



# EXHAUST NOTES



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**NEBRASKA REGION SCCA**

**MAY 2018**

## STEERING COLUMN



**Steve Ducharme**  
Regional Executive

After a few fits and starts, the competition season is finally gaining speed. RallyCross added three successful events April 12 to 22. A combination school and test and tune on Saturday afternoon was followed by a twilight event that evening, and then the second points event on Sunday. Results inside this issue.

That same weekend, April 21-22, Heartland Park Topeka was the host for three MiDiv events, a Majors Road Race, Time Trials, Performance Driving Experience (PDX), and Solo (Autocross). Several region members were there competing and/or working. Results will be posted on the MiDiv web site: [www.midiv.org](http://www.midiv.org). The Club Race, however, was short of workers until just before the event. Organizers managed to pull it together and had a successful race weekend, but this should serve as a cautionary tale. We are co-hosting a Club Race with Des Moines Valley Region in September, at Raceway Park of the Midlands, and want to make that a success. Consider contributing to club racing as a worker at a track event. Novice workers are welcome — training is provided.

The weather is looking good for the two-day Solo weekend May 5 to 6. In Saturday, there is a Starting Line School and a test and tune, followed on Sunday by the first points event.

May continues to be a busy month with several nearby events to choose from. Des Moines Valley Region hosts a Majors road race – plus time trials and PDX – at Iowa Speedway May 19-20. That same weekend, Kansas City Region hosts the MiDiv RallyCross Championships at Lucas Oil Speedway in Wheatland, MO.

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The month concludes with the huge Solo Spring Nationals at Lincoln Air Park, featuring the Pro Solo Event May 25-26 and the Solo Championship Tour May 27-28. Come to compete, to help, or just to watch, but please come and experience this exciting sports-car competition.

Your board has been brainstorming ideas about how to better serve our members. We are working on ways to better welcome and mentor new members, for example and to better connect with inactive members. We welcome your suggestions. As always, all members are welcome to attend and be heard at the monthly board meetings, which are usually held the last Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM at Dennys in Gretna. Check the calendar at [nrsc.ca.com](http://nrsc.ca.com) to be for the latest Nebraska Region event and activity information.



Contributing to

## EXHAUST NOTES

**If you have photos and/or an article you would like to contribute, contact Sara McEnhill at [mcenhill42@mac.com](mailto:mcenhill42@mac.com).**

**Please get material for the next newsletter to me by the first of the month.**

**Events should be announced in the newsletter at least one month prior.**

## Nebraska Regional Meetings



Membership meetings are held as the need arises and will be announced in the newsletter or by postcard, and on the NRSCCA web site (<http://www.nrscca.com>).

Board of Governors meetings are held on the last Thursday of the month at Denny's at I-80 exit 432. They have a meeting room and food (come early and eat). Members welcome.

**Meeting starts at 7:30 PM.**

## MINUTES FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

**April 25, 2018**

**Convening:** Steve Ducharme

**Secretary:** Shana Hogan

**Those Present:**

**Board:** Steve Ducharme, Chris Harrison, Ben Tusa, Anthony Jackson, Kevin McEnhill, Shana Hogan

**Officers:** Chuck Garcia, Mark Walker, Deb Erpelding, Matt Sittel, Sara McEnhill, Mike Lovejoy

**Others:** Rita Walker, Mike Erpelding, Tim May.



**Shana Hogan**  
Secretary

## News and Announcements

**Calendar:**

Board meetings last Thursday, except:

- August 23, instead of August 30.
- December 20 only if needed.

**Nominations Meeting Date :** October 2

**News:** No further discussion.

## Regular Club Business

**Minutes:** Shana Hogan

Shana said that she had emailed the Minutes to the

board members. Some said they didn't receive them possibly went in a spam folder. Steve said he saw the Minutes and they looked ok.

All for.

**Treasurer: Chris Harrison**

Chris emailed a report to board members . No further discussion. Steve motioned to approve . Kevin seconded. All for.

