

# DRIFTING



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First off, I want to Wish you and your family a very happy holiday season. I am looking forward to an exciting (and Busy) 2018 season.

The Club trials program is coming together. We have the schedule finalized and the rule set will be final by January 1<sup>st</sup>. As an Additional perk for the series, we are in the final stages of securing a title sponsor and contingency award sponsors. Once competed we will make the official announcement. I am sure the participants will be excited about what the series will have to offer. In addition to year end awards we will be presenting awards for the daily Fast Lap in each class, "Most Improved Driver" of the weekend and "Driver Awareness". The driver awareness award goes to the driver who uses judgement and skill to avoid on track issues. The recipient of this award will be selected by the F&C workers. It is an ambitious task to put this all together and cannot be done without the support of the other sponsoring regions. A special thanks to Chris Kern of KVRG for all his help and guidance.

The Majors planning meetings are ongoing and have been well attended. Our next call will be focused on in-field/paddock layout, traffic flow and registration. These events do not happen with-out a lot of support, so if you are interested in being a part of the team contact Erich at [erichpfa@gmail.com](mailto:erichpfa@gmail.com) for details.

Rally X Nationals are returning to Indianola October 12-14. This year we will be running the Friday test/tune and assisting the nationals team as needed. We have individuals who have expressed an interest in heading up this effort. The board will assign an event chairman at our January meeting.

It is my great pleasure to announce we have filled the worker coordinator position on the board. Joyce Hart has agreed to be our new Worker Coordinator and was approved by the board. Thank you, Joyce for making the commitment it takes to be a board member. I would also like to thank Mary Harrington for her service to the board as secretary. Mary has decided to step away from the board and focus on her real passion which is being the Drifting editor. Tara Box-Walker has agreed to be our new secretary. I am excited to see Tara's skills and enthusiasm applied to DMVR board.

Due to lack of time, we did not get to the goals session at our last board meeting. We will pick that up in January. You still have time to make your voice heard and drive the direction of the club.

Happy Holidays!!!

Erich Pfalzgraf

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## January

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| 2 | <b>Membership/Board</b>                           | Smokey D's | Chris Riester |
|   | Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting |            |               |

## February

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|------|---|-------------|------------------|
| 6    | <b>Membership/Board</b>                           | Smokey D's  | Chris Riester    |
|      | Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting |             |                  |
| 9-10 | MiDiv Convention                                  | Kansas City |                  |
| TBD  | <b>Club Racing Drivers Meeting</b>                | TBD         | Harlan Donaldson |

## March

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| 6   | <b>Membership/Board</b>                           | Smokey D's | Chris Riester |
|     | Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting |            |               |
| TBD | <b>Crash Fire Rescue</b>                          | TBD        |               |
| TBD | <b>Solo Drivers Meeting</b>                       | TBD        |               |

## April

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| 3 | <b>Membership/Board</b>                           | Smokey D's | Chris Riester |
|   | Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting |            |               |

## May

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| 1     | <b>Membership/Board</b>                           | Smokey D's    | Chris Riester   |
|       | Note: 6:30 General Meeting and 7:30 Board Meeting |               |                 |
| 19-20 | <b>Majors Race/PDX</b>                            | Iowa Speedway | Erich Pfalzgraf |



### *2018 Club Trials Schedule*



- April 28-29 – Heartland Park Majors/CT
  - May 19-20 – Iowa Speedway Majors/CT
  - July 21-22 – Heartland Park Regional/PDX/CT
    - August 11 – RPM PDX/CT
  - Sept 01-02 – Hallett OK Regional/PDX/CT
  - Sept 22-23 – RPM Regional/PDX/CT (CT Championship Weekend)
- Potential event June 2-3 at Gateway Motorsports Park*

## **BoD Minutes** DMVR Board Minutes December 5, 2017 Minute by Minute

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The DMVR SCCA board meeting was called to order on December 5, 2017 at Smokey D's by RE Erich Pfalzgraf. A total of 18 were present.

The following board members were present:

Erich Pfalzgraf  
Harlan Donaldson  
Chas Beeler  
Fred Bell  
Randy Sams  
Jerry Grogan  
Mary Harrington

RE Report: Erich reported that we have a lot going on next year. Erich advised that the rules for Time Trials are currently being worked on. A draft copy is available on the DMVR website. The rules should be finalized in the next couple of weeks. St Louis is showing strong interest in our Time Trials program for 2018. Erich advised he is requesting MiDiv (Rocky) keep track of the points for the Time Trials program. Erich advised we are getting good feedback on the new program.

Erich advised the MiDiv schedule is now available on the DMVR website.

Erich reported that the planning conference calls for the Majors Race in May have started.

