



The Pit Stop!



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May Report from Dave Lehrschaal

Last month I wrote about the excitement around the planning of activities leading up to our Rally and Autocross seasons. This month I want to focus on one of the most important activities supporting our Autocross program, the MAAC Patch Party. The activity is now behind us. We have an ever improving working surface on which to run our Autocross events. I've referred to this as one important activity, but actually there are a series of Patch Party workdays and each one of these is setup by behind the scenes planning and equipment preparation.

The Southern Indiana Region should be very proud of its participation and demonstrated work effort. We always plan the working days and hope for good weather. It's not unusual to have cold or rainy days. This year we had both. However, the weather did not stop us, and we got the work done. Actually, the work crews pushed hard enough that we eliminated a second "dig day." While this achievement was a good thing, it also presented a problem with our published plan for the Autocross Bonus Program qualification. The SIR Board recognized that the elimination of one of the three qualifying days could put several members out of the program. This would include members who had already worked one dig day and planned to work a second dig day because they could not work the "fill day." It would also offer no Bonus Program incentive to work the "fill day" for those who had planned to work the second dig day and fill day. The BOD met and adjusted the 2016 qualification plan to include anyone who had worked either the dig day or the fill day. We announced this at our April membership meeting, and I sent an explanation to our e-mail distribution. At the same time, I appealed to the membership to support our fill day. Again, you should be proud of the SIR response to this challenge.

I cannot begin to recognize everyone who contributed to this year's Patch Party, but I must mention a few individuals. I have to start with Bob Sonntag. Bob has done so well at planning and directing this activity that we did not formally ask him to do it. We just assumed that he would manage it. We owe Bob a huge "Thank you" for not only doing an outstanding job but also for unceremoniously stepping in to lead the activity. The Grav family was totally committed to supporting the Patch Parties. Richard arranged and brought equipment, Stacey drove the rock-hauling / water truck, and everyone busted or shoveled rock. The jack-hammers were impressively handled by several members. Once again, I'll mention Bob, who managed the 90 lb jack hammer like an artist. Junior Crowe also spent more than his fair share on the hammer with Mackenzie Crowe working hard on rock removal. One of our newest members, Mike Mo, hung on to the 90 pounder for most of the day. I'll mention that I also hung onto a jack hammer for a few minutes, but I need to add that I had to pass it on to someone else before finishing the hole.

The 2016 Patch Party activity including the recon, cut, and measurement days is behind us. It was a great demonstration of SIR pride and commitment. Thanks to all who supported this!

Dave Lehrschaal

SIR Regional Executive

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Board of Directors Meeting

April 5, 2016

Present: Dave Lehrschall, Regional Executive, Richard Grav, Assistant Regional Executive; Paul Blaylock, Activities Chair; Bob Sonntag, Treasurer, Lora Blaylock, Secretary; Paul Dornburg, *Pit Stop*; Matt Beasley, Advisor to the Board, Terry Davis, Stacy Grav, guests

Regional Executive Dave Lehrschall welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for officer reports. The minutes of the March Board meeting were accepted as sent. Activities Chair Paul Blaylock apologized for the late reminder email on the April 3 rally. He also noted that the Board is welcome to continue meeting at Ciholas, and he has updated the calendar. *Pit Stop* Paul Dornburg has also updated the Yahoo reminder to reflect the move to Ciholas. Assistant RE Richard Grav reported that the informational SIR SCCA 'business' cards are in and ready to share with all. Treasurer Bob Sonntag reported that the club has one outstanding bill and is operating with a positive balance. The new supply of highlighter pens is in, and the cost was slightly under expectations. Paul Dornburg reported that the Kentucky folks are currently listed in both our and their region, and individuals will have to contact the national office to update their region.

Dave reported that he, Richard, Jay, and Bob visited the MAAC on March 26 (the date was changed due to poor weather), and marked and made a map for cutting the concrete. The primary focus was to maintain existing course areas. The map does include cuts that were made last year but not dug and filled. The same day, Richard and Jay finished their trailer work, and Dave says it looks great!

The Bob Sonntag/Terry Davis Rally on April 3 was poorly attended. A total of three cars participated in the two-class event.

