

# Exhaust Notes



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## REmarks...

Mark E. Walker, Regional Executive

I vowed that as RE, I wouldn't make the editor wait for my article. Lasted three months. Sorry Sara!



We just got done hosting a very successful ProSolo event at the Lincoln Airpark, right after a wet, cold three day weekend, also at the Airpark, right after a four day weekend at MidAmerica Motorplex for a double school, double regional event. Can you say tired? I thought you could.

All three of the events we just held were firsts that I know of. The race at MAM was the first time I've seen a double school double regional event run on the same weekend anywhere in the Midwest division, and possibly anywhere at all. Somehow the MVRG managed to pull off a very busy weekend, and on time. The second weekend was the first view of a new version of the solo timing software, scanners at the starting line, barcode printers and computers at registration. We had lots of little problems that you don't see until you try to run it for real. Most of them have been changed already. This past weekend was the first time Nebraska Region ever held a ProSolo event within its boundaries. Based on comments I and others heard, we did an excellent job. Everyone seemed to like the Nebraska Region hospitality, the Airpark, and, of course, acres and acres of concrete. There are a lot of black marks on that site now. Someone take a new satellite picture, now it looks like a real Solo site!

There are so many people to thank for the past three weekends. Members that have been here for years and members that are new to us all pitched in every area to make these milestones possible. A hearty Well Done and Thank You to them all.

Now, all this comes with a price. The price is burnout. We're still having problems getting enough people for the races and the Solo's. The bigger our programs get the more people we need to run them. Also, if we have enough people, everyone does less work and it stops being unmanageable. Club racing always needs people who want to get as close to the action without actually being behind the wheel. We need to start thinking "out of the region" and start telling people about what we do and how much fun it is. We can't continue to rely on having people come to us and we can't just pick from our current membership. We really need to expand to others who may have never heard about SCCA. Everyone needs to pitch in. Next time you see someone

with a fancy sports car, take the time to mention the SCCA and what we do. You may or may not get them, but they may tell someone else and the virus spreads.

Our next events include another round at the Airpark on May 23/24. We're getting pretty good at setting up that fence, but we could sure use some fresh bodies to help. It would take a lot less time if we had even a few more people. The past few times we've set up the fence during working hours. This time we're going to start at 5:30pm on Friday the 22nd and get it done before dark.

The following weekend, May 29th - 31st is a regional/national/IT tour club racing event at MidAmerica Motorplex. If you haven't experienced the club racing aspect of the SCCA, now is the time. If you can, come out and work for a day, or even a half a day. Any help is appreciated. If you're not interested in working as an official, just come out and see the action. You're welcome either way.

It's only May and we're already starting to line up people for the Divisional Championship Solo event in August, and, of course, the Solo National Championships in September.

I don't know about all of you, but I'm having the time of my life.

Yours, for the sport,

Mark E. Walker

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The Nebraska Region SCCA holds membership meetings as the need arises. Check with a member of the Board of Governors or the Nebraska Region web site to see when the next meeting has been scheduled.

## BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETINGS

The Board of Governors and Officers of the Nebraska Region, SCCA meet in business session at 8pm the last Thursday of each month except December. The meetings are located at Action Signs, 4425 South 50th Street, Omaha Nebraska.

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## 2009 Calendar of Events

Please note that these dates are tentative and subject to change. Not all sites have been confirmed yet.

