



# The *Pit Stop*



***SCCA Southern Indiana Region Monthly Newsletter - September 2014 - Volume 61 Number 9***

## **September 2014 REport**

Greetings everyone and welcome to the September 2014 edition of the Pit Stop! Recently, there was a lot of talk on our mailing list related to our autocross schedule at the Mid-American Air Center. A common theme throughout those discussions was an interest in starting our first runs earlier than the standard 1:00 pm start time. At the last Board meeting we discussed the MAAC schedule and the feasibility of getting the first runs started earlier than 1:00 pm. What follows is a summary of that discussion.

*(Note: This information was originally posted on our mailing list prior to our last autocross and posted here for those who didn't catch it on our mailing list.)*

### **● Should course setup start earlier than 9:30?**

- The Board decided NOT to start earlier than our usual 9:30 a.m. start time.

### **● How can we streamline the registration process?**

- Members should have their membership card, driver's license, tech card, and payment in hand as they approach the trailer to register.
  - Checks should be pre-written and, if paying by cash, exact change isn't required, but really helps.
- Weekend members should also have their license, tech card, and payment ready (cash only for non-members). In addition, their weekend membership forms should already be filled out before they get in line.
  - If you bring a weekend member, please be proactive in getting them a form when you arrive.
  - We will have weekend forms available with the tech crew to help get those forms distributed.

### **● Can we improve the tech process?**

- The Board decided not to change the tech process at this time.
- However, it is helpful to get your car ready for tech once you arrive, especially if the car hasn't been through tech before.
  - Clear out the loose items.
  - Open the hood and trunk.
  - Get your helmet out and place it in the car.
  - If you are a regular, go ahead and get the number on your car.
- If you are a regular attendee and already have a card, you won't need to stay with your car (grab a blower and get to work!).
- Weekend members should stay with their car until it has been through tech so that the tech crew does not have to spend time trying to locate the car's owner.

### **● How can we improve the course setup process?**

- The Board determined that the slowest phase of course setup is process of getting the course cleaned off with the blowers.
  - There are three blowers available - 2 walk behind blowers and a backpack blower. We want all three in use on the course as soon as possible - no later than 9:45!.
  - To help with that effort, we will be providing a map of the areas that need to be blown.
    - **The pylons do not need to be in place prior to the start of the blowing process.**
  - We would like members to volunteer to run the blowers in 15 to 20 minute shifts.
    - Please be proactive in this process. If you find yourself in the paddock with some down time, head out on the course and ask those with the blowers if they are done with their shift. Offer to take the next shift.

### **● Will we start running any earlier?**

- It depends, but, if we get the course setup process moving more quickly, there's a good chance we can.
- **Please note that we'll have to announce an earlier start time at least 30 minutes in advance of the new start time so that everyone has a chance to hit the terminal and make final preparations.**

We are going to implement the items mentioned above at our upcoming autocross events and make every effort to get things started as soon as possible. If it's important to you to get started early, you can help make that happen by getting involved in the setup process. If you don't know what needs to be done, come find either Bob or me and we'll get you pointed in the right direction.

I want to make a couple of other points related to that perceived downtime that typically happens around 11:30 or so. During that time, there is still a lot of registration work going on in the trailer and we often have some final course inspection in progress. Those activities are typically being carried out by members who have been busy since they arrived at 9:30. Those folks deserve a few minutes at the end of the setup process to relax, get some food and water, walk the course, and prep their cars.

Personally, if I can squeeze 15 to 30 minutes of downtime prior to the first run, I'm happy to have it. I enjoy spending time in the paddock area hanging out with all the other car enthusiasts talking smack about the event. If you find yourself sitting in the paddock getting annoyed that we haven't started running, get up and go find out if there's something you can do to speed things up. If there's not anything to do, just sit back, relax and remember that you are surrounded by great cars and great people. Enjoy it!

## Recent Events

August started with Paul and Carolyn Dornburg's annual Ice Cream Rally (Rally #4 of 7) on Sunday, August 3rd. We had eight teams - two in Class A, four in Class B, and two in the Guest Class. The overall low score of 106 was posted by Ernie Roales and Ben Davis in Class B. Team Beasley took the Class A win over Team Davis/Sonntag with a score of 190. Top spot in the Guest Class went to Bill and Dawn Caudill with a very respectable 544.