March's Rally and Autocross schools were well attended, with more-than expected attendance at the Autocross schools. There appears to be some interest in holding a Rally master class, but it was decided to hold off scheduling at this time.

The Board confirmed details for the upcoming patch parties. The Dig Day on 4/9 will begin at 9:00 a.m. Central. Richard and Jay have worked out equipment rental details. The water supply and blades are ready to go.

Terry updated the board on progress with TMMI. He reported that shared the Board's proposal with Scott Milam and explained the changes, including the \$10 Sunday entry. Scott has begun the process of moving the information up the line, and will be in touch with Terry.

Paul Dornburg has updated the Yahoo reminder to clarify what is needed for *Pit Stop*. The submission deadline has not changed - last Wednesday of the month.

Terry has agreed to be the Rally master on May 1 (Thanks!). Paul Blaylock has Rally masters and Event Chairs into late summer. He will remind folks at the membership meeting of the opportunity to earn first place points by leading an event.

Dave asked the Board for ideas for membership meeting programs. "Show and Tell" is always popular. Send Dave any ideas or leads you may have.

Paul Blaylock queried the board about a date for the club to visit the new Bennett Dream Museum. It appears that Saturday, May 14 would be a good day. Paul Blaylock will contact the museum to secure the date for a morning event with lunch following at a local eatery.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned

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Membership Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2016

The Board met immediately prior to the membership meeting to discuss the 2016 bonus program. A change needs to be made as there is no need to have a 2nd dig day this year - the group completed all the necessary work in one day! Following discussion, Dave Lehrschall moved that the Bonus Program 2016 requirement be changed to require 1 dig or 1 fill day. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The at-cost entry incentive was abandoned in light of the change. The Board will discuss the matter again and make future contingency plans at a later date. (Board members in attendance: Dave Lehrschall, Richard Grav, Bob Sonntag, Jr Crowe, Paul Blaylock, Lora Blaylock.)

Regional Executive Dave Lehrschall called the meeting to order and welcomed all, particularly visitors. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with on motion and second. Activities Chair Paul Blaylock reported that a trip to the Bennett Motors Dream Museum has been added to the calendar for 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14. Please let Paul know if you'd like to attend. He also reported that points are current on the website through Sunday's patch party. Treasurer Bob Sonntag reported that we have money, and spent a bit on supplies for cut and dig days, and will spend a bit more on the upcoming fill day. Assistant Activities Chair Junior Crowe reported that he is still playing message tag with radio station folks in an effort to grow some media notice in the club. Assistant RE Richard Grav is damn glad to be here and not leading the meeting!

A huge effort was given this past Sunday at the MAAC dig day! Dave thanked all, in particular Bob Sonntag and the Board for their leadership. Richard, Dave, Bob, and Jay Wolf marked the course in mid-March for cutting, focusing on areas the club is regularly using. 7-10 folks cut all the holes on April 9. The holes were cut a bit deeper than in years past, thinking it would make dig day a bit easier. Some 80 holes were dug the next day, April 10. Although the work finished in drizzly, cold weather, all work was completed in one day - a first for the club! Congratulations and thanks to all who worked so hard!

In light of that hard work, the Board meet immediately prior to the meeting to discuss changing the 2016 Bonus Program, which originally required 2 workdays to join. As an entire work day has been eliminated, the Board voted to change requirements for the 2016 program to only require one workday. Dave stressed that we still need a sizeable crew to successfully fill all those holes on Monday, April 18. Please consider helping on that day if you can - holes are not good features for Autocross courses! Work will begin at 8:00 a.m. at the MAAC on Monday the 18th.

Rally #2 is scheduled for May 1 - thanks to Terry Davis for being the Rally master. The three cars that participated in the April 3 rally will find familiar elements on May 1. Mark your calendars and plan to come out for a great afternoon of driving!

Autocross #1 is May 22 - after we've cut, dug, and filled all those holes it will be time to drive over them! Plan to come out and have a good time! Paul Blaylock noted that there are still a few Rally master and Event Marshall slots available starting mid- and into late- season. Don't forget that you can earn an easy 5 points for leading an event! Contact Paul to take your turn.

Dave shared a few videos from the 2014 and 2015 SOLO Nationals that featured a familiar (green) car! All enjoyed these fun memories. Dave encouraged folks to consider going to Nationals - it's a great time!

