



The Pit Stop!



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March REport from Dave Lehrschall

To be honest, writing the monthly Pit Stop RE message was the scariest task I saw as I thought about performing as this year's Regional Executive. Thankfully, I've found that our Southern Indiana Region has great stuff going on year round due to the efforts of many dedicated members. Some of this work is up front and obvious, but not all.

Two of these "behind the scenes" contributors are Lora and Paul Blaylock. Lora serves as our SIR Secretary and keeps meticulous notes for both our BOD and Members meetings. We routinely reference the posting of these minutes in our Pit Stop and Website before quickly voting to accept the minutes as written during our meetings. Lora's patience and attention to detail enables the SIR to conduct and track business. I hope that all of you are reviewing these meeting minutes.

I don't believe Paul Blaylock entered as many Autocross or Rally events as he would have liked last year. But, I know that as Activities Chairperson he was deeply involved in these. Paul insured that each Rally had a Rally Master and each Autocross had an event Marshal. He also worked to calculate Berry points, Rookie points, as well as Autocross and Rally event and championship points. Like Lora, Paul also regularly attended our SIR BOD meetings. Thank you, Lora and Paul for doing all of this behind-the-scenes work to enable our events and activities!

I can't talk about hard-working contributors to our club without mentioning Bob Sonntag and Paul Dornburg. Bob just finished presenting another outstanding (How to) Rally school on February 20th. The course was well presented and the experienced Rally attendees shared their Rally adventures with the potential new Rally participants. Bob's prepared classroom exercises reinforced the training on specific Rally instructions. I walked away knowing that a better understanding of the Rally instructions was going to help me minimize my Rally mistakes. I'm writing this about a week before Paul Dornburg's Solo Safety Steward class which is scheduled for Saturday, March 5th, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM at the Evansville Central Library. This training prepares candidates to be licensed Solo Safety Stewards as required for our Autocross/Solo events. Paul also works to insure that the proper SSS training records are provided to our Divisional and SCCA SSS approvers.

I'm also presenting a class on Saturday, March 5th, at the Evansville Central Library. My Autocross class will run from 12:30 to 2:30 PM. I hope that we have a large turnout.

Dave Lehrschall

Solo Safety Steward Training and Autocross School

Solo Safety Steward Training: Saturday, March 5, 9:30 a.m. at the Evansville Central Library, 200 SE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd. Paul Dornburg will train folks to become Solo Safety Stewards.

Autocross School: Saturday, March 5, 12:30 p.m. also at the Central Library. Dave Lehrschall and local autocross experts will share the finer points of setting up an autocross car, classing it, driving it, and scoring.

2016 Bonus Program Changes

Autocross Bonus Program Changes:

Last May, the board made changes to the Autocross Bonus Program in hopes of encouraging more people to participate in more work events. Here's how it goes:

1 worked day will earn 1 at-cost entry to an event (a savings of approximately \$17).

2 worked days will unlock the Autocross Bonus Program Achievement! (Giving an extra scored run in each autocross heat for the year).

3 or more worked days will earn both an at-cost entry and participation in the bonus program.

As in previous years, 'reconnaissance' and 'cut' days do not count as workdays.

Mark your calendars! April's patch party dates are our only scheduled workdays:

April 10, 17, and 18 (25 Alternate) at Mid-American Air Center: Lawrenceville-Vincennes International Airport

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SIRSCCA
Board of Directors Meeting
February 2, 2016

Present: Dave Lehrschall, Regional Executive, Richard Grav, Assistant Regional Executive, Paul Blaylock, Activities Chair, Jr Crowe, Assistant Activities Chair, Bob Sonntag, Treasurer, Lora Blaylock, Secretary, Paul Dornburg, *Pit Stop*, Matt Beasley, Advisor to the Board, Guests Stacy Grav, Jeff Jackson

Dave Lehrschall called the meeting to order and thanked Matt Beasley for hosting. He then invited Jeff Jackson to share information from the local Porsche club.

Jeff has been trying to generate interest within the Porsche club to participate in SIR autocrosses. There are about 70 members of the local club. He also intends to promote (and participate in as a lecturer) in Dave's March autocross class to the Porsche club. Jeff asked about the logistics of inviting Porsche club members to come early to an autocross, when he would give the guests an orientation to the basics of autocross. This would work well, and still allow time to classify the cars correctly.

