



# The Pit Stop



## SCCA Southern Indiana Region Monthly Newsletter - May 2015 - Volume 62 Number 5

### May 2015 REport

Hello, Southern Indiana Region SCCA! I had a few items I wanted to talk about in my intro, but have decided to save that for next month so that this issue could be primarily focused on the incredible efforts of our volunteer concrete patching crew. This year's Patch Party was a huge success and you'll definitely notice the improvements at the MAAC site during our autocross events this season. Check out the Recent Events section for details on the 2015 Patch Party.

Before we get to recent events, though, I would like to take a moment to thank Ivan Jerome and Amy Coy for their great presentation at our April member meeting. Ivan and Amy are doing research on the history of racing in the Tri-State. They joined us in April to share their findings on Tri-State racing from 1900 to 1950. Everyone enjoyed the presentation and we're looking forward to hearing more from them once they complete their research on the history from the 1950's to present day. Perhaps their next presentation might include some of our own current or previous members? I'm, uh, pretty sure my mediocre iRacing career won't be mentioned, though.

And, now, let's talk about concrete!...

### Recent Events

#### Patch Party 2015

Our annual Patch Party took place throughout the month of April. Bad weather caused a postponement of the Fill Day and required an additional work day the following weekend to prepare the holes for concrete. This year the volunteer crew cut, jackhammered, and filled 104 holes requiring 17 cubic yards of concrete. Thanks to all who volunteered to help make the 2015 Patch Party a record-breaking success - especially those who endured the rainy, cool conditions on the 2nd dig day! Here's a list of the volunteers who participated in the Patch Party and earned a spot on the Bonus Program. These folks will have an extra run in each heat of our autocross events in 2015 (and have a huge lead in the Berry Point standings). Thanks to all of you for your help! You guys "rocked"! (cut rock, dug rock, hauled rock, etc...)

Steve Backer	Kenny Dilger	Don Kelley	Ernie Roales
Barry Beaman	Paul Dornburg	Ron Jochum	Barry Schonberger
Jim Cannon	Richard Grav	Maurie Light	Robert Seabrook
Jonathan Crowe	Stacey Grav	John McCarthy	Yancy Smith
MacKenzi Payne-Crowe	Terry Keating	John Memmer	Bob Sonntag
Terry Davis			Jay Wolf

I would like to recognize three members who sacrificed three weekends in April to work all five Patch Party work days. Thank you Bob Sonntag, Richard Grav, and Jay Wolf for dedicating so much time and effort to the MAAC site improvements. In addition to their hard work, Bob managed the event, Jay took care of most of the equipment rentals, and Richard provided a lot of his own equipment for the repairs.

Richard and his wife, Stacey, who was present for four of the five work days, by the way, provided and prepared lunch for the crew on cut day. Richard also rented a great dump trailer to help with the rock hauling. Thanks, Team Grav! We appreciate all you do for our club!

Also, I would like to thank Brent Memmer and Scott Grav for helping on the cut day. Brent and his son, John, brought along some very useful water barrels on cut day that kept the blades spinning all day. Finally, I would like to thank Reggie Smith for coming out for a couple of hours to lend a hand.

### Upcoming Events

#### Ridetech Open House and Rally #1 of 7

Amanda McCarthy and Jim Cannon have helped organize a great start to our rally season. On Saturday, May 9th, our rally will be part of the Ridetech open house event taking place in Jasper. Thanks, Amanda and Jim, for organizing this rally!

**Note:** This event takes place on Saturday, not Sunday, and the rally start time has been moved up 30 minutes earlier than our usual start time.

**Date:** Saturday, May 9th

**Times** (all times Central):

- 10:00 am - Ridetech Open House Opens
- 12:00 pm - Lunch
- 12:00 pm - Registration/Tech Open

- 12:30 pm - Registration/Tech Closed
- 12:30 pm - Driver's Meeting
  - First car off shortly after driver's meeting
- 02:00 pm - Ridetech Open House Closes

**Location:** Ridetech, 350 South St. Charles Street, Jasper, IN 47546

**Rally Master:** Jim Cannon

#### Autocross #1 of 7

The SIR.SCCA autocross season kicks off in May. Come join us and try out the freshly patched course!