Erich reported he has had discussions with Nebraska Region regarding future events at RPM. He advises there was overwhelming support at the Nebraska drivers' meeting to work with DMVR.

Assistant RE: In Chris' absence, Jerry reported that the Annual Banquet was awesome. There was discussion that the venue was great and the after party was fun.

Treasurer: Fred reported the club still has money. A financial report was emailed to the Board. Fred advised this was basically a breakeven year and Street Survival has a \$200 reserve. Harlan advised we will need Street Survival hats in 2018. It was decided to discuss this at a later date. Fred advised the annual solo/race equipment inventory will be due at the end of the year. Harlan advised we will need

Club Racing: Harlan reported there was no club racing in November. The first club racing event for 2018 in January 5<sup>th</sup> in Florida. The club racing drivers

meeting will be in February, but no date has been set yet.

Harlan advised that dates and venues have not been set yet for the 2018 Street Survivals. Harlan advised we will need additional help this year including a co-chair and instructors. If we select Iowa Speedway for both events, the track would want both dates under one contract. Fred advised the cost for Iowa Event Center is too great. Fred is in discussion with Prairie Meadows and Iowa State as possible venues. Harlan advises the fee has been increased to \$95 in 2018.

Solo: Jerry reported he is working on the 2018 solo schedule and it should be completed shortly. Also, Jerry reported there is a beginners autocross by SCCA, but it is expensive - \$400-\$500 fee. There was discussion that we have already been mentoring now in our solo program and the cost involved is not worth hosting a SCCA beginners' autocross.

Jerry also advised that a date has not been set yet for the Solo drivers meeting, but they are looking at the end of February or early March.

Rally Cross: Erich advised the National Rally Cross will be held at Indianola October 18-19, 2018. Dave Champion advised this has been a good money maker for us in the past. We will need workers and an event chair if we again do waivers and the Test n Tune. Erich advised he will contact National.

Membership: Chas reported no members were added or deleted in November.

Worker Coordinator: Joyce advised that she will gather the worker days for 2017. She requested that workers send her the number of days they worked in 2018. Erich advised that Dick Struve has agreed to set up a Crash, Fire, Rescue in March for the workers.

Old Business: Erich advised that Mary was stepping down as Secretary for 2018 and Tara Box-Walker had agreed to take the position. The Board voted unanimously to approve the change.

Chas made a motion to adjourn. Second by Randy.

Respectfully submitted by  
Mary Harrington, Secretary



Membership News  
Chas Beeler

**January Birthdays:**

Colan Arnold  
Zachary Bertness  
Brad Bristow  
Steve Genovese  
Steve Goodner  
Jerry Grogan  
Perry Harrell  
Jennifer Igou  
Sam Kranovich  
Curtis Leaverton  
Mary Lenz  
Richard Manion  
Allison Ohringer  
Chet Prust  
Tomas Read  
Randy Sams  
Jim Stoddard  
Joe Ternus  
Lynne Ternus  
Fred Thomas  
Bob Toms  
Brenner Van Sickle  
Ron Ver Mulm

**January Anniversaries:**

Debbie Pavelick - 30 years  
Marc Pavelick - 30 years  
Sergio Pinon - 5 years  
Anthony Siembieda - 10 years  
Richard Struve - 30 years



**New Members:**

None

**Change of address:**

None

## 2018 DMVR Board of Directors



**Erich Pfalzgraf**  
**Regional Executive (RE)**

**1. How long have you been a DMVR member?** *I started auto crossing in 2011 under weekend membership and became full member 2012.*

**2. What is/are your DMVR interests?** *My interests are primarily in Club racing and PDX/CT. I have been known to "Skink up" the auto cross course every once and a while.*

**3. Any additional thoughts/comments you would like to share?** *Being the RE for the last year has been an eye opening experience but good in a good way. As I start my second year, I am looking forward to progressing all programs especially our new Divisional Club Trials program. Club trials is a good example of how members wanting a new program can make it happen. A club is only as good as it members and we have some very skilled and dedicated members.*

**Chris Riester**  
**Assistant Regional Executive**



**1. How long have you been a DMVR member?** *I've been a member of DMVR for 5 years.*

**2. What is/are your DMVR interests?** *I like solo. I started PDX/CRY this year and am a worker.*



**Harlan Donaldson**  
**Racing Competition**

**1. How long have you been a DMVR member?** *I have been a DMVR member for 30+ years.*

**2. What is/are your DMVR interests?** *I started in SOLO, drank too much at a Christmas party and bought a retired race car. The rest of the story has appeared on these pages. Have since embraced Rally Cross, and have been involved with the Street Survival program for about 10yrs. My interest in the workers is: "I love em all." Couldn't do what I do w/o you. I hold a Regional race control license.*