**Membership: Julie Heaton ( not present)**

No report.

**New Members: Matt Sittel**

Matt had nothing new to report.

Suggestions were made: First event set up a table where new people could get information about the Autocross .

Maybe person at the gate could give new people a handout about Autocross. Where to register, tech, etc.

Chris Harrison discussed maybe a handout about Introduction to Autocross.

Also, maybe Novice drivers could put there flashers on in grid. Then a experienced driver could ride with the Novice driver.

**Newsletter: Sara McEnhill**

Sara said if anyone had something to put in newsletter let her know. Suggestion to interview a new Member or one Board member once a month.

**Social Media: Ben Tusa**

Ben said there was more activity online With social accounts like Facebook, etc.

**Activities: Anthony Jackson**

Anthony discussed Solo #1 was cancelled due to weather and there is no Activity points for April.

The Rallycross Super weekend went well with 17 drivers on the Sunday RX event.

May 5, 2018, is a Test-N-Tune, with Starting Line School. Annual Tech will be on Sat also 1-3. Sunday May 6, 2018, is Solo #2. The Spring Nationals will be held the end of May 25-28, 2018.

**Rallycross: Mike Lovejoy**

Mike said the RX Super Weekend went well. Going to talk to I-80 speedway about site improvements.

**Solo Chair: John Hunter (not present)**

Hunter asked to step back from Solo Chair but would like to keep role of course design instructor and mentor.

**Club Racing: Kopecky (not present)**

Nothing to report.

**Lincoln Airpark: Mark Walker**

Spring National fence set up on Tues May 22 5 pm.

Wed May 23 Hoosier will be testing there tires.

**Points: Deb Erpelding**

Deb will get the points updated.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Steve asked Mike Lovejoy to see if his company would help sponsor a Street Survival School in Omaha.

Also ask Mark Walker if the school could be held in parking lot where Mark Walker works.

Steve motioned for meeting to adjourn. Chris seconded. All for.

Meeting adjourned 9:01pm.



Eric Salem, a long time NRSCCA member, passed away Saturday, April 28th. He was 51.

Eric's parents had been very active in solo Nebraska Region in the late 60's into the 1970's. His mom ran solos and won the 1971 Ladies Trophy at year end. His dad, Dick, won a lot of Solos and later won a lot of Races. So Eric was another child who grew up in the SCCA.

Eric was NRSCCA Treasurer in 2001 and he won the Flesher Award in 2003. He was also in 100% Club in 2003. He worked Paddock at MidAmerica MotorSports track for several years.

Our Thoughts and Prayers go out to the family.



**May 15 - Minneapolis**

**June 6 - Minneapolis**

**May 31 - Topeka**

**June 28 - Topeka**

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**Mike Lovejoy**  
RallyCross Chair

They always say “Seat Time” is one of the best things you can have to improve as a racer. It’s no wonder that my favorite Rallycross event on the entire calendar offers just that. The NRSCCA Rallycross Super Weekend has two full days of all the dirt racing one could ever ask for. It was not only a treat for me to be able to get some well-needed time of my own,

but encouraging to see how many other drivers also took full advantage of the opportunity.



*photo by S. McEnhill*

Things started with a Rallycross School / Test and Tune on Saturday morning. Veteran drivers of the program were evenly mixed with new and up-coming drivers to learn the ropes to make for a diverse group. The talented teachers on hand worked with students through a course walk and then individually as each one took passes through the course. Their times improved drastically with each run, edging off entire seconds from their previous times. By the end



*photo by S. Hogan*

of the morning, many of the newer students (some who had never competed before) were already posting times similar to those who had been doing this for a year or two. The talent-filled veteran entries that were taking advantage of the seat time also saw their times improve through the day, so everybody cashed in on the opportunity.