Darlene Cannon won the door prize, after which, the meeting adjourned.

2016 SIR/SCCA Schedule

May			
5.01	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (2 of 7) Davis-Sonntag	Hardees 41N Evansville
5.03	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
5.10	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
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.
June			
6.05	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (3 of 7)	TBD
6.07	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
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.
July			
7.05	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
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
7.24	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (4 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.27	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Articles, results, points, minutes due.
August			
8.02	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
8.07	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (4 of 7) -- "Ice Cream Rally"	DQ on KY144, Owensboro KY
8.09	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting follows)	Log Inn, Warrenton
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.
September			
9.06	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
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	8:30 AM	TMMI Autocross	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
9.18	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (6 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
9.28	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Articles, results, points, minutes due.
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)	Ciholas
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
10.23	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (6 of 7)	TBD
10.26	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Articles, results, points, minutes due.
November			
11.01	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
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
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)	Ciholas
12.30	Wed	Pit Stop Deadline	Articles, results, points, minutes due.

All Mid America Air Center autocross dates are awaiting Illinois FAA approval

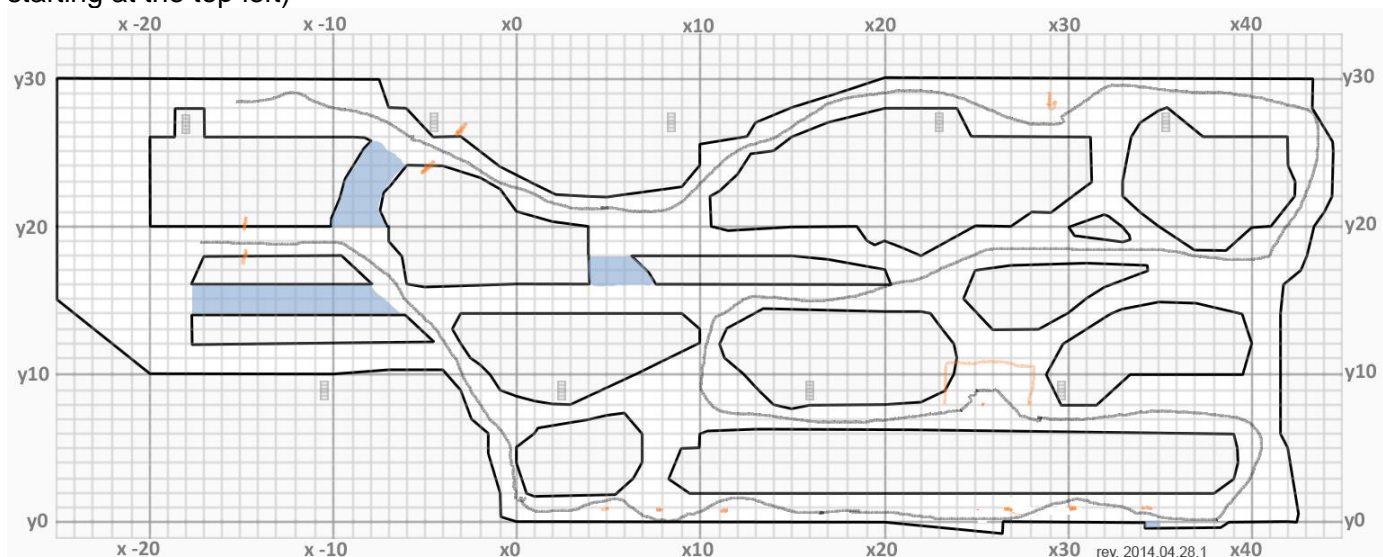
Let's Go to the 2016 Solo Nationals by Paul Dornburg

Many of you have expressed an interest in attending the 2016 Solo Nationals in Lincoln Nebraska. The Nationals are scheduled for Labor Day week in September, 9/6-9/9. Here's some information you can use to make your plans.