Date	Type	Location	Points	Description
3/15	RallyCross	MAM	(R/A)	Regional RallyCross Series
3/20 - 3/22	Social	Qwest Center		54th Annual O'Reilly Auto Parts World of Wheels
3/29	Solo	MAC		Extra Regional Solo
4/5	RallyCross	MAM	(R)	Regional RallyCross Series
4/18	Club Racing	MAM		Double School - Double Regional
4/24 - 4/26	Solo	LAP		EVO Test-n-Tune, Dial-In & Phase III
4/25 - 4/26	Solo	LAP	(S/A)	Regional Solo Series - Sunday only counts for points
5/1	Solo	LAP		EVO Hole Shot School
5/2 - 5/3	Solo	LAP		Tire Rack SCCA ProSolo National Series
5/23 - 5/24	Solo	LAP	(S)	Regional Solo Series - Sunday only counts for points
5/30 - 5/31	Club Racing	MAM	(A)	Regional/National/IT Tour
6/7	RallyCross	TBA	(R)	RallyCross National Series (also counts for regional series)
6/14	Solo	TBA	(S/A)	Regional Solo Series
6/28	Solo	MAM		Extra Regional Solo - (Solo on the track)
7/11 - 7/12	Solo	LAP	(S/A)	Regional Solo Series - Sunday only counts for points
8/2	Solo	MPH	(S)	Regional Solo Series - Motorsports Mile (Solo on the track)
8/15 - 8/16	Club Racing	MAM		Regional/National/IT Tour
8/21 - 8/23	Solo	LAP		EVO Dial In, Test-n-Tune, Phase one, Challenge
8/22 - 8/23	Solo	LAP		Tire Rack Midwest Divisional Solo Championships
9/5 - 9/6	Solo	LAP		Tire Rack SCCA ProSolo Finale
9/8 - 9/11	Solo	LAP		Tire Rack SCCA Solo National Championships
9/13	RallyCross	TBA	(R)	Regional RallyCross Series
9/20	Solo	TBA	(S/A)	Regional Solo Series
10/4	Solo	TBA		Extra Regional Solo
10/11	RallyCross	TBA	(R/A)	Regional RallyCross Series
11/15	RallyCross	TBA	(R/A)	Regional RallyCross Series

As always, check before you travel. All the latest information is available at [NRSCCA.COM](http://NRSCCA.COM).

### **\*\* SPECIAL NOTICE \*\***

The Nebraska Region is switching to an **OPT-IN** method of distributing our newsletter. If you wish to continue to receive a printed copy of the Exhaust Notes, please call (402) 827-4418 or email [optin@nrcca.com](mailto:optin@nrcca.com) before June 1st, 2009 or you will not continue to receive the award winning Nebraska Region newsletter!

If you do not wish to opt-in, you can sign up to the Nebraska Region notification system to receive email reminders that the latest issue of the newsletter is ready for download from the region web site.

**Remember: OPT-IN before June 1st, 2009!**



## Midwest Division SCCA National Racing

With four of 13 Mid-Am events completed, only one driver out of the 154 registered has competed in all four events. Just four have been able to make three races. Not surprisingly, those are the points leaders in their respective classes.

The Mid-Am has completed four races across four weekends, March 28 at Gateway, April 4 at Hallett, a pause for Easter, and a doubleheader April 18-19 at MAM. The series now goes into a long lazy Summer with only two races between now and Aug. 1, at which time a busy 4-race August leads to the Bonus Race weekend at Heartland Park on the Labor Day weekend. And then a last chance doubleheader on the Halloween weekend at Gateway.

The 154 drivers signed up to date is very close to last year's numbers, but as expected in the current economy race entries are down. The four races have averaged 65.5 drivers (with a big boost from the 101 who competed at Hallett), while 2008's season averaged 78.8 over 13 races. This seems once again to reflect that we have drivers who want to race, and are willing to put down half a sawbuck to sign in to the Mid-Am should circumstances permit them to do so, but that for many such circumstances have not yet come to be.

**Chris Albin** (SIII) once again stands atop the ITB class, the only driver who competed in all four races. But hark! The 16-time champion may be human after all, for he did not win all four. At Hallett **Gary Learned** (Okla) in a Volvo 142e raced wheel-to-wheel with Albin for 14 laps and won by 3.3 seconds. However, Albin is so far the only driver to qualify for double points at the Bonus Race by scoring four points finishes. Learned and everyone else have just the next six races to get in their four finishes. And they are not the only ITB contenders; **Alex Wiley** (Kan), coming in second at the two MAM races stands second in points.

**Andy Wolverton** (Neb), atop T2, is the only other driver with three wins so far after racing at Hallett and MAM. The other three-race drivers also did the Hallett/MAM combo including **Glen Tomlinson** (Okla) who won the MAM pair

to lead the SRF points.

F Production has the tightest battle with both **Ron Davis** (Kan) and **Marty Wagner** (NeOk) doing three races. It might have been a three-way had **Randy Wagner** (NeOk) not been a DNF first day at MAM and a non-starter on Sunday. Marty and Randy ran 1-2 ahead of Davis at Hallett, but Davis won both days at MAM to make him the FP leader for now with a 31-30 edge in points.

