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RE-REPEAT – Dave Geis

It was a dark and stormy night. Suddenly a shot rang out. Nope, it was only a branch breaking off of the tree in back when it got hit by the 80 MPH winds. But it was enough to make me *really* wonder about the concrete repair that was scheduled at Strother Field the next day.

But as the 13 people (including 2 non-members!) who went down to Winfield to improve our Solo site can attest, the weather couldn't have been more perfect. Light winds, cloudy skies and 75 degrees made for a great day of cutting, jack hammering, prying, breaking and throwing concrete. Many, many thanks to those who came down and helped our Club improve the surface we play on and further "cement" our relationship with the Strother Field people.

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Corner One Upcoming Events

July 12th : Sedgwick Co. Zoo Education Center
7:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

July 26th : **NEW LOCATION**
Quinceys Bar and Grill
2047 N West Street
6:30 Solo Planning Meeting
7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting

Something New! **History on Lake Afton Road Racing**
By Tom Huxtable

July 30th : Strother Field
7:30 a.m. Solo Event. First car out at 10.00
Come early and help set-up.

August 9th : Sedgwick Co. Zoo Education Center
7:00 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting

August 13th : **NEWLY SCHEDULED EVENT**
TSD Road Rally

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(As a side note, I think only two of the people who came down to tear up the concrete have something other than an office job. Is it just coincidence that one of our non-member volunteers, Tim Harmon's nephew, is a chiropractor ;-)? And if you ever need some concrete broken up, talk with Hal Larcher or Marcus Hidvegi. They are *artists* with a jackhammer!)

We also had a mini barbeque at the concrete party courtesy of the leftovers from the picnic/barbeque earlier in the month. The World Famous Chewy Garcia was there, cooking up a storm. For those that missed it, you missed a good one. Fishing, swimming, paddleboats and great food were all available but only 13 people (is that getting to be the common number now?) came to the festivities. A truly disappointing number of people for a Region with more than 200 members.

Stay tuned for next month's Wail. Before the next publishing deadline we'll have had a Divisional Solo, a Regional Race, a National Race, and a Regional Solo. Something tells me that July is going to be a busy month ☺.

Are we havin' fun yet?

(Upcoming Events continued from page 1)

August 23rd: **NEW LOCATION**
Quinceys Bar and Grill
 2047 N West Street
 6:30 Solo Planning Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Membership Meeting

Something New! **Brian Meyer teaching us to "Read That Course"**

August 27th: Wichita Greyhound Park
 7:30 a.m. Solo Event.
 First car out at 10.00
 Come early and help set-up.

HEADLINE **STROTHER REPAIR CASUALTIES CONTINUE TO RISE** **By Dave Geis**

While we were waiting for other people to arrive at the Strother Field concrete repair party on June 17, Kevin Anderson mentioned that he had hit a bird with his car on the way down. I think he pretty much started the jinx.

On the way home, just this side of Oxford, three birds flew up just in front of my truck. Unfortunately, two of them weren't so quick. For the first time in years, I not only managed to get one, but two of them within about a tenth of a second of each other. I stopped at the turnpike entrance to make sure my grill and radiator were intact and headed for home.

Sunday morning I checked carefully for remnants and washed the front of the truck to get rid of the bird splatter. No damage, no problem.

Just over 15 years ago I lost my sense of smell in a car wreck. Does losing one make others more intense? Well, this morning, two days later, I opened up the door into the garage and my eyes immediately started burning. A lot. After Lu made sure that it wasn't gas fumes or something, I opened up the door and grabbed the flashlight for a *close* inspection.

There, resting comfortably between the driver's side turn signal and the radiator support, was casualty #3.

**Wichita Region SCCA
Board of Directors Minutes
(unapproved)
June 14, 2006**

Board Members Present: Dave Geis, Rob Foster, Charlene Bettinger, Mike Herrick, Brian Meyer, Paul Sherman, Keith Pfautz

Non-Voting Board Members Present: John Houston, Judi Pfautz

Chair/Co-Chair(s): Lu Geis, David Guilliams

Guest Present: Bruce Bettinger, Greg Laws

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Zoo Education Building.

Secretary Report: May Minutes were approved as published in the June Wail with motion to approve made by Brian Meyer, second by Keith Pfautz. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report: Report given by John Houston. Motion to approve was made by Rob Foster, second by Paul Sherman. Motion passed.

Membership Report: Charlene Bettinger reported we currently have 232 members down six from last year.