- Run days are already posted on the SCCA website. On the website click on Programs > Autocross > Solo Nationals. You'll land on a page with a link on the right side that says Solo National Run Days, click on it. A pdf will appear that will give you your work/run days.
- The left column is Tuesday/Wednesday while the right is Thursday/Friday. If your competition days are Thursday/Friday you'd have to arrive on site Tuesday at the latest. You will need one day, Wednesday, to register, get your car Tech'd and walk the 2 courses you have to learn.
- People running Tuesday/Wednesday should be there Sunday to register, tech and walk on Monday.
- From the Evansville area it's a day long drive. Shorter if you drive a Porsche like Terry Davis does, but longer if you're hauling a car on a trailer.
- There are 2 awards banquets that are included in your registration. Wednesday night for the first 2 days and Friday night for the last 2 days. Other nights you will need to find your own place to eat. Downtown has some good restaurants and there's the usual fast food places.
- Hotels are varied in price and should be reserved sooner than later. (like now!) I stay at a Hampton Inn on the east side of the airport. There are cheaper places to stay but you'll need to do some research.
- Competition cars and trailers can be left on site without fear of loss. You'll just need a vehicle to get around town.
- If enough SIR people commit to going I will inquire about a tent for us. It'll provide shade from the sun and cover from the occasional rain.
- Bring clothes for weather ranging from the 40's to the 90's. It's been that hot and cold in the same week. And bring wet weather clothes.
- Registration is done on-line at the SCCA website and will be announced on the SCCA website.
- If you are an SCCA member you should create your account on the SCCA website to get all the information that you will need.
- Paddock parking is assigned via an internet page that works best with Chrome.

Upcoming Event

Autocross#1 will be May 22nd at Mid-America Air Center. The event chair is ERnie Roales. Instead of his devilish 8 Ball courses, He will present a blast from the past with something just for TD. (follow the thin line starting at the top left)



2016 Season Rally Results

Rally # 1 of 7

April 3, 2016

Bob Sonntag, Rally master

Terry Davis, Asst. Rally master

Early: - Late: +

	Team	Class	Ckpt1	Ckpt2	Ckpt3	Total
1	Stephen Yockey / Julia Yockey	A	+10	+11	-1800	1821
1	Michael Mercer / Rayce McClay	B	0	+31	-198	229
2	Ernie Roales / Sue Roales	B	+86	-3	-1800	1889

Points Page

	Berry		Rally		Autocross		Rookie	
1	Bob Sonntag	19	1 Bob Sonntag	5			1 Julia Yockey	0.088
2	Terry Davis	18	2 Steve Yockey	5				
3	Ernie Roales	16	3 Terry Davis	5				
4	Richard Grav	13	4 Mikeal Mercer	5				
5	Stacey Grav	13	5 Julia Yockey	5				
6	Steve Yockey	13	6 Ernie Roales	2				
7	Jr. Jonathan Crowe	12	7 Susan Roales	2				
8	Jeff Schindler	11						
9	MacKenzi Payne-Ci	11						
10	Corey Haury	10						
11	Maurie Light	10						
12	Mikeal Mercer	10						
13	Paul Dornburg	10						
14	Paul Blaylock	9						
15	Julia Yockey	8						
16	David Lehrscha	7						
17	Jay Wolf	7						
18	Barry Beaman	6						
19	Bradley Burkhart	6						
20	Don Kelley	6						
21	John McCarthy	6						
22	Terry Keating	6						
23	Jeff Jackson	5						
24	Ron Jochum	5						
25	Steve Backer	5						
26	James Cannon	4						
27	Lora Blaylock	4						
28	Carrie Moore	3						
29	Chris Moore	3						
30	John Warren	3						
31	Darlene Cannon	2						
32	Matthew Beasley	2						
33	Sue Wolf	2						
34	Susan Roales	2						
35	Mike Freeman	1						
36	Suellyn Lehrscha	1						



How FAST are you?

If you like competition and driving your car to the limit, Welcome to the Sports Car Club of America.

The SCCA has many opportunities for competing with your favorite automobile. Road rallies, track day events, road racing, and autocross. The Southern Indiana region is hosting seven autocross events this season starting in May.

What is Autocross you ask? It is a timed race around a parking lot full of cones without hitting anything. We start out by setting up a road course. The cars get a short tech inspection and the drivers get registered. Once all the i's are dotted and t's crossed its race time. Autocross racing is more about precision driving and the ability to control your vehicle at its limit. This is a timed event not side by side racing so it significantly reduces the chance of incident for the drivers or the cars.