On Sunday, August 17th we were back at the Mid-American Air Center for our fifth autocross of the season. First time Event Marshall, John Memmer, designed a great course for the event. Unfortunately, after we completed the course set up, a steady rain began to fall causing timing issues and leaving up to four inches of standing water on the course in some areas. After only a few runs, we decided to postpone the event. See the Upcoming Events section for information about the makeup date for the event. .

On Sunday, August 24th, we held our fifth rally of the season. Jim Cannon was the Rally Master for the event. There were six teams at the rally - two in Class A, three in Class B, and a team in the Guess Class. For the second event in a row, Class B won the day with a low score of 70 posted by Sue and Jay Wolf. Team Davis/Sonntag won Class A with a score of 199. Seems all those computers and calculators used by Class A aren't providing any advantage against the Class B teams.

## Upcoming Events

The board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 2nd at the Townsquare Media offices in downtown Evansville. We'll be starting around 6:30, and, as always, visitors are welcome.

On Sunday, September 7th, the Southern Illinois Region will hold their 2nd and final autocross of the season at the Mid-American Air Center. I have not seen an official schedule for the event but, if they stick to their usual schedule, setup will start at 9:00 am and the first run will start at 12:00 pm. There will be a BBQ immediately following the event. If you are planning to participate in the event and stay for the BBQ, please send your RSVP to Craig Straub ([craigstraub@sbcglobal.net](mailto:craigstraub@sbcglobal.net)) on or before September 3rd.

On Tuesday September 9th, we'll return to Smitty's for our September member meeting. We'll gather at 6:30 for dinner, and the meeting will start around 7:30. The program for September's meeting has not yet been determined, but, as soon as we get a program scheduled, we'll post the information on the website and on the mailing list.

After a week off, we are planning a double autocross weekend on Saturday, September 20th and Sunday September 21st. We are adding the Saturday event as a makeup event for the August autocross that was postponed due to weather. John Memmer will be the Event Marshall on Saturday and will likely use the same course we tried to run at the August event. Paul Dornburg will be the Event Marshall for Sunday's portion of the event. Currently, the plan is to follow our normal schedule on both days. The final details on the schedule will be determined at the next board meeting and announced on our site ([www.sirscga.org](http://www.sirscga.org)) and at the September member meeting.

Finally, I'd like to mention that we are planning to have our October member meeting at Roca Bar North (12301 Hwy. 41 North, Evansville, IN 47725) on October 14th. Prior to that meeting I'll be sending out a request for RSVP's since, like our Log Inn meeting, I'll need to provide the venue with a participant count. That's it for now. See you all soon!

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## SIRSCCA Events Calendar

(All times listed are Central Time. Visit the calendar at <http://sirscga.org/calendar> for event details.)

September			
09.02	5:45PM	Board Meeting (Guests Invited)	Townsquare Media - Evansville, IN
09.07	9:30AM	Southern IL Autocross #2 of 2	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
09.09	6:30PM	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Restaurant and Steakhouse - Evansville, IN
09.14	TBD	Road Rally Possibility	Possible date to either move a rally to, have a gimmick rally, etc.
9.20	9:30AM	Makegood Autocross #5 of 7	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
09.21	9:30AM	Autocross #6 of 7	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
09.24		Pit Stop Deadline	Deadline for Article Submission
October			
10.05	9:30AM	Autocross #7 of 7	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
10.07	5:45PM	Board Meeting (Guests Invited)	Townsquare Media - Evansville, IN
10.10	TBD	Bowler Day At The Strip Setup	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
10.11	TBD	Bowler Day At The Strip Day 1	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
10.12	TBD	Bowler Day At The Strip Day 2	Mid-America Air Center(MAAC) - Lawrenceville, IL
10.14	6:30PM	Membership Meeting	Moonlite BBQ - Owensboro, KY
10.26	12:30PM	Road Rally #6 of 7	TBD
10.29		Pit Stop Deadline	Deadline for Article Submission
November			
11.04	5:45PM	Board Meeting (Guests Invited)	Townsquare Media - Evansville, IN
11.09	12:30PM	Road Rally #7 of 7	TBD
11.11	6:30PM	Membership Meeting	Smitty's Italian Restaurant and Steakhouse - Evansville, IN
11.26		Pit Stop Deadline	Deadline for Article Submission
11.29	TBD	Awards Banquet Reservation Deadline	Reservations should be sent to Bob Sonntag, Treasurer
11.30	TBD	Tentative "Black Sunday Shopping 'Brake'" Autocross	Tentative Date for a "fun" autocross at Roberts Park.
December			
12.05	6:00PM	2014 Awards Banquet and Membership Meeting	Rolling Hills Country Club, Newburgh, IN
12.31		Pit Stop Deadline	Deadline for Article Submission