Wail: Paul Gutierrez was not present to give a report. An itemized accounting of the budget was submitted to the board by e-mail. There wasn't any discussion by the board.

Web: Rob Foster reported the number of hits at the region website is back up.

AVRG: Dave Geis reported there are a Regional / National Race at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit July 1 and 2. There was some discussion regarding the entry fees of the Driver School / Performance Driving Experience to be held in August.

Activities: Lu Geis reported only half of the pre-registered members attended the picnic at Pete's Puddle. Those attending the picnic discovered that Chewy can indeed cook. Thomas Pfautz was the only member to fish at Pete's Puddle and caught a fish.

The new meeting location for the monthly membership meeting will be at Quincy's, located at 2047 North West Street, Wichita. The meeting time remains 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

At the June Meeting, Will Huxtable will be conducting a basic corner worker school for those members who plan to work a corner at the Regional National July 1 & 2.

Lu and Sherry are working on the program for the July meeting. Brian Meyer agreed to present the program in August. The program will assist new and old Soloist in the best way to drive a solo and will cover how to walk/read a solo course.

In September, Ralph with BG Products will be available on a weekend (date to be determined) to clean your Plenums.

Solo: David Guilliams reported there were 2 solos in May. The event at Strother Field was changed to two heats, which worked very well. David assured Lu that there would be a portable bathroom available at the next Strother Field event. There are two events planned for the Greyhound Park. The contract is pending. June 15 & 16 are the days scheduled for repair at Strother Field.

Rally: Keith Pfautz reported the Pro Race at Heartland Park on August 12 & 13 had been cancelled. Since this has freed up a weekend, we will be able to hold a rally on Sunday, August 13. More information will be coming on this rally.

Old Business: Brian Meyer presented the budget for the Divisional Solo to be held in Salina June 24 & 25. Motion to approve the budget with an amendment was made by Keith Pfautz, second by Mike Herrick. Motion passed.

New Business: Lu Geis asked if the left over hotdogs and pop from the picnic could be taken to Strother Field for the members that would be working. Motion was made by Charlene Bettinger to approve this along with an additional amount for condiments and supplies. Second made by Keith Pfautz. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Paul Sherman, second by Mike Herrick. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judi Pfautz

These minutes have not been approved by the Board of Directors.

The Green Flag

Wichita Region SCCA 2006 Schedule

Solo Schedule

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| July | 9 th | Raytheon |
| July | 30 th | Strother |
| August | 27 th | Greyhound |
| Sept. | 10 th | Greyhound |
| Oct. | 8 th | Strother |
| Oct. | 29 th | Raytheon |

Rally Schedule

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| Sept. | 27 th | Poker Rally |
| Sept. | 30 th | Witches Ryde |

Road Race Schedule

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| Aug. | 5/6 | Hallett-SRC & PDX |
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Membership Directories are now available. Since it costs so much to print the directory, we are asking if you wish to have a copy you contact Dave Geis or Rob Foster and let them know you want one. They will e mail or send you a copy. Let them know what text you want them to use.

Charlene Bettinger
Membership Chair




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Have you been an SCCA Member before? Yes No Year _____ Previous Member #, if Known _____

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I hereby apply for membership in the Sports Car Club of America, Inc, and its **Wichita Region #90** and agree to abide by the bylaws. Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Dues include payment for subscription to *SportsCar* (\$19 Value) (Dues are not deductible as charitable contributions)

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SOLO REPORT – Dave Guilliams and Tom Urbanek No July Report

Wichita Region Member Making Waves in College Motorsports

Wichita Region member Jared Anderson has been rather scarce since the "Spring Break" Raytheon solo, March 19th. The good news is that Jared has been busy representing the University of Kansas and indirectly, the Wichita Region SCCA.

In March of this year, KU participated in the annual Salina Region SCCA, "FSAE Challenge" (Formula Society of Automotive Engineers). In this event twenty-two drivers from three university's competed in an autocross event. KU placed first followed by the University of Oklahoma, OU and the University of Missouri, MU; Kansas State and Wichita State were not able to compete due to car troubles. Of the twenty-two drivers, "New Kid", KU Freshman Jared Anderson was the third fastest in the event. (New Kid is an affectionate, and sometimes abused nickname awarded to Jared by his upper-classmen.)

Jared credits his early driving success as a lowly Freshman to competing in autocross with the Wichita Region starting at the young age of fifteen years old, Evolution Driving Schools, and his most important sponsors, Kevin and Belinda Anderson.