All but one of the two-time winners accomplished that feat by winning both days at MAM. This list comprises **Jason Mabee** (KC) in FE, **Chuck Dillon** (KC) in FM, **Charles Guenther** (KC) in SP with apparently a different car each day!, **Brett Whitney** (KC) in EP, **Kenneth Kirkland** (Ark) in F500, **James Wood** (Neb) in SSC, **Ryan Staub** (KC) in ITS, **Ray Yergler** (DMV) in ITA, and **Steve Wolf** (KC) in IT7. The only two-time winner not following that pattern is **Dave Gird** (Wich) in American Sedan who won Hallett and Saturday at MAM but was listed DNS on Sunday. —

- Rocky Entriiken

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### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This month I want to focus on the Opt-in for the newsletter! For starters, we are more than happy to send you a hard copy of the Exhaust Notes! So, please, please, if you like reading my comments on paper rather than online, opt-in before June 1st! That's right! June 1st!



May is creeping by and June will be here before we know it, so now is the time! So, how do you opt-in you ask? Opt in by calling (402) 827-4418 OR by emailing [optin@nrcca.com](mailto:optin@nrcca.com). What if You are NOT opting in? Will you still be able to read the newsletter? ABSOLUTELY! If you like to read the newsletter online, you can still do so! Simply go to [www.nrcca.com/newsletter.php](http://www.nrcca.com/newsletter.php) OR sign up for email notification at <http://lists.nrcca.com/> for a monthly reminder when the newsletter has been posted.

I am aware that, as with any change, some disagree with this new system, and I ask you all to bear with us, be patient, play along, and see where we can go when we all go together with a positive attitude!

Wishing you whole health and happiness,  
Sara L. Mitchell

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## Couldn't Attend Our Double School?

### FAASST accredited Race School Schedule

Arroyo Seco Raceway - Nov 28  
European Rally School Track – Nov 19  
Harris Hill Road – May 9 – Oct 17 (no race school, HP only)  
High Plains Raceway – Apr 16, Oct 29  
Mid-America Motorplex – May 28, Aug 13  
Milwaukee Mile, Aug 21  
Motorsport Ranch Cresson – Sept 18  
No Problem Raceway - Oct 3  
Pueblo Motorsports Park – Apr 11, May 14, June 12, July 10, Aug 14-15, Sept 25, Oct 23  
Roebing Road Raceway – Apr 23, Sept 3  
Sandia Motor Speedway – Apr 4, May 23, June 5, Sept 27, Nov 7  
Thunderhill Raceway Park – July 1  
Virginia Intl Raceway – Oct 22

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Receive a \$50 referral credit when you sign up another driver at the same time as your own registration.  
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## RACING MEMO

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## SOLO EVENT PROMOTIONAL KITS

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DATE: April 15, 2009  
NUMBER: RM09-02  
FROM: Club Racing Board  
TO: All Participants  
SUBJECT: SFI Seat Belt 16.1 & 16.5 Specifications

It has come to the attention of the Club Racing Board that driver restraints with two inch shoulder belts as permitted with the use of a Head and Neck restraint in sections 9.3.18.A and 9.3.18.B are restricted to the 16.5 SFI specifications. This is an error and will be taken care of in the next Fastrack to permit any approved spec with two inch belts.

In the interim period the Club Racing Board suggests a Chief Stewards waiver be used to permit the use of any approved restraint.

The Club Racing Board would like to remind all participants that any seat belt with a minimum of five points bearing the SFI 16.1 or SFI 16.5 certification is approved for SCCA Club Racing.

TOPEKA , Kan. (April 15, 2009) -- The new SCCA Solo Event Promotional Kit unveiled at the 2009 SCCA National Convention is now available for order and immediate delivery.

Developed by SCCA's Marketing & Communications department as part of a new initiative to assist Regions with local event marketing, the kit includes a number of items that can be used throughout the year such as a high-quality banner, yard signs and a step-by-step PR toolkit as well as single-use items like posters, business cards and fliers.

Each Region or Regional Solo Chapter with an upcoming SCCA-sanctioned Solo event may request one complete kit, free of charge. Simply have your Region Executive (or authorized representative) contact Rick Myers in Region Development to process your order.

Once a Region has used its kit and needs to restock the single-use items, it can order a "reload" kit with only a shipping and handling charge. The additional "reload" items can be ordered in the same manner as other Region supplies, via the Member Services team.

Additional banners and yard signs are available for purchase.

## Warm/Cold, Rain/Sun and Lots of Wind at the First Race of 2009 at MAM

by Patt Buell

The 2009 race season started Thursday, April 16 with car Annuals at Tech with Chris Safranek and Mark Ross. Meanwhile, the Paddock Chief, Larry Gehring and his crew were busy parking rigs and race cars. Registration opened in the evening.