*Please plan to pay for events with cash. SCCA members may pay by check.*

*We are unable to accept electronic payments. Not all of our event locations offer easy access to ATMs.*

### Autocross Events:

**\$25 per Driver**

**\$15 Weekend Membership (as needed)**

**All times are Central. If you will be late, call Paul D. at 270-314-9069**

9:30AM – Course Setup  
 10:00AM – Tech Inspection Opens  
 10:30AM – Registration Opens  
 11:30AM – Tech Inspection CLOSES!  
 12:00PM – Registration CLOSES!  
 12:10PM – Guided Course Walk  
 12:45PM – Driver's Meeting  
 1:00PM – First car off!

### Rally Events:

**\$25 per car Entry Fee, or \$20 for those who have ran the previous rally**

12:30PM – Registration/Tech Open  
 1:00PM – Registration/Tech Closed  
 1:00PM – Driver's Meeting  
 First car off shortly after Driver's Meeting

### Membership Meetings:

6:30PM – Social Hour and Meal  
 7:30PM – Meeting Begins

### Board Meetings:

5:30PM – Arrival, Social Hour, and Meal  
 6:30PM – Meeting Begins

Please contact Bob Sonntag beforehand if you will be attending the Board Meeting and wanting to eat with us so we can order extra food.

[bob.sonntag@att.net](mailto:bob.sonntag@att.net)

Cost of the meal is around \$5

## **Sports Car Club of America - Southern Indiana Division - Board of Directors Minutes - August 5, 2014**

### Attendees:

Matt Beasley, Regional Executive; Paul Blaylock, Activities Chairman; Lora Blaylock, Secretary; Bob Sonntag, Advisor to the Board; Barry Schonberger, Assistant Regional Executive; Ben Davis, *Pit Stop/Website*; Terry Davis, Paul Dornburg, John Memmer, members.

### Officer Reports:

The minutes were accepted on motion and second.

Bob presented a balance sheet for the club. He continues to whittle away at the outstanding SCCA invoices, \$125 of which may be in error.

Barry reported that George and Doris Beckerman are slated to provide the program (national pro rally history) at this month's membership meeting in addition to his and Terry's history lesson.

We have seven new members this year, including two in the KY chapter. Kevin Smalley will be moving out of the area due to work; a new membership chair will be needed.

### Old Business:

The patch items have been delivered to the trailer, which has been photo-inventoried. Paul B will make a list from the pictures. Thanks to Barry for his help and space!

Paul B will fix errors in the online calendar. Paul D straightened out the time zone issues in the Yahoo group calendar. Ben will make sure the website reflects the correct information.

### New Business:

Bob shared information on the Schweitzer Fest Car Show, happening this weekend. Ben will post the information to the website.

Matt will turn in the reservation number to the Log Inn this Saturday for the membership meeting. He will ask for the last space in the room or to have empty spaces on either side to help with hearing, as it is often loud in the party room.

Matt reports that he will be out of town for the September membership meeting; Barry will take the helm in his absence. The October membership meeting will be either at the Roca Bar North or the Old Hickory in Owensboro.

Paul B will correct an error on the website - rally points and Berry points are reporting incorrectly due to a merge problem.

