



SCCA Southern Indiana Region Monthly Newsletter December 2016 Volume 63 Number 12

December REport from Dave Lehrschall

We elected our 2017 Southern Indiana Region officers during our November membership meeting. The meeting participation and voter turnout was a little low. I wish that we had seen a larger turnout. The evening's slight chance of rain and the competition with the more publicized, National election kept our meeting numbers low. Our process was much less dramatic and you could "call the winners" early in the election process, because the newly elected officers won by incredibly high percentages. Okay. The truth is that our team was unopposed for the 2017 SIR Board positions. I believe everyone on the team is looking forward to serving in these positions. Having worked closely with this team through 2016, I have no doubt that this group will work hard and serve the SIR well. I'm very happy to get the opportunity to work with these people for another year and to serve as the SIR's Regional Executive. It's a great organization.

As I write this edition of the Pit Stop, your SIR BOD is working on setting the 2017 calendar. There will be Autocross and Rally events scheduled throughout the year that will count towards the 2017 competition points. We're also reserving dates for fun Autocross events at the former Roberts Stadium parking lot and an SIR supported Toyota Autocross event. Our winter may be too cold or too slick for our competition events, but it works well for scheduling classes. We will offer training for Safety Stewards as well as informational classes on Autocross and Rally events. BOD meetings will continue to take place on the first Tuesday of each month and SIR Membership meeting will again take place on the second Tuesday of each month. We've planned to leave a little more time open around next year's SCCA Solo Nationals event., so start making plans to join us for the Labor Day week activities in Lincoln, Nebraska.

We've also been working on plans to reduce a repeating delay that occurs during Autocross events. Some of you may have noticed that too often we have to delay the start of a vehicle to confirm the vehicle's number, class, or driver. This should not be an issue. The SCCA General Rules for Autocross competition clearly define vehicle identification requirements. I've cut and pasted elements of this here. The complete rules can be found on line at www.scca.com. Please keep in mind, that the proper identification of a vehicle is a required part of the Tech Inspection process. If you are one of several drivers, who regularly use numbers that are too small, made of colors that don't contrast with your vehicle's color, or are placed on windows or panels that cannot be seen easily by corner workers, please address. Don't forget to include your class identification letters.

3.7 Vehicle Identification

- All vehicles must display numbers and class letters on both sides, which must be readable by Timing & Scoring, Course, and Grid workers at all times.
- Only one set of numbers and class letters may be visible while the vehicle is running.
- Class shall be represented by the upper-case abbreviated form rather than be spelled out. Ladies' classes shall be indicated by the letter "L" following the class letters. (Example: "BSPL" instead of "B Street Prepared Ladies").
- Numbers and class letters should be positioned next to each other. All letters and numbers must be on body panels, not on windows. All numbers and class letters must use the same typeface and the same color, and this color must provide adequate contrast to the background color (see Appendix F for examples).
- Numbers must be a minimum of 8" (20.5 cm) high with a 1¼" (3.25 cm) stroke. Class letters must be a minimum of 4" (10.25 cm) high with a ¾" (2 cm) stroke. In all cases, the height of the class letters must be between 25% and 75% of the height of the numbers. Stroke width must be at least 10% of the height (see Appendix F.)
- The "1" on two-driver cars and the "L" on Ladies class cars are subject to all of the above requirements with regard to placement, color, size, and stroke.
- For National Championship and National Tour competition, current official SCCA® required decals must be displayed on each side and front of the vehicle in a prominent location.
 - For National Championship and National Tour events, one (1) official SCCA® approved National sponsor identification logo must be displayed in an upright position, in a prominent location on each side of the vehicle. Additional sponsor and / or event specific decals may also be required: refer to event supplemental regulations. Further information is contained in Appendix F.

Our next meeting will be our Annual Awards Banquet on December 2nd. If you have not made your reservations, you have until November 25th to contact Bob. He needs to have your reservations information and entrée selections by then.

Finally, the weather will soon become more challenging and many of you will be travelling to celebrate the coming holidays. Please drive carefully and enjoy the season.

Dave Lehrschall
SIR Regional Executive

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SIRSCCA
Board of Directors Meeting
November 1, 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*; MacKenzie Crowe, Terry Davis, Stacy Grav, guests

Regional Executive Dave Lehrschall welcomed everyone and called for officer reports.

Treasurer Bob Sonntag reported that the club is current with all its bills, and he is in touch with the national office about weekend memberships and forms. It was noted that several Western Kentucky members have not moved their membership from SIR to WKY, so SIR is still receiving their membership monies.