Bob reported that there had not been a clear preference to his email query about the content of his February 20 Rally class. Following discussion, it was decided to go with 'how to rally' as opposed to Safety Steward or 'How to create a rally' content. The board will look into interest and time for the other options at a later date.

On March 5, Paul Dornburg will offer a Solo Safety Steward class starting in the morning. After lunch, Dave Lehrschall will offer an Autocross class, giving pointers on car setup, classing, and scoring.

The board discussed the options for a TMMI autocross event this year. Terry Davis is the Board's contact with TMMI representative Scott Milam. The Board proposes to do one autocross for TMMI on September 17 at MAAC. Having the event at MAAC would eliminate some safety and creature comfort issues as well as allow the club to use the same setup twice - on a Saturday for TMMI and Sunday for SIR.

The board reviewed the autocross bonus program. As decided last May, one workday will earn a person one at-cost entry to an event. Two workdays will earn participation in the bonus program. More than two workdays will gain entry to the bonus program as well as earn an at-cost entry. Paul Blaylock will write this information up for the website, and Paul Dornburg will publish it in the next *Pit Stop*.

Following discussion, it was decided the March Board meeting will be held at Ciholas (Paul Blaylock's workplace), 3700 Bell Road in Newburgh.

Bob reported that he has checked with Rick at SCCA about the 'provisional' nature of the Western Kentucky chapter/region. The paperwork hasn't been finalized, but is moving forward. When it is final, the members will 'disappear' from our lists, and the club will need to update the counties section of the Bylaws.

Dave asked about any documents or paperwork he needed to complete as the new RE. Paul Dornburg has taken care of online information, and given Dave access to club

information on the SCCA website. Matt will work with Dave to complete the charter renewal.

Bob reported that the club is operating with a positive cash balance, and we have gone two months without outstanding bills. Paul Dornburg reported that *Pit Stop* went out last night and that the set of magnetic numbers which were found when cleaning the trailer were purchased last year and are to be used for those people who don't have car numbers at autocrosses. Jr reported that he is making progress with promotions, and is waiting to hear back from a media contact. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

SIRSCCA
Membership Meeting
February 9, 2016

Regional Executive Dave Lehrschall gavelled the meeting to order and welcomed visitors. He noted that he has had a change in jobs since last month, and will be traveling less.

It was moved, seconded, and agreed to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Treasurer Bob Sonntag noted that the club has no outstanding bills and money in the bank. Activities Chair Paul Blaylock reported that points are up to date on the website and that while some event dates are awaiting approval, event chairs are being sought - contact him to take your turn creating an autocross or rally course! Advisor to the Board Matt Beasley noted that there is one 2015 trophy still to be delivered, and he will get it to Maurie Light.

Last May, the board made changes to the autocross bonus program in hopes of encouraging more people to participate in more work events. Here's how it works:

1 workday will earn 1 at-cost entry to an event (a savings of approximately \$17).

2 workdays will earn participation in the bonus program (allowing extra runs at autocrosses).

3 or more workdays will earn both an at-cost entry and participation in the bonus program.

As in previous years, 'reconnaissance' and 'cut' days do not count as workdays. Currently, the only workday opportunities are April's patch party dates: April 10, 17, and 18.

There are three events scheduled before the March membership meeting:

How to Rally School: Saturday, February 20, 9:00 a.m. at the Central Library. Bob Sonntag will lead novices and experienced rallyists alike through the basics and finer points of rallying.

Solo Safety Steward Training: Saturday, March 5, 9:30 a.m. at the Central Library, Paul Dornburg will train folks to become Solo safety stewards.

Autocross School: Saturday, March 5, 12:30 p.m. at the Central Library, Dave Lehrschall and local autocross experts will share the finer points of setting up an autocross car, classing it, driving it, and scoring.

Watch your email for reminders, details and rsvp information!

A slideshow was shared of the progress of the trailer renovations, which are nearly complete! Many thanks to Jay Wolf and Vincennes University for the use of the space!