The timing equipment at autocrosses has been working smoothly, even with the old reflector. There was a problem with the start lights; it may be time to replace them. The vinyl numbers made by Matt worked well for the August 3 rally. Matt is looking for a static cling material that would be re-usable.

A substantial discussion was held on the comment that we could begin autocross runs earlier in the day. Bob shared a very helpful two-page breakdown of all the tasks - in order - required to set up and be ready to run. Lora wondered if it could be augmented with pictures/diagrams that would allow those unfamiliar with the process to jump in more autonomously. After the lengthy discussion, it was felt that there is not very much time that could be eliminated from the set-up portion of the day, particularly if the course is complicated and/or long. However, the following will be implemented:

- Get all 3 blowers going as early in the day as possible, as this is one of the most time consuming (and physically taxing) tasks.
- Close registration in a timely fashion.
- Make sure that tech has weekend membership forms available, and assign someone to be responsible for weekend memberships.
- Encourage those who are finished prepping and tech-ing their cars to help finish setting up.
- When possible, start may be moved up as conditions (course and technology being ready and tech/registration complete) allow.

The idea of having cars come to tech/registration may be re-visited in the future.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

## Sports Car Club of America - Southern Indiana Division - Membership Meeting Minutes - August 12, 2014

Regional Executive Matt Beasley welcomed members and visitors to the Log Inn, because Scorpio's is closed for vacation in August. Minutes were accepted as printed in *Pit Stop*. The club's books are in the black. Paul Blaylock reported that events are up to date on the website, and that nearly all events have a Marshall, so contact Paul B asap if you are interested in marshalling an autocross. He also reminded folks that time is running out to get their assistant safety steward experiences in. Ben Davis, as always, reminded everyone that submissions to *Pit Stop* are welcome from all members, and are due by the last Wednesday of the month. Bob Sonntag advised the group on tree planting.

Recent events were reviewed in new business: Jim Cannon's rally of June 29 provided a good time for all, including a car from Wisconsin! They drove down just for the rally in a car that had a rally computer installed in the dashboard. Class A won the day with 121 points, and Ernie and Sue Roales zeroed the first checkpoint. Jim will present a variation on this course at the end of the month on the 24th, and invites all to come out and have a good time! Matt's autocross course on July 13 was led by John Memmer, followed closely by Paul Dornburg. (Apparently, modeling the course on the computer didn't earn Matt any advantage!) A smaller crowd came out for Kevin Smalley's July 27th autocross, which did not prevent the rookie class from leading the day.

John Memmer's autocross this weekend (August 17) is promised to be a technical event, not the horsepower fest one might anticipate. All are encouraged to attend. The second Southern Illinois autocross of the season is scheduled for September 7 - please be sure to RSVP if you plan to attend, as they'll have food after the driving is finished.

Scheduled guest speakers George and Doris Beckerman were unable to attend the meeting due to illness, so Terry Davis and Barry Shonberger presented an extended history report, featuring fashion! A treasure trove of SOLO shirts, hats, and award jackets were displayed. Thunder on the Streets shirts were among the display, and it was noted that they were very popular with the crowds, generally coming close to selling out of stock.

Watch the website, *Pit Stop*, and your email for location of next month's membership meeting on September 9, when Barry will fill in for Matt. The door prize was won by Ernie Roales, (following a mix-up in the deck of cards).

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned with many taking home 'doggie bags' of delicious fried chicken.

### "Ice Cream Rally" Paul & Carolyn Dornburg August 3, 2014

		Scores						
	Team	Class	Ckpt 1	Ckpt 2	Ckpt 3	Ckpt 4	Total	
1	Leslie Beasley / Matt Beasley	A	+12	+135	+28	+15	190	T
2	Terry Davis / Bob Sonntag	A	+56	+117	+18	+17	208	
1	Ernie Roales / Ben Davis	B	+72	+7	+17	+10	106	T
2	Sue Wolf / Jay Wolf	B	+25	+201	+56	+64	346	
3	Gene Young / Julie Young	B	+230	+67	+71	+11	379	
4	Paul Blaylock / Lora Blaylock	B	+47	+238	+153	+93	531	
1	Bill Caudill / Dawn Caudill	Guest	+51	+216	+240	+37	544	T
2	Ken Barry / Dianne Barry	Guest	+19	+203	+1800	+1800	3822	