By the afternoon, the Super Weekend was entering it’s second phase: Twilight Rallycross. If the seat time perk wasn’t enough, this is one of the few events we get to do under the cover of darkness. We lined the cones of the course with glow sticks, turned whatever lights we had on, and attacked the clock through the winding track. This was another great opportunity for the newer drivers to hone their abilities and just a fun time for everyone overall. To add to the spectacle, one of the entries managed to turn their underglow on their car, which was both awesome and hilarious to witness as bright neon lights floated through the course. It was a techno rave party every time they went out!



*photo by M. Choyeske*

Sunday Morning arrived, and it reminded us of two things. The first was how easy it was to apply techniques and advice we had learned the day before. The second was how sore our bodies were from the 14 hours of Rallycross we had endured... with another 8 hours ahead of us! A few fresh entries that couldn’t make it to the events on Saturday filled the ranks a little more. We redesigned the course, went through our usual checks and meetings, and hit the dirt once again. This new course combined challenging technical sections where Naturally Aspirated cars were

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<b>NRSCA RALLYCROSS - TWILIGHT RALLY</b>				
April 21, 2018				
I-80 Speedway				
Pos	Car #	Entrant	Vehicle	Total Time
<b>EVM</b>				
1	75	Mike Lovejoy	Higgins Blue 2016 Subaru WRX	479.858
<b>Stock Front Wheel Drive</b>				
1	55	David Crusoe	White 2017 Volkswagen GTI	413.156
<b>Stock Rear Wheel Drive</b>				
1	10	Emilian Grigore	Blurple 2001 BMW 330i	220.822
<b>Stock All Wheel Drive</b>				
1	186	Jon Simmons	White 2006 Mitsubishi EVO	389.827
2	86	Steve Ducharme	White 2006 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution	402.970
3	0	Rodman Hunsaker	Silver 2016 Subaru Impreza Sport	435.106
4	42	Sara McEnhill	Blue 2015 Subaru Forester	500.010
<b>Prepared All Wheel Drive</b>				
1	94	Brian Hilligoss	Arcadia Green 1998 Subaru Impreza	437.618
2	13	Tim Milliman	Silver/ White 1999 Subaru Impreza	443.471
3	1	Carly Baumann	Green 2002 Subaru Impreza Wagon	449.157
4	113	Tyler Vandeman	Silver 1999 Subaru Impreza	485.948
<b>Modified Front Wheel Drive</b>				
1	69	Anthony Jackson	Fuchsia 1994 Ford Escort GT	415.535
<b>Modified Rear Wheel Drive</b>				
1	21	Doug Leibman	yellow 1971 Volkswagen Super Beetle	201.573
<b>Modified All Wheel Drive</b>				
1	11	Kevin Schatz	Blue 1999 Audi a4	399.533
2	142	Jesse Jorgensen	White 02 Subaru WRX	401.314
3	42	Joel Lechner	White 2002 Subaru Impreza WRX Wagon	416.177