**Tara Box-Walker**  
**Secretary**



**1. How long have you been a DMVR member?** *I have been a member of DMVR for 4 years. I joined because of my fiancé.*

**2. What is/are your DMVR interests?** *I like doing solo waivers and helping in any way.*

**3. Any additional thoughts/comments you would like to share?** *More people need to become members and more people need to sign annual waivers.*



**Fred Bell**  
**Treasuer**

**1. How long have you been a DMVR member?** *I have been a DMVR member since 2000.*

**2. What is/are your DMVR interests?** *My main interest is Solo, Also helping out with PDX as an instructor. I also enjoy doing road rallies when we have them.*



**Joyce Hart**  
**Worker Coordinator**

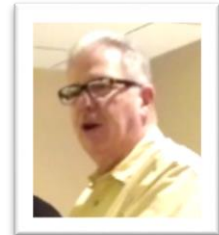
1. **How long have you been a DMVR member?** *I have been a member of DMVR since 2006 but have working T&S since 2000.*
2. **What is/are your DMVR interests?** *I like club racing because in T&S I get to be indoors.*
3. **Any additional thoughts/comments you would like to share?** *I would like to get others involved in T&S*

**Chas Beeler**  
**Membership Director**



1. **How long have you been a DMVR member?** *I am in my second year as the Director of Membership for the DMVR/SCCA, and have been a DMVR member for three years*
2. **What is/are your DMVR interests (ie solo, club racing, rally cross, worker, etc)?** *I can typically be found at Solo events, and more increasingly as a worker at PDX/CTT/Race events. I am hoping to start a foray into driving at PDX/CTT events within the next season or two.*
3. **Any additional thoughts/comments you would like to share?** *In addition to my duties on the DMVR Board of Directors, I also serve as a bass player/sound technician in the Newton Community Theatre, as a substitute trumpet player for the Karl L. King Band of Fort Dodge, and as the Technology Specialist at Berg Middle School in the Newton Community School District. I reside in Newton and spend my free time caring for my Miata.*

**Jerry Grogan**  
**Solo Events**



1. **How long have you been a DMVR member?** *I have been a member since 2010 I think. I was invited by Thomas Krual to an event at Osky. I remember Mike Bronson walking the course with me explaining everything. I was so excited on my first run and I thought I just tore up the course. I thought for sure I would be in the top 10%. But after the times came out I was last plus about 10 seconds. Wow I thought I really have to step this up these guys don't fool around. Well by the end of the day I had won my class but there was only a few cars in it. But I was hooked and still love Solo Autocrossing to this day as you all know.*
2. **What is/are your DMVR interests?** *Mostly just Solo and I have been thinking about doing some racing.*
3. **Any additional thoughts/comments you would like to share?** *Most of all I have made many life long friends and that is priceless.*



**Randy Sams**  
**Solo Rules**

1. **How long have you been a DMVR member?** *I have been a DMVR member for 9 years*
2. **What is/are your DMVR interests?** ***Solo competition and event set up:** I enjoy a smoothly run event as much as I enjoy a good finish. When we get eight runs and are home by 4:00, with results on the website, it makes me feel glad to be a part of the DMVR solo program, because that does not happen without a massive team effort. **Time Trials/PDX:** My favorite part is instructing. I love to fan that spark people get when they get on track.*



# SCCA Midwest Club Trials Program

SCCA Midwest Club Time Trials are intended to provide a competitive environment for advanced level drivers. It is an open passing environment with scoring based on the lowest single lap time recorded in each sessions.

## Driver Eligibility

1. Drivers must hold a minimum of an SCCA Time Trials Novice permit. Time Trials novice permits can be issued at registration on the day of the event. However, it is encouraged to get the license process completed before the event. Holders of full competition licenses from SCCA or other approved sanctioning bodies may also participate.
2. Approved licenses shall include:
  1. SCCA Time Trials License
  2. SCCA Full Competition
  3. SCCA Full Competition Novice Permit
  4. Time Trials or Competition licenses from approved sanctioning bodies.
  5. Licenses from organizations that do not issue license cards (e.g. WRL, Chumpcar) may be accepted on a case-by-case basis at the approval of the Chief Instructor. Holders of these licences are required to apply for an SCCA Time Trials or Full Competition License.
3. All drivers aged 15 to 17 must contact event officials before the event. A completed Annual Parental Consent, Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement and a completed Minor's Assumption of Risk Acknowledgment is required (note: forms vary by state and witnessing method). Current SCCA membership is required.
4. Use the attached link to access the SCCA Time trials licensing forms. [SCCA TT licence Application](#). The application gives a step by step process for completing the forms. The following [SCCA Medical History form](#) link will give you access to the required medical forms. You are only required to complete the Medical history portion which does not require an evaluation by a physician. After all forms are complete they can be emailed to Randy Sams ([randallsams@yahoo.com](mailto:randallsams@yahoo.com)) or Chris Bienert ([rallyfan555@yahoo.com](mailto:rallyfan555@yahoo.com)) for review **BEFORE** they go to national office. If you need assistance please contact Randy, Chris or Erich @ [erichpfa@gmail.com](mailto:erichpfa@gmail.com)