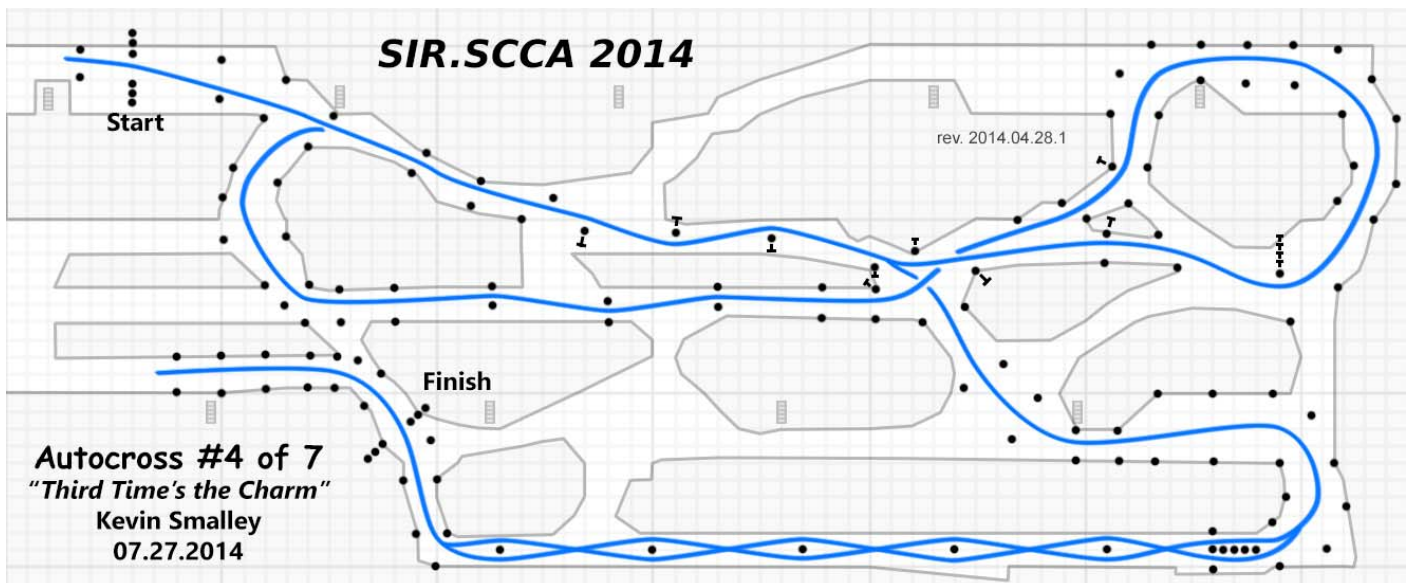
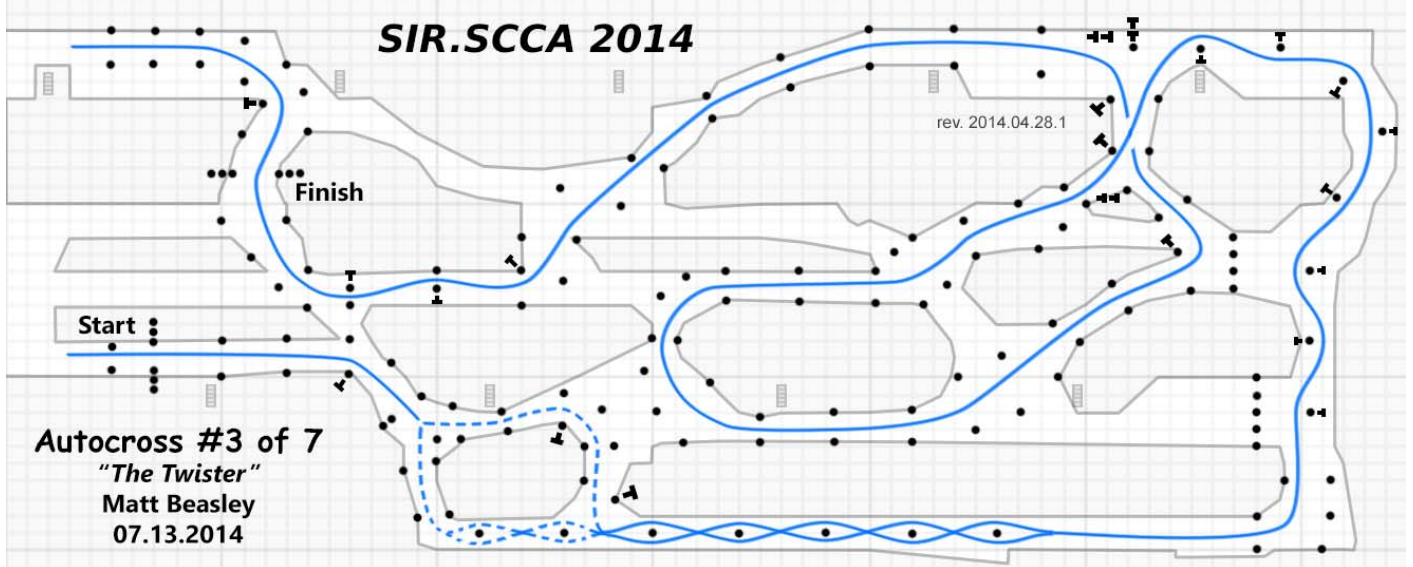
Early: - Late: +