Pit Stop editor Paul Dornburg shared that he recently attended a Western Kentucky autocross day - it was fun! They are a little more informal than we are. Their site is far away from everything, so one member brings a grill and hot dogs/hamburgers. Also, the *Pit Stop* deadline is moved up one week, to the day before Thanksgiving.

Assistant RE Richard Grav noted that all the website information has been moved to the new server/site. He will be in touch with Gene Young about passwords and registration info. Richard and Ben Davis will work together on posting protocol.

Activities Chair Paul Blaylock reported that he has been going back and forth with the trophy shop on the new design for trophy glasses.

Dave wondered if it was usual that no Board nominations were received from the membership meeting. He was assured that this was normal. He also reported that he has heard of a registration 'deal' for the SCCA convention - buy 3, get the 4th free. Is anyone attending? Bob noted that he responded (belatedly) to the call for Rally speakers, but hasn't heard back. Dave will check with the national office to see if there's anything special MacKenzie could participate in.

MacKenzie shared that she has sent out an introductory email to the women of SIR. She will soon follow up with a postcard, and is still looking for more addresses and suggestions.

In Old Business, it was noted that Rally #6 went well. A great first effort by new Rally master, Steve Yockey. New roads and additional non-distracting games were fun. We'll work to get the reminder for Rally #7 out a bit earlier than the day before the event.

In New Business, Lora reported that the ballots are ready to go for next week's membership meeting. She will count the ballots during the program portion and have the results by the end of the evening.

Bob made arrangements for the award banquet and will contact Mary Harl to see if she still wishes to lead 'the game' for the club. Dave will check with Matt, Bob, or Paul Dornburg for a script for the banquet.

The Board next discussed the Indian Award.

The Fun Autocross at Roberts Park on November 27 is a go. Incontinent Racing will be the Event Marshall. Richard and Stacy Grav will bring the trailer from the MAAC and take it back north to be stored at their home for the winter. (Thanks very much!) Communication will stress that this is a no-points event and there is no room for trailer parking.

The Board looked at the 2017 calendar. Paul Blaylock shared a worksheet that updated all events to 2017 dates. Cut and Dig days at MAAC will be the end of April. Dave will check with TMMI to see if they would like to do their autocross earlier in the year, perhaps May 20. All are encouraged to check through the worksheet to see if potential dates need to be adjusted. We may add an all-ladies event on June 14. Bob will check with Southern Illinois to see if they have any dates to share with us.

Paul Dornburg and Richard are investigating no-fee options that would allow SIR to accept credit cards for payment at events. Dave moved to test this option at the Roberts Stadium event (without advertising). The motion was seconded and passed.

Pau Dornburg shared a 'to-do' list for the Board, organized by month. These are items specified in the Bylaws. Thanks, Paul!

Dave will check with Suellyn about hosting the December board meeting at their house on the regular date, December 6.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

SIRSCCA
MEMBERSHIP MEETING
November 8, 2016

Regional Executive Dave Lehrschall called the meeting to order and welcomed members and visitors alike.

Secretary Lora Blaylock noted that 2017 Board ballots are on the tables; please be sure to vote and return them to her before the program begins tonight! It was motioned, seconded, and agreed to dispense with the reading of the minutes.

Treasurer Bob Sonntag noted that the club is solvent, and reminded everyone that patches are available for sale at all events.

Activities Chair Paul Blaylock reminded everyone that, while points events are completed for 2016, we still have a fun (no points) autocross on November 27 at Roberts Park. Watch your email, SIR website, and social media for updates and details.

The Christmas Party is set for Friday, December 2 - details are in *Pit Stop*. Be sure to RSVP to Bob Sonntag, who will acknowledge your reservation. Thanks to all for returning their plaques and traveling trophies.

New trophy glasses are expected to make their debut at the party.

Paul Dornburg reminded all that the *Pit Stop* deadline is early this month, moving to the day before Thanksgiving.

Dave reported that the December board meeting will take place on the regular date (and time), but the location will be at his and Suellen's house. (Thanks, Suellen!)

Awards for rookie Event Marshall Paul Blaylock's Autocross #7 were announced. As has become habit this year, Tom Bootz drove away with the perfect score of the day. Paul Dornburg and Barry Beaman gave good chase, each coming less than 10 points of Tom's score.