## **A Chat with DMVR Member Adam Walker**

**Adam has been involved with DMVR for many years. He obtained his Novice Permit in 2005 and his Regional competition license in 2008. We asked him a few questions on getting a full competition license.**



**1. How did you get interested in club racing?**

My dad was a racer and I followed him. I loved watching the races.

**2. Was it difficult to get your competition license?**

Yes it was difficult because you had to travel to take two different classes.

**3. Do you have to do anything special to renew your competition license each year?**

Yes, For regional you have to do four races per season.

**4. How do you know what class you are in?**

Typically you build a car for a class.

**5. What do you have to do to prepare your car?**

Basic maintenance, gut car, weld cage in, redo suspension, install racing seat, quick release steering wheel.

**6. Do you recommend doing a few PDX's before trying for a competition license?**

Yes to get the experience and drive time.

**7. Any additional comments?**

A full competition is fun to have but it costs money and time.

**ATTENTION WORKERS**

**Please email Joyce Hart at**

**[joyce.hart@yahoo.com](mailto:joyce.hart@yahoo.com) the number of days  
you worked in 2017.**

# DMVR Annual Awards Banquet

At the end of each year, DMVR hosts an Annual Meeting/Awards Banquet. The purpose is to recognize the workers and drivers (both solo and club racing) who have stood out during the past year. In upcoming Drifting issues, we'll take a closer look out how the recipients are chosen each year for the various awards. Since 2018 is just starting, now is the perfect time to focus on an area that you have interest and work on being recognized in front of your fellow members at the end of the year!

## Special Recognition Award



Hoskins Award

Greg and Sam Scharnberg Award

Soloist of the Year

Solo awards by class

Solo Pax Championship

Rookie of the Year (Solo and Club Racing)

Youth Novice of the Year (Solo and Club Racing)

Driver of the Year (Club Racing)

Midiv Awards

Winged Bitch

Help, I've Fallen

Worker of the Year

Worker Days (Club racing days worked)

Member Anniversary (every 5 years)

## What is my name?

I never named a car before, but after another car pulled out in front of me at a stop sign, and a trip to Wrench N Go this car now has a name.

Can you guess what it is?

Answer in next month's Drifting.

Harlan



# HAPPY 60<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY DMVR!

DMVR Charter Membership began with the Articles of Incorporation and the SCCA Regional Status Request on **January 27, 1958**. The following persons are Charter Members of the Des Moines Valley Region, Sports Car Club of America, Inc.

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Gordan Barnard  
Ralph Beals, Jr.  
Howard Brown  
Dudley Combs  
Grant Crenshaw  
Gene Cushman  
Dean Elder  
R. Melvin Hanson  
Jerry Harvey  
Roland Jons  
Gene Kieffer  
Gerald Leibold  
Gary Lilly



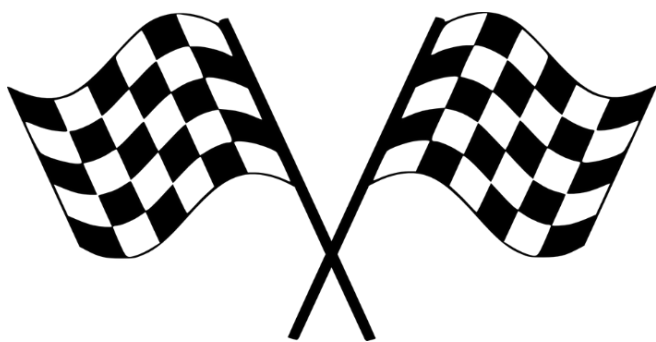
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Marvin Miller  
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Gary Stephenson  
Walter Stephenson  
William K. Swanson  
Paul Tenney  
Phyllis Walsh  
Robert Weinheimer  
Phillip Wright



*Merry Christmas and  
Happy New Year from  
Carl and Denise  
Wieman and family.*



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## Have you signed the WAIVER?

Did you sign the waiver?

Reminder: To be eligible for coverage under the SCCA Plan, one of requirements is a person must have signed the proper event waiver release. When arriving at the event, please remember to sign the waiver!

## Thank you!

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