com Will deliver. I need to clean out my garage 4/06

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Alan Kendall is looking for a gentleman from Kansas who built a clone of the BRE Datsun 510. If anyone knows the gentleman or where the car is, please contact Alan at ASKendall@aol.com.

1991 Gulf Stream Ultra, 26ft, Ford 460 automatic overdrive, sleeps 6 comfortable, 75,485 miles. New tires. Must Go, need proceeds for new race trailer. 816-560-7808 susangrinch@aol.com Larry and Susan Graham, FP13 6/06

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2	Andrew Smith	4
3	Randy Eickhoff	4
4	Michael Watson	3
5	Dennis Kinnison	3
6	Ryan Boatwright	3
7	Richard Wheeler	3
8	Eric Buetzer	3
9	Mike Vanamburgh	3
10	Fred Bybee	2
11	Mike Holtz	2
12	Shelby Kleoppel	2
13	Tyler Johnson	2
14	Andrew Wilson	2
15	Dave Young	2
16	Jake Diehl	1
17	Paul Giarratana, Jr	1
18	Patricia Given	1
19	Tom Hanf	1
20	Christopher Edmondson	1
21	Jeff Taggart	1
22	James Ketterman	1
23	Todd Wayman	1
24	Steve Sulatycki	1
25	Everett Watts	1
26	Keith Albarelli	1
27	Tyler Cook	1
28	Tom Cook	1
29	Mark Williams	1
30	Michael Tran	1
31	Jess Gray	1
32	Bob Bornkessel	1
33	Fran Weis	1
34	Mark Hill	1
35	Heather Underwood	1
36	Sharon Bybee	1
37	Ryan Newcomer	1
38	Jim French	1
39	Paula Diehl	1
40	Jim Peterson	1
41	Nicholas Berkland	1
42	Chris Raymaker	1
43	Adam Cuquet	1
44	Mike Albarelli	1
45	Tim Herron	1
46	James Curran	1
47	Douglas Doyle	1
48	Stephen Eberlein	1
49	Sandra Hermans	1

Greetings fellow Soloists



It is getting closer to the 2006 Tire Rack SCCA will be held at Heartland Park Topeka (HPT) and because it is very different from past Solo speculation and many wild claims flying around the internet and Solo events around the nation. I hope to address some of these speculations and claims in this letter.

Solo Nationals – which starting this year race track. Because it is a new venue Nationals sites, there seems to be much

I should probably also mention that Karen Babb and Kevin Youngers, arguably two of the nation's best Solo course designers, have been assigned as the Course Designers for the 2006 Solo Nationals. All of us arrived a day prior to the 2006 SCCA National Convention to visit the site for mapping and planning purposes.

The following is taken from some excellent correspondence recently received from Karen Babb, and I wholly agree with her observations and comments:

"I have never seen this good of a blacktop surface anywhere. Very close to flat, very smooth.

The HPT site is logistically completely different from Forbes, "New-Salina", or "Old-Salina" in that the courses will in essence be side-by-side with a "buffer zone" between them, making it somewhat conceptually akin to a typical Pro Solo layout, but rather larger.

Yes, the overall square footage available to each course is not what it was at Forbes, particularly in comparison to Forbes-North. However, it must be remembered that only a fraction of the Forbes area was actually usable. Typically layouts had to tiptoe among the land mines, trying to use the best (or least bad) of the available surface. Routes were constrained, as were in most cases widths and directions. The actual usable square footage was probably less than 25% of the total area at the North end. The need for overlap and separation had to be dealt with as the surface allowed.

At HPT there are no such issues. No grates, poles, peaks, valleys, holes, frost heaves, snakes, etc. So the course can be routed wherever it needs to as the desired elements and separation requirements dictate, not as the surface dictates. This offers considerable freedom in what elements can be used, how they can be connected, and how they can be oriented, even within the constraints of needing the Start and Finish on a particular end of the available area. This type of openness makes possible the use of a variety of space-saving methods that can if necessary compensate for a somewhat smaller overall area.