A question was raised about running a Kart at autocrosses. The board will check the safety rules and report back.

March's board meeting will be held at Paul Blaylock's workplace, Ciholas, 3700 Bell Road in Newburgh. All are welcome. March's membership meeting will be at Smitty's on March 8. See you then if not before!

The door prize was won by Dave Lehrschall, after which, the meeting adjourned.

2016 SIR/SCCA Schedule			
3.00		March	
3.01	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
3.05	Saturday	Solo Schools -- Safety Steward & Intro to Autocross	Paul D & Dave L
3.08	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
3.30	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Articles, results, points, minutes due.
4.00		April	
4.03	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (1 of 7) Bob & Terry	Hardees on Rt41
4.05	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
4.09	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Cutting Day	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.10	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Dig It	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.12	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
4.17	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Dig It	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.18	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Fill 'em	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.25	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Fill It (Rain Date)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.27	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Articles, results, points, minutes due.
5.00		May	
5.01	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (2 of 7)	TBD
5.03	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
5.10	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
5.15	TBD	Southern Illinois Autocross?	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.22	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (1 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.25	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Articles, results, points, minutes due.
6.00		June	
6.05	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (3 of 7)	TBD
6.07	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
6.12	TBD	Southern Illinois Autocross?	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.14	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
6.26	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (2 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.29	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Articles, results, points, minutes due.
7.00		July	
7.05	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
7.10	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (3 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.12	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
7.17	TBD	Southern Illinois Autocross?	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.24	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (4 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.27	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Articles, results, points, minutes due.
8.00		August	
8.02	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
8.07	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (4 of 7) -- "Ice Cream Rally"	DQ on 144 Owensboro KY
8.09	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting follows)	Log Inn, Warrenton
8.14	TBD	Southern Illinois Autocross?	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.21	TBD	Southern Illinois Autocross?	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.28	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (5 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
8.31	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Articles, results, points, minutes due.
9.00		September	
9.06-9.09	Tue-Fri	Solo Nationals	Lincoln Airpark, Lincoln, NE
9.06	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
9.11	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (5 of 7)	TBD
9.13	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
9.17	8:00 AM	TMMI Autocross	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
9.18	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (6 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
9.25	TBD	Southern Illinois Autocross?	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
9.28	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Articles, results, points, minutes due.
10.00		October	
10.02	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (7 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.04	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
10.09	Sunday	Autocross (extra day in case of a rainout)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.11	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
10.16	TBD	Southern Illinois Autocross?	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.23	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (6 of 7)	TBD
10.26	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Articles, results, points, minutes due.
11.00		November	
11.01	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
11.06	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (7 of 7)	TBD
11.08	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
11.23	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline (early because of Awards Banquet)	Articles, results, points, minutes due.
11.25		Awards Banquet Reservations Are Due!	Respond to treasurer@sirscga.org
11.27	TBD	Fun Autocross	Future Roberts Park location, EVV
12.00		December	
12.02	6:30 PM	Awards Banquet & Holiday Party	Rolling Hills County Club, Newburgh, IN
12.06	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD
12.30	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Articles, results, points, minutes due.

All Mid-American Air Center autocross dates are awaiting Illinois FAA approval

January saw the loss of 2 great friends. On January 11th we lost one of the original founders of our region, Jim Barrow. Jim was around when the club was first formed and was a lifetime member of the SCCA. He will forever be remembered for his British cars.



On January 25th Craig Straub succumbed to a brain tumor only months after his diagnosis. He was the heart of the Southern Illinois region's autocross program as well as a long time Lotus 7 enthusiast.



Both will be missed. RIP Jim and Craig.

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SCCA: 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. The avenues available range from amateur or professional road race driver to weekend rally or autocross driver to 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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Saturday, March 5th,
Solo Safety Steward Training and Autocross school at Evansville's
Central Library. 9:30-11:30 AM, 12:30-2:30 PM, respectively.

Tuesday, March 8th, 2016
Be sure to join us at our monthly membership meetings.
Unless otherwise noted they are held at Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
Restaurant, 2109 W. Franklin St., Evansville, IN 47712.
Dinner is at 6:00 PM followed by the business meeting at 7:30 PM.