**"Darlene's Rally"**  
 Darlene & Jim Cannon  
 August 24, 2014

		Scores						
	Team	Class	Ckpt 1	Ckpt 2	Ckpt 3	Ckpt 4	Total	
1	Terry Davis / Bob Sonntag	A	+42	+63	+29	+65	199	T
2	Matt Beasley / Ben Davis	A	+78	+61	+40	+102	281	
1	Sue Wolf / Jay Wolf	B	+42	+2	+15	+11	70	T
2	Richard Grav / Stacey Grav	B	+76	-107	-21	+126	330	
3	Ernie Roales / Sue Roales	B	+64	+111	+44	+129	348	
1	Ken Barry / Dianne Barry	Guest	+495	+1800	+1800	+1800	5895	T

Early: - Late: +

Due to not being able to fit in the August Edition of Pit Stop, below are the overhead views of the two Autocrosses ran in July.



Berry Points		
Position	Member	Points
1	Bob Sonntag	59
2	James Cannon	58
3	Ernie Roales	52
4	Jay Wolf	51
5	Terry Davis	50
6	Matthew Beasley	46
7	John Memmer	39
8	Richard Grav	35
9	Barry Beaman	34
10	Michael Buente	28
11	David Lehrschall	26
12	Ben Davis	23
	Kenny Dilger	
	Paul Dornburg	
15	John McCarthy	21
	Paul Blaylock	
17	Darlene Cannon	20
18	Kevin Smalley	17
	Maurie Light	
20	Lora Blaylock	14
21	Chris Moore	13
22	Barry Schonberger	12
	Steve Backer	
24	Cooper Lilly	11
	Jonathan Crowe	
	Ron Jochum	
27	Teresa Bailey	10
28	Don Kelley	8
	Jeremy Duke	
30	Raj Shah	7
31	Carolyn Dornburg	6
	Gene Young	
	Joab Schultheis	
	Mike Hutchens	
	Susan Roales	
	Tim Green	
37	Carrie Moore	5
	Richard Baker	
39	Chris Nelson	4
	James Barrow Sr.	
	Julia Young	
	Kurt Krodel	
	MacKenzi Crowe	
	Reginald Sandy	
	Chad Horton	
Tatsuo Noda		
47	Darrin Bailey	3
	Terry Keating	
49	Brad Bootz	2
	Drew Gerth	
	James Nichols	
	Joshua Pertzsch	
	Ryan Bootz	
	Jason Meyer	
55	Duane Duke	1
	Mike Freeman	
	Miles Moore	
	Paul Condi	