The route length on my 2003 South course was approximately 3650 feet; available route lengths in preliminary sketches on the left side of the HPT pad have yielded lengths of 3500-4000 feet. It's largely a matter of being able to make the best use of the available space. Many details (e.g. Grid locations and ingress/egress points) have yet to be finalized, but it looks pretty good at this point.

It should be remembered that a very big complaint year after year from members at the Town Meeting was about the deteriorating Forbes surface. The move to HPT was largely driven by this input. It seems counter-productive for members to assume the worst about getting something they asked for, even before they see the actual hands-on results of the change.

At this point I'd just ask that people stay tuned and have a little faith in the event Chairman, the course designers, the Nationals event officials team, and the National Staff to provide a Solo Nationals that won't beat their car to death, and will offer improvements they can all appreciate. Yes, it will be different. No, it won't be perfect. Yes, it will evolve. That's all fine with me." – Karen Babb

I would like to add to her comments that holding the Solo Nationals at a purpose built race facility, instead of a location designed and meant for other uses, really makes a positive impression. Everything at the site is about racing and competition. This means that HPT has erected buildings designed solely to function for the needs of automotive competition. For example, the scales are permanently mounted and located inside tech/impound building – out of the weather. There are real toilets (flushies!), a paddock wide public address system, garages for rent, a registration building/parking lot that is on the way in. There is also a beautiful track that surrounds the paddock and Solo course area. Who knows – there may even be cars running the track while we are there! All of this adds greatly to the overall competitive feeling and gives credibility to what we do. It only seems fitting that the Solo Nationals be held in a purpose built race facility instead of a parking lot – a place where the Nation's best will compete for a chance to earn their 2006 Solo National Championships.

If I may steal a line from Karen's correspondence above, I think it is worth repeating:
"Yes, it will be different. No, it won't be perfect. Yes, it will evolve. That's all fine with me"

See you at the 2006 Solo Nationals

Dear Prospective SCCA member.



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MIDWEST DIVISION
Including the
SOLO SCHEDULE FOR THE KANSAS CITY REGION

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HOST REG.
June 3&4	Solo II Div.	Walnut Grove	
June 10&11	NI	HPT	KVRG
June 17	Solo Drivers School	Truman Sports Complex	KCR
June 18	Solo II	Truman Sports Complex	KCR
June 24&25	Solo II Div	Salina KS	WICH
July 1&2	RNI	HMRC	AVRG
July 2	Solo II	Truman Sports Complex	KCR
July 15&16	RR/PDX	HPT	KVRG
July 22	Rally	SCCA Nat'l Hdq.	
July 29 & 30	RNI	MAM	MVRG
Aug 6&7	SR/PDX	HMRC	AVRG
	Solo II Div	Topeka	KS
Aug 12&13	NRI	GIR	STL
Aug 19&20	Solo MO-KAN	HPT	
Aug 27	Solo II	Truman Sports Complex	KCR
Sept 2&3	NI	HPT	KVRG
Sept 3&4	Solo II Div	St Louis	STL
Sept 16&17	SR*E	MAM	MVRG
Sept 17	Solo II	Truman Sports Complex	KCR
Sept 23&24	ProSolo Finale	HPT	SCCA
Sept 26-29	Solo Nationals	HPT	SCCA
Oct 2-8	Test Days	HPT	HPT
Oct 9-15	Runoffs	HPT	SCCA
Oct 28&29	RR/PDX	GIR	STL
Nov 4&5	Mid-Div Conv.	Omaha, NE	NEB
Nov. 11&12	ARRC	Road Atlanta	AR

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KC REGION CALENDAR**

May 30	7:30	Board Meeting, Creekside
June 6	7:00	Solo Group, Creekside
June 6	8:00	General Membership Meeting
		9916 Holmes Rd, KCMO
June 10 & 11		National and IT Tour at Heartland Park Topeka
June 17		Solo Drivers School, Truman Sports Complex
June 18		Solo, Truman Sports Complex
June 20	8:00	Solo Group, Creekside
June 27	7:30	Board Meeting, Creekside
July 2		Solo, Truman Sports Complex

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