It was great to see Eric Salem after his long period of recuperation. A big "Welcome Back" to Eric and thanks to Larry for bringing him out.



Eric Salem  
Photo courtesy of Patt Buell

The weekend had started! The "Double-Up" event consisted of two Drivers Schools and two Regionals. Three of the MiDiv Race Groups put it on: MVRG, KVRG and AVRG.

We were grateful that our sponsors donated enough money to purchase T-shirts for students and workers. A "Big Thank You" for all who contributed. Thanks to Mitch Anderson who designed the T-shirts and trophy inserts.

By Friday morning, a lot more of us were working in Tech, Registration, Hospitality, Paddock, Grid, Race Control, Sound, Timing, and Corners. I understand we had full crews of workers on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Thanks to all of you. (Hope I didn't forget any specialties).

The weather on Thursday and Friday was nice, but terribly windy. We had about 20 students at the school. Saturday was rainy, cold and windy, but most of the drivers went on the track for qualifying and the race. Even though I've worked all the races since MAM opened, I still forget how cold it can get in April. On Saturday I wore my winter coat over the rest of the layers I put on.

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I need to say another "Thank You" to our Race Chairs - Monica, Molly and Dot. They kept everything running smoothly (and I heard great things about the food - especially the desserts).

Sunday's weather was cool, but by the first race the sun appeared and the temperature reached into the 60's. The first race was our biggest field and went smoothly. There were no major problems with the three races in the afternoon and we were finished by about 3:15.

Even though I have driven and worked races with weather ranging from snow to cold to rain to hot to hotter, the people are always great . . . I still think the best friends I've made in my life are in the SCCA.



Saturday Rain, April 18, MAM

Photo Courtesy of Patt Buell



Saturday Mud, April 18, MAM

Photo Courtesy of Patt Buell

# APRIL ROAD RACING

For Results Please go to <http://www.nrscca.com/results.php>



Students



#84 Kyle Baker



Jerry Doctor



#86 Andy Wolverton



John Martin



#75 John Slinkard

# APRIL SOLOS

For results please go to <http://www.nrscca.com/results.php>



John Simmons - Starter



Saraj Pradan



Larkin Whistler



Julie Heaton



John Becker



Sue Fink



Dave Fink



Don Knop with his new car



Tim Walter & Dave Z



Tom Riss John Hunter



Justin Eckles



Sue Eckles





### SCCA Membership Application

To apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, please complete the form below in full and send with payment to Julie Heaton, 15748 O Circle, Omaha Nebraska, 68135. **Make checks payable to SCCA.**

**PLEASE PRINT**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Single:  Married:  (Spouse's name if joining): \_\_\_\_\_

If applying for a Family membership (husband, wife & children), list names and ages of children under age 21:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been an SCCA member before? No  Yes  Year? \_\_\_\_\_ Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate the area(s) of SCCA in which you plan to participate or which interest you the most:

- Club Racing  Solo  RallyCross  Pro Racing  Road Rally

<b>Dues:</b> Regular Member	\$65.00 national + \$10.00 regional	Total: _____
Spouse Member	\$23.00 national + \$5.00 regional	Total: _____
First Gear (under 25)	\$45.00 national (includes regional dues)	Total: _____
Family Membership	\$101.00 national + \$20.00 regional	Total: _____
New Club Racing Volunteer	\$30 national (includes regional dues)	Total: _____

**Notes: Military Members will receive a \$35 rebate after providing proof of active duty status. New Club Racing Volunteers must not have been an SCCA member in the past 18 months and is renewable at the \$30 rate for the 2nd and 3rd year if you have worked at least 4 race days each year.**

I hereby apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, Inc. and its **NEBRASKA (048)** Region and agree to abide by its bylaws.

**Applicants Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# UPCOMING EVENTS!

## Nebraska Region Event # 2

May 23 - 24, 2009  
LAP-N

SCCA Member Cost: \$30.00 single day or \$50.00 for both  
Non-Member Cost: \$40.00 single day or \$60.00 for both

## MidDiv Rallycross Series Event

June 7, 2009  
MAM

## A-May-Zing Regional/National/ IT Tour

May 29 - 31, 2009  
MAM

Register to volunteer or race online at [www.DLBracing.com](http://www.DLBracing.com)  
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