FAQ

1. **How fast do you go?** Depends on the car
2. **Do I need a helmet?** Yes, current Snell rating required, and we have loaner helmets if you need one
3. **How old do the drivers have to be?** A current valid driver's license.
4. **What kind of cars come?** Almost everything from bone stock to heavily modified. Corvettes, Mustangs, Miatas, etc.
5. **How does a slower car compete against a faster car?** The times are indexed to create a fairer playing field.
6. **When and where are the events?** We run at the Mid America Air Center in Lawrenceville, Illinois. Google map SIRSCCA

May 22nd
June 26th
July 10th
July 24th
August 28th
September 18th
October 2nd

For more information or questions go to our club website sirscca.org and click on autocross. You can also go to scca.com for more details on how to prepare for an autocross event.

Patch Party Recap

The 2016 patching of our bit of Mid-American Air Center has been done. Twenty-seven members and guests took part in the effort. We dug 99 holes and it would have been an even 100 if we had not missed one more than was marked. The calculations put the volume at 6.6 cubic yards. It turned out we had almost a yard of extra concrete that we used filling two holes for the MAAC. Here's the summary of who worked when:

Cutting Day 4/9/2016	Dig Day 1 4/10/2016	Prep Day 4/17/2016	Fill Day 4/18/2016	Days Worked
	Barry Beaman			1
Bob Sonntag	Bob Sonntag	Bob Sonntag	Bob Sonntag	4
			Brad Burkhart	1
	Corey Haury		Corey Haury	2
David Lehrsfall	David Lehrsfall	David Lehrsfall		3
	Don Kelley			1
Ernie Roales	Ernie Roales	Ernie Roales	Ernie Roales	4
	Jacob Dorris		Jacob Dorris	2
		Jay Wolf	Jay Wolf	2
	Jeff Jackson	Jeff Jackson		2
Jeff Schindler	Jeff Schindler		Jeff Schindler	3
			John McCarthy	1
	Jonathan Crowe		Jonathan Crowe	2
	MacKenzi Payne-Crowe		MacKenzi Payne-Crowe	2
Maurie Light	Maurie Light		Maurie Light	3
Michael Mounlio	Michael Mounlio			2
Mikeal Mercer	Mikeal Mercer			2
			Paul Blaylock	1
	Paul Dornburg		Paul Dornburg	2
Richard Grav	Richard Grav		Richard Grav	3
			Ron Jochum	1
	Scott Grav			1
Stacey Grav	Stacey Grav		Stacey Grav	3
	Stephen Yockey			1
			Steve Backer	1
	Terry Davis	Terry Davis	Terry Davis	3
			Terry Keating	1

Those that volunteer their time, energy, muscles, and talents make our patching efforts a success. Some put forth extra efforts and time and are worthy of special mention are:

- Richard Grav for doing so much more than just arranging and managing the rental equipment. Richard helped tremendously in all phases of the project. From marking, cutting, digging, and finishing, Richard was always there helping. We would not have accomplished it all without Richard's efforts, equipment, and repair skills. He fixed equipment in most phases of the project.
- Memmer Tile for the use of barrels, pumps, and hoses that Dave Lehrsfall got to the MAAC and allowed us to run a continuous cutting operation.
- Mike Mounlio for spending a HUGE amount of time on the 90 pound jackhammer.
- Jay Wolf, Paul Dornburg, Dave Lehrsfall, and Bob Sonntag for extra hauling help.
- Stacey Grav for helping to keep things going on the cutting day. From helping with the water to serving lunch, Stacey helped shorten the day. Stacey didn't even go "all girlie" after getting a warm oil treatment for her hair on digging day.
- Jonathon Crowe. Okay, I'm not sure what he was doing to break the bit on the 60 pound jackhammer; but, DAMN!

Those that worked either the digging day or filling day have qualified for the bonus program.

To those listed above, thanks so much investing your sweat equity in our autocross program. In just a few weeks, we'll be looking to see how little time we can spend on those patches.

Bob Sonntag

SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA

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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Sunday, May 22nd, Autocross #1

Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 10th, 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.