In additional news, each year up to 140 Universities from around the world compete in in the International Society of Automotive Engineers Formula Car Challenge near Detroit Michigan. See the results of this years challenge in the following article.

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RALLY NOTES - Keith and Judi Pfautz No July Report

KU engineering students place fourth in international formula car challenge

June 5, 2006

Contact: [Jill Hummels](#), School of Engineering, (785) 864-2934.



LAWRENCE — University of Kansas engineering students recently earned their best ever finish at the Society of Automotive Engineers Formula Car Challenge.

The Jayhawk Motorsports team earned fourth place at the international competition that took place May 17-21 at the Michigan Proving Grounds in Romeo, Mich. The result represents the first time the KU team has broken into the top 10. The team has finished in the top 25 in six of the past eight years.

The team is now headed to the inaugural Formula SAE West competition, June 14 to 17 at the California Speedway in Fontana, Calif. More than 70 student teams from five continents have registered for the event.

In Michigan, “The car performed as designed — which was expertly! It was wicked, fast and competed with the best. Any minor setbacks were easily overcome to place fourth, our best finish ever,” said Robb Sorem, associate dean for undergraduate studies in the KU School of Engineering and an associate professor of mechanical engineering. “For the previous five years, only KU and one other team have finished all events. I can proudly say, after this year, that only KU has completed all events for the past six years. It is a tribute to our students’ commitment and ability to engineer a high-performance vehicle.”

In addition to their fourth-place finish overall, the team won the third-place Hoosier Racing Tire Autocross Award, which was given to the three teams with the fastest recorded autocross runs. The autocross event contributed to the KU team’s overall high ranking. The team also received the Formula SAE Spirit of Excellence Award, which was given to the top 10 overall teams and earned Jayhawk Motorsports a \$600 prize.

The Formula SAE competition required the 140 registered student teams to design, build and drive a small formula-style racecar. At the competition, the teams and their cars were evaluated in a series of nine static and dynamic events including high performance track endurance, acceleration, presentation, design, cost and technical inspection. Student teams also were required to adhere to extensive safety regulations, submit thorough design information and make several technical presentations.

This year the 17-member team vowed to finish in the top five by making a few significant design changes to the car. They redesigned the suspension to allow a wide range of adjustability. Other changes included implementing a pull rod suspension system in the front and rear and creating a padded seatback that would accommodate drivers of all sizes.

The 475-pound Jayhawk Motorsports car can accelerate from 0 to 60 miles per hour in three seconds and has reached speeds of 110 mph. The car holds a 4-cylinder 600cc Honda CBR F4i engine without internal modifications to ensure reliability. The carbon fiber body sits atop 20-inch tires on 13-inch rims. The project cost more than \$35,000 to complete and benefited from a substantial in-kind donation for the carbon fiber body.

Seniors in mechanical engineering have the option of taking part in the project as part of the capstone design series of courses in their major. Underclassmen in mechanical engineering often volunteer to be a part of the team and are then better prepared for the class and the competition when they reach the senior level.

Logan Johnson, mechanical engineering graduating senior who served as the volunteer leader last year, gained enough experience to become the team captain this year.

"There is a huge time commitment and an unbelievable amount of work to do when you design and build an advanced racing vehicle in well under a year's time," Johnson said. "Many people consider this to be a 9-5 job; others consider it to take more time than that."

To learn more, go to: www.jayhawkmotorsports.com/portal/, students.sae.org/competitions/formulaseries/fsae/ or students.sae.org/competitions/formulaseries/west/.

Submitted by Kevin Anderson

Endurocross Coming Soon

In case you have never heard of it, an Endurocross is a typical autocross run that never ends. Well, not quite, the fun can't go on forever, but instead of one lap around the course your run will consist of several continuous laps before you are flagged into the finish line. This will surely get your blood pumping, so don't forget your blood pressure medication if required.

The Endurocross is tentatively scheduled for September 17th at Strother Field. Several details have yet to be sorted out, so keep an eye on the Wail and our website for future updates.

Contact me by email if you have any comments or suggestions.

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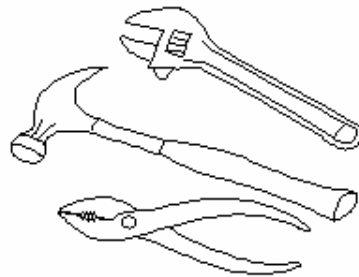
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