Rally Points		
Position	Member	Points
1	Darlene Cannon	20
	James Cannon	
3	Bob Sonntag	19
	Terry Davis	
5	Ben Davis	17
6	Jay Wolf	14
	Matthew Beasley	
8	Ernie Roales	11
9	David Lehrschall	6
	Susan Roales	
11	Carolyn Dornburg	5
	Paul Dornburg	
13	Lora Blaylock	4
	Paul Blaylock	
15	Gene Young	2
	Julia Young	
	Mike Hutchens	
	Richard Grav	
	John Memmer	

Rookie Points		
Position	Member	Points
1	John Memmer	0.493671
2	Chad Horton	0.071429
	Tatsuo Noda	
4	Jason Meyer	0.040816

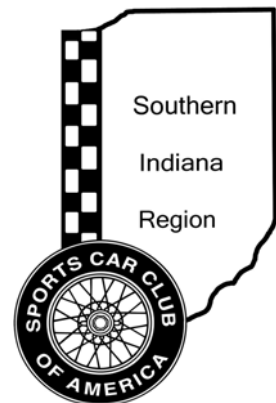
Autocross Points		
Position	Member	Points
1	John Memmer	4000
2	Paul Dornburg	3883
3	Kenny Dilger	3882
4	Barry Beaman	3841
5	Matthew Beasley	3745
6	James Cannon	3722
7	John McCarthy	3670
8	Bob Sonntag	3619
9	Ernie Roales	3566
10	Richard Grav	2829
11	Terry Davis	2757
12	Maurie Light	2681
13	David Lehrschall	2563
14	Jay Wolf	2488
15	Jonathan Crowe	1836
16	Chris Nelson	1773
17	Tatsuo Noda	1745
18	Michael Buente	1734
19	Jeremy Duke	1730
20	Kurt Krodel	1671
21	Steve Backer	1644
22	Chad Horton	1581
23	Paul Blaylock	1560
24	MacKenzi Crowe	1559
25	Richard Baker	968
26	Kevin Smalley	921
27	Ryan Bootz	914
28	Ron Jochum	913
29	Brad Bootz	897
	Reginald Sandy	
31	Terry Keating	896
32	Joshua Pertzsch	885
33	Teresa Bailey	850
34	Darrin Bailey	822
35	Raj Shah	817
36	James Nichols	804
37	Jason Meyer	799
38	Chris Moore	752
39	Drew Gerth	750

### September Membership "Anniversaries":

MacKenzi Crowe, 1yr  
James Lilly, Jr. 2yrs  
Alan and Cathy Christy, 8yrs  
Barry Schonberger, 36yrs

### September Birthdays:

Lora Blaylock  
Alain Cannon  
James Cannon  
Harold Davis  
Adam Dawson  
Jeremy Duke  
Mike Hutchens  
Christopher Jensen  
Chris Lacy  
Dominic McClung  
Derek Mikesell  
James Nichols  
John Oliver  
Yancy Smith



## **SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA: A club with many interests**

Many faceted in its endeavors, the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) might best be described as a service organization. It serves over 50,000 members throughout the United States by sanctioning and administering a variety of automotive related activities through more than 115 independently chartered regions. No other single motor sports organization in the world conducts more events than the SCCA. These events range from amateur and professional road racing to road rallies, autocrosses, rally crosses, hill climbs and auto shows. The SCCA is an ever-growing organization for the automotive enthusiast. Because the SCCA is member oriented, the club stresses participation on a broad basis. Regardless of your experience or background, if you are an automotive enthusiast there is a place for you in the SCCA. These avenues range from amateur or professional road race driver, to weekend rally or autocross driver, and from race worker or official. In order to successfully sanction and conduct a comprehensive autocross/rally/road racing program many experts in timing and scoring, communications, safety inspection, medical, flagging, course/race control and other skills are needed. Schools are held to train the drivers and workers and various degrees of licenses are awarded based on knowledge, ability and experience.

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### **Club Events Reminder**

Please plan to pay with cash. We are unable to accept electronic payments and not all of our event locations offer easy access to ATMs. SCCA Members may pay by check.

### **Entry Fees:**

Autocross: \$25 + Weekend Memberships \$15 (as needed)

Rally: \$25/car (no Wknd Membership fees) or \$20 to those having run the previous rally