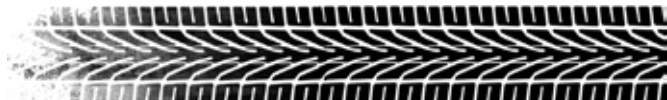




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<b>NRSCCA RALLYCROSS #3</b>				
April 21, 2018				
I-80 Speedway				
Pos	Car #	Entrant	Vehicle	Total Time
<b>EVM</b>				
1	186	Jon Simmons	White 2006 Mitsubishi EVO	449.901
<b>Stock Front Wheel Drive</b>				
1	55	David Crusoe	White 2017 Volkswagen GTI	404.380
<b>Stock Rear Wheel Drive</b>				
1	10	Emilian Grigore	Blurple 2001 BMW 330i	429.298
<b>Stock All Wheel Drive</b>				
1	86	Steve Ducharme	White 2006 Mitsubishi Lancer Evolution	395.947
2	42	Sara McEnhill	Blue 2015 Subaru Forester	449.179
3	0	Rodman Hunsaker	Silver 2016 Subaru Impreza Sport	449.313
<b>Prepared Rear Wheel Drive</b>				
1	58	Patrick West	Red 1983 Oldsmobile Cutlass	457.762
<b>Prepared All Wheel Drive</b>				
1	75	Mike Lovejoy	Higgins Blue 2016 Subaru WRX	393.076
2	113	Tyler Vandeman	Silver 1999 Subaru Impreza	408.157
3	444	Jovan Kelsey	Blue 2001 Subaru Impreza 2.5RS	409.390
4	94	Brian Hilligoss	Arcadia Green 1998 Subaru Impreza	411.831
5	13	Tim Milliman	Silver/ White 1999 Subaru Impreza	434.518
<b>Modified Front Wheel Drive</b>				
1	69	Anthony Jackson	Fuchsia 1994 Ford Escort GT	412.786
<b>Modified Rear Wheel Drive</b>				
1	21	Doug Leibman	yellow 1971 Volkswagen Super Beetle	409.747
2	83	Chris Graves	Blue 1991 Volvo 240	454.565
<b>Modified All Wheel Drive</b>				
1	142	Alex Reinkordt	White 2002 Subaru WRX Wagon	389.012
2	11	Kevin Schatz	Blue 1999 Audi a4	399.777
3	42	Joel Lechner	White 2002 Subaru Impreza WRX Wagon	403.651



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avored along with smooth flowing areas that catered to turbocharged cars. It evened the playing field quite a bit to have such a mix of conditions. The course held up pretty well and only a few tweaks were needed to keep things safe as the day progressed. Workers and Drivers alike did a great job through the whole day. When the dust settled (of which there was quite a lot on Sunday), strong performances from veteran drivers and our newly broken-in students.

By the close of the weekend, it was clear that the seat time had benefited everyone. Experienced drivers had dialed in their setups and were posting blistering times with the progress they had made. New drivers were making steady progress with each pass, even catching some of the drivers who had been doing this for a few years. Seeing this kind of consistent involvement with the program is encouraging to see. To witness that same drive and enthusiasm continue through an entire weekend of racing. The reward of seeing steady progress through every driver while still harboring a fun and welcoming environment has me excited for the continued success of the NRSCCA Rallycross program.



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Thank you to Martin Choyeske and Kris Martinson for the RallyCross photos!

More photos can be found at:

<https://flic.kr/s/aHsmeHyby3>

<http://www.gotcone.com>

## CONGRATULATIONS, RALF!

Ralf Lindow at HPT races. He ran Saturday and got the pole, in the rain, and won. On Sunday he repeated and won again in the dry.



photo by Candy Gerber



photo by Lisa Lindow



photo by Lisa Lindow



# 2018 NEBRASKA REGION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

(Dates are subject to change)

	5/6	12/13	19/20	26/27	
<b>M</b> <b>a</b> <b>y</b>	Starting Line School (5) NR: Test n Tune (5) NR: Solo #2 (6)(A)(S)	Mothers Day	MiDiv Solo – Oklahoma City Majors - ISW	Spring Nationals PS: Lincoln NE (25/26) CT: Lincoln NE (27/28)	
	<b>J</b> <b>u</b> <b>n</b>	2/3	9/10	16/17	23/24
	MiDiv Solo – Salina, KS	NR: Solo Trials(9) NR: Solo #3 (10)(S)	NR: RallyX #4 (17)(R)	NR: Solo #4 (24)(A)(S) FSAE - (20-23) MiDiv Solo – Neosha, MO	
<b>J</b> <b>u</b> <b>l</b>	30/1	7/8	14/15	21/22	28/29
	MiDiv Solo Series	NR: Nebraskhana NR: Solo #5 (8)(S)	NR: RallyX #5 (15)(R)(A)	Runoffs Qual - HPT	
<b>A</b> <b>u</b> <b>g</b>	4/5	11/12	18/19	25/26	
	NR: MiDiv Solo (4/5)(A) Divisional Championship		NRSCCA Club Picnic (18)		
<b>S</b> <b>e</b> <b>p</b>	1/2	8/9	15/16	22/23	29/30
	ProSolo Finale Aug 31 - Sep 2 Solo National Championship Sep 4-7		NR: RallyX #6 (16)	NR-DMVR Club Race (22-23) (A)	NR: Solo #6 (30)(S)
	Runoffs Qual - HMC				
<b>O</b> <b>c</b> <b>t</b>	6/7	13/14	20/21	27/28	
	NR: RallyX #7 (8)(R)	RallyCross Nationals Indianola, IA (12-14)	NR: Solo #7 (21)(A)(S)		
		Club Racing National Runoffs, 16-20, Sonoma, CA			
<b>N</b> <b>o</b> <b>v</b>	3/4	10/11	17/18	24/25	
	NR: Solo #8 (4)(S)		NR: RallyX #8 (18)(A)(R)		