**Date:** Sunday, May 17th

**Times** (all times Central):

- 09:30 am - Course Setup
- 10:00 am - Registration/Tech Opens
- 12:00 pm - Registration/Tech Closed
- 12:10 pm - Guided Course Walk
- 12:45 pm - Driver's Meeting
- 01:00 pm - First Car Off!

**Location:** Mid-American Air Center - Lawrenceville, IL

**Event Marshal:** TBD

#### Rally #2 of 7

The rally originally scheduled in March had to be postponed due to high water on the course. It will now take place at the end of May.

**Date:** Sunday, May 31st

**Times** (all times Central):

- 12:30 pm - Registration/Tech Open
- 01:00 pm - Registration/Tech Closed
- 01:00 pm - Driver's Meeting
- First car off shortly after driver's meeting

**Location:** Fetta Specialty Pizza, 118 St. Ann Street, Owensboro, KY

**Rally Master:** Don Kelley

### **Upcoming Meetings**

#### Board Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, May 5th

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Location:** Townsquare Media, 117 Southeast 5th Street, Evansville, IN 47705

Visitors are welcome. I recommend that every member set a goal of attending at least one board meeting each year, especially if you are thinking about running for a board position someday.

#### Member Meeting

**Date:** Tuesday, May 12th

**Time:** Dinner at 6:30 pm, meeting starts at approximately 7:30 pm

**Location:** Smitty's Italian Steakhouse Restaurant, 2109 W. Franklin St., Evansville, IN 47712

**Program:** TBD

**Note:** The June member meeting will be held at another venue and will not be at Smitty's. We'll announce the location as soon as it is confirmed.

That's it for now. See you all soon!

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# SIRSCCA Events Calendar

(All times listed are Central Time.)

**No autocross sites have been confirmed yet and should be considered tentative. We will let everyone know when they have been solidified. Rally Masters and Event Marshals are still needed for rallies and autocrosses. Please contact Paul Blaylock if interested in running an event. Pit Stop Deadline is the last Wednesday of the Month. Board Meetings are the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the Month, 5:45PM, Townsquare Media.**

May				
5.9	12:30PM	Pt Rally (1 of 7)	Jim C. – Rally Master	RideTech, 350 South St. Charles St., Jasper, IN
5.12	6:30PM	Membership Meeting		Smitty's Italian Steakhouse, Franklin St., Evansville, IN
5.17	9:30AM	Pt Autocross (1 of 7)	Paul D. - Event Marshal	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.31	12:30PM	Pt. Rally (2 of 7)	Don K. – Rally Master	Fetta Specialty Pizza, 118 St. Ann St., Owensboro, KY
June				
6.7	9:30AM	Pt Autocross (2 of 7)	Terry D. – Event Marshal	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.9	6:30PM	Membership Meeting		TBA
6.28	12:30PM	Pt Rally (3 of 7)	Ben D. – Rally Master	Townsquare Media, Downtown Evansville, IN
July				
7.12	9:30AM	Pt Autocross (3 of 7)	Matt B. – Event Marshal	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.14	6:30PM	Membership Meeting		Smitty's Italian Steakhouse, Franklin St., Evansville, IN
7.26	9:30AM	Pt Rally (4 of 7) – Ice Cream Rally	Paul D. - Rally Master	DQ on US 60 East, Owensboro KY
August				
8.2	12:30PM	Pt Autocross (4 of 7)	Ernie R. – Event Marshal	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.11	6:30PM	Membership Meeting		Log Inn, Warrenton, IN
8.16	12:30PM	Pt Rally (5 of 7)	Terry D. – Rally Master	TBD, Evansville, IN
8.30	9:30AM	Pt Autocross (5 of 7)	Still Need Event Marshal	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
September				
9.8	6:30PM	Membership Meeting		Smitty's Italian Steakhouse, Franklin St., Evansville, IN
9.20	9:30AM	Pt Autocross (6 of 7)	Still Need Event Marshal	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
October				
10.4	9:30AM	Pt Autocross (7 of 7) - "Closing Bookend"	Still Need Event Marshal	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.13	6:30PM	Membership Meeting		Smitty's Italian Steakhouse, Franklin St., Evansville, IN
10.18	12:30PM	Pt Rally (6 of 7)	Darlene C. – Rally Master	TBD
10.25	TBD	Southern Illinois Autocross		Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
November				
11.8	12:30PM	Pt Rally (7 of 7)	Bob S. – Rally Master	TBD, Evansville, IN
11.10	6:30PM	Membership Meeting		Smitty's Italian Steakhouse, Franklin St., Evansville, IN
11.15	TBD	Fun Autocross	TBD	TBD, Roberts Park?
11.25		Awards Banquet Reservations Due		
11.29	TBD	Fun Autocross	TBD	TBD, Roberts Park?
December				
12.4	6:30PM	Awards Banquet & Holiday Party		Rolling Hills Country Club, Newburgh, IN

*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**

8:00AM - Course Setup

9:30AM - 10:30AM Tech

10:00AM - 11:00AM Registration

11:45AM - Drivers meeting

12:00PM – 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

## **Sports Car Club of America - Southern Indiana Division - Board of Directors Minutes - April 7, 2015**

### Attendees:

Matt Beasley, Regional Executive; Paul Blaylock, Activities Chairman; Bob Sonntag, Treasurer; Ben Davis *PitStop*/Website; Lora Blaylock, Secretary, Paul Dornburg, Advisor to the Board; Ernie Roales, Assistant Regional Executive; John Memmer, Assistant Activities Chairman; Terry Davis, Member

Matt welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for officer reports. Bob reported that the club has funds and is prepared to pay the expected patch party bills. Ben reported that *Pit Stop* is headed out via USPS tonight. Ernie reported that he has been working on flyers to post at auto-themed stores/service centers - Lora will assist. Membership numbers are down a bit - some March 31 expirations were not renewed.

### New Business

It was decided that more time is needed to assess the tweaks to the event reminder system.

TMMI - they are moving forward, but have no new news for SIR at this time.

MAAC - A lot of patches were marked at the recent site survey. It is not planned to recover any new areas this year, as existing areas need work. The marked patches will be prioritized soon. It appears the quick mix text patches from last year have held up very well. RSVP's for work days include: cut day, 7; dig day 1, 10; dig day 2, 11; fill day 12. Jay Wolf is has reserved the needed equipment. John Memmer will pick up a third saw, 4 water barrels and hoses. Bob will bring the club trailer and lots of saw blades.

Ride Tech Rally/Open House - good progress has been made on the plans. Ride Tech's open house will begin at 10 am Central, with lunch at 11. The rally times have been moved up by 30 minutes, so that the driver's meeting will begin at 12:30 Central.

A program of Tri-State Racing History has been secured for the April membership meeting.

PaulB will contact Don Kelley about rescheduling his flooded-out rally to Sunday, May 31.

MAAC Air Race Event: Bob reports that on June 22-25 MAAC will host a stop on a cross-country air race. This would be a good opportunity to support the airport as well as watch an interesting event.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

## **Sports Car Club of America - Southern Indiana Division - Membership Meeting Minutes - April 14, 2015**

Matt Beasley, Regional Executive, gaveled the meeting to order and invited Barry Shonberger, to introduce special guest speakers and members from a local motorcycle club as well as fellow car club members from SIR Britt.

### Recent Events

Many thanks to Bob Sonntag for running this year's Rally School. 14 folks attended - including one person from Bowling Green, KY. It was fun and educational!

Many areas for repair were marked at the recent site survey of MAAC. Cut and Dig days have been scheduled - mark your calendars to participate and earn that extra run at 2015 autocrosses!

March 22's rally was flooded out! Activities Chair is checking with rallymaster Don Kelley to secure a reschedule date of Sunday, May 31.

### Upcoming Events

Rally #2 is scheduled for Saturday, May 9 at Ride Tech in Jasper. Ride Tech will host an open house for all starting at 10 am Central time. Lunch will be available at 11. The rally will begin ½ hour earlier than usual, with the driver's meeting beginning at 12:30 Central time.