Nebraska Region event weekends are shaded.

Pre-registration required on all Nebraska Region solos.

PS - ProSolo, CT - Championship Tour, MT - Match Tour, NR: Nebraska Region Event

ISW-Iowa Speedway, HMC - Hallett, KSW-Kansas Speedway, RPM-Raceway Park Midlands, MPH-Motorsport ParkHastings, GTW-Gateway Raceway



## Volunteers Needed



to set up for

## Spring Nationals

Wednesday and Thursday (May 23 & 24), 8-5

if you can help out, please contact [info@nrsc.ca.com](mailto:info@nrsc.ca.com)

# HISTORY Bits

## Playland Slalom "Speed Chase Take III" April 1971



Jerry Doctor



Patt Buell



**Patt Buell**  
NRSCCA Historian

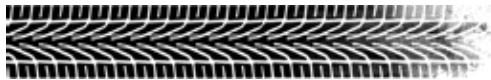


Jerry Kilgore



Al Druesdow

Note: Helmets weren't required yet for AutoCross.



## 1979 Solo



Clockwise: Mike Ashbaugh, Tom Asay, Michelle Asay, Jim Williams



## 1950s Dash Plaques

Dash plaques were given to all entrants up until the 1990s.



Photos are of Sandy Downs' dash plaques.

## MEET THE BOARD - CHRIS HARRISON

Hello everyone, I'm Chris Harrison and this is my first year serving on our board of governors. I have also accepted the duties of treasurer. I have been a member of NRSCCA for 3-4 years and was hooked from the first time I took a ride. I think it's safe to say the hook set deep with me. Those of you that know me know that I formerly had a black camaro that I was building to race. I no longer have that car and have recently upgraded to my '99 C5 Corvette. I enjoy the building process and have wanted a corvette since I was a little kid. I'm so excited to see what this car has to offer and make improvements as I go!

When I'm not racing I tend to find myself doing home improvement projects, walking the dogs or spending time with my wife Christina. All of my friends are



drag racers, so I find myself around drag racing a lot when I'm not busy. I have begun setting the hook with her and she's now a member and will be competing in ladies class this year.

I'm a Realtor by trade and enjoy assisting people buy/sell properties. If I could be anything I would probably try to find a way to build and race cars for a living.

I look forward to serving this club as the treasurer and board member!

Profiles aren't just for board members! This is **your** newsletter! If you would like to introduce yourself to the club, talk about your car, or share your accomplishments from an event outside Nebraska region, send an article and photos to Sara at [mcenhill42@mac.com](mailto:mcenhill42@mac.com).

# NRSCCA Picnic

## August 18

### Chalco Hills Recreation Area



## GET IN THE LOOP!

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## BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

Last Thursday of the month, 7:30pm

Monthly Board of Governors Meeting will be held at **Denny's** at the Flying J at Nebraska Crossing Outlets, Exit 432, From 7:30pm to 10-ish.

They have a meeting room and food.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 26-27: Spring Nationals**

**June 9: Solo Trials**

**June 10: Solo #2**

**June 17: RallyCross #4**

**June 20-23: Formula SAE**

**June 24: Solo #3**

*Sign up for events at*

<https://www.motorsportreg.com/orgs/scca/nebraska>

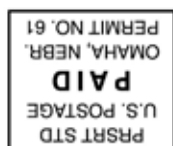
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