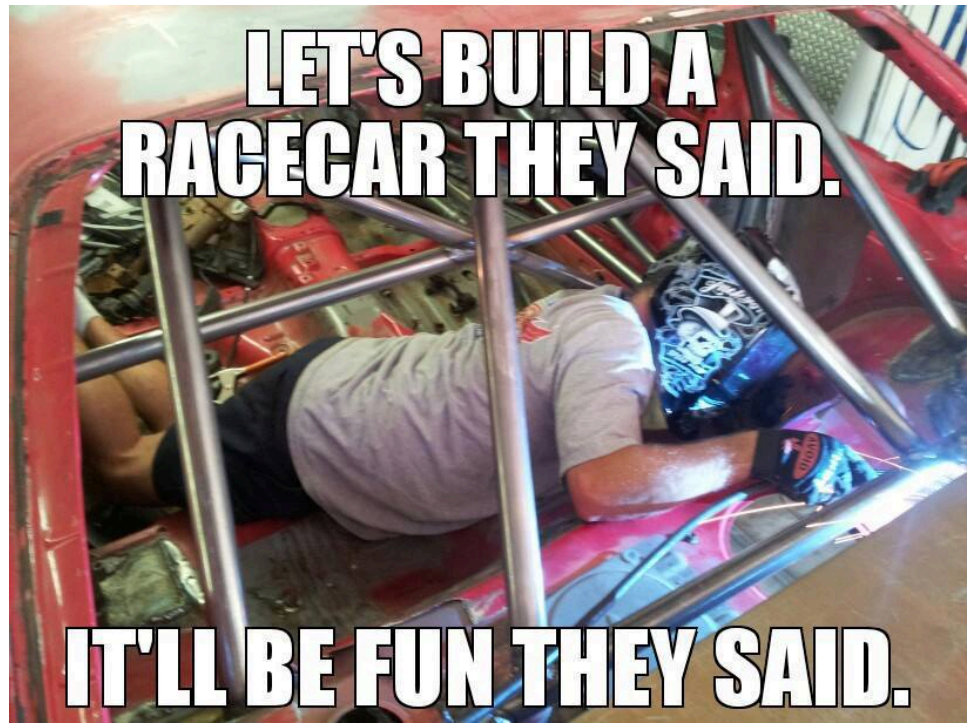
Jay Wolf and Richard Grav stopped by the MAAC site today and checked on the progress of the 2015 patch work. There is still a good bit of work left to do, featuring a good number of small holes. Many hands make light work, so plan to come to MAAC at 9 am this Sunday, and 8 am Monday.

### Program

Barry introduced our program presenters, Ivan Jerome and Amy Coy, who have been researching auto/motorcycle racing in the tri-state for some five years, primarily from reading local newspapers. From 1900 to 1950, there were nine race tracks in operation, with 6 more in the planning stages. Over that same period, some 9 area drivers advanced to professional racing. One remarkable course was a figure-eight track that was located where Fendrich Golf Course now sits. If a vehicle had an engine and tires, it could be raced at that track. On-car advertising started to take off in the 1920's: at first, a company would purchase a car and then find a driver; later, drivers/owners would solicit sponsors directly, often trading parts for sponsorship. Motorcycle racing was more popular until WWI, primarily due to cost. After the war, cars were more available, and some drivers raced both cycles and cars. Watch for Ivan and Amy's book on Tri-State Racing History in the not-too-distant future!

Multiple Door prizes (thanks to Barry for the extra prizes) were won before the meeting adjourned.

Member Name	Berry Points
Bob Sonntag	19
James Cannon	19
Jay Wolf	19
Richard Grav	19
Terry Davis	17
Ernie Roales	13
Barry Beaman	12
Don Kelley	11
Ron Jochum	11
John McCarthy	10
Paul Dornburg	10
Barry Schonberger	9
Kenny Dilger	7
Jonathan Crowe	5
MacKenzi Crowe	5
Maurie Light	5
Steve Backer	5
Terry Keating	5
Yancy Smith	5
Robert Seabrook	5
Lora Blaylock	4
Matthew Beasley	4
Paul Blaylock	4
Carrie Moore	3
Chris Moore	3
Ben Davis	2
Mike Hutchens	2
John Memmer	2
Darlene Cannon	1
Darrin Bailey	1
David Lehrschall	1
Gene Young	1
Julia Young	1
Lauren Kincaid	1
Mike Kincaid	1
Mitch Seeber	1
Paul Condi	1
Teresa Bailey	1
Greg Ballou	1
Breeze Grav	1



## **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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