Ben Davis' Rally #5, "Remembrance" saw 5 teams and one checkpoint worker (way to do the math, Ben!! No 'zeroes' were earned that day, but winning team Davis/Sonntag had two checkpoints in single digits!

Rally #6, put on by rookie Rally master Stephen Yockey, had 4 teams and included a few fun side games thrown in. Team Davis/Sonntag led the way again, followed by team Sturgeon/Moore, only 20 seconds behind.

Be sure to check the most recent SCCA magazine, *Sportscar*, for articles from SOLO nationals in Lincoln by your fellow SIR members.

Dave presented a program highlighting SCCA rules relating to car preparation for Autocross and SOLO events. SIR will be following the national rules more closely than before in 2017, so be sure to brush up on the rules (available at <https://www.scca.com/pages/solo-cars-and-rules>) and make appropriate updates before autocross season begins in May. Of special note are car numbers/designation letters. These should be high-contrast and of significant size. An example of high contrast would be black letters on a white field. Numbers need to be placed on both sides of the car, preferably on the front doors.

In addition, be sure to check your helmet for its expiration date - many age out this year! (SIR will be purchasing new loaner helmets!) "Passing tech is about more than making sure you take loose items out of your car."

Lora reported that the slate of officers was accepted unanimously. Congratulations to your 2017 SIR Board of Directors:

Regional Executive	Dave Lehrschall
Assistant AC	Junior Crowe
Assistant RE	Richard Grav
Treasurer	Bob Sonntag
Activities Chair	Paul Blaylock
Secretary	Lora Blaylock
<i>Pit Stop</i>	Paul Dornburg

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned after Paul Blaylock won the door prize.

Points Page – Final

Berry			Berry (cont.)			Rally			Final Tally			5/22	6/26	7/10	7/24	8/28	9/18	10/2	
1	Bob Sonntag	78	44	Michael Buente	11	1	Terry Davis	30	Autocross			Total	AX1	AX2	AX3	AX4	AX5	AX6	AX7
2	Steve Yockey	78	45	Duane Duke	10	2	Bob Sonntag	30	1	Tom Bootz	5981	920	1000	1000	1000	1000	981	1000	
3	Terry Davis	74	46	Paul Gibson	10	3	Steve Yockey	24	2	Paul Dornburg	5885	954	974	987	876	980	997	993	
4	Paul Dornburg	60	47	Carrie Moore	9	4	Julia Yockey	24	3	Barry Beaman	5807	946	947	975	969	979	946	991	
5	Richard Grav	59	48	Gene Young	9	5	Ernie Roales	16	4	Jeff Jackson	5784	947		986	958	965	950	978	
6	Ernie Roales	57	49	James Nichols	9	6	Dawn Sturgeon	15	5	Richard Grav	5749	921	964	974	964	952	962	933	
7	David Lehrschall	55	50	Jeff Wittman	9	7	Susan Roales	13	6	Dave Lehrschall	5638	920	941	956	940	924	917	957	
8	Barry Beaman	49	51	Bradley Burkhart	8	8	Kathy Crowe	13	7	Jr. Crowe	5632	891	924	932	926	941	935	974	
9	Julia Yockey	46	52	Julia Young	8	9	Don Crowe	13	8	John McCarthy	5417	893	899	921	917	885		902	
10	Jr. Crowe	41	53	Ben Davis	7	10	David Lehrschall	11	9	Steve Yockey	5388	882	820	916	916	880	909	885	
11	Jeff Jackson	38	54	Carolyn Dornburg	7	11	Suelyn Lehrschall	9	10	Steve Backer	5367	899	887	913	886	887		895	
12	Dawn Sturgeon	36	55	Reginald Sandy	7	12	Mikeal Mercer	7	11	Ernie Roales	5204	844	854	868	869	859	867	887	
13	Tom Bootz	36	56	Sue Wolf	7	13	Ben Davis	7	12	Amanda McCarthy	4601	894	931	927	914			935	
14	Paul Blaylock	32	57	Brenton Sturgeon	6	14	Josh Johnson	6	13	Julia Yockey	4500	750	750	750	750		750	750	
15	Stacey Grav	31	58	Chris Moore	6	15	Paul Dornburg	5	14	Terry Davis	4484			928	890	875	901	890	
16	Amanda McCarthy	30	59	Darlene Cannon	6	16	Mike Blankenberger	5	15	Shawn Lansdale	4372		839	918		852	879	884	
17	Corey Haurly	30	60	Jeff Peachey Jr.	6	17	Carolyn Dornburg	5	16	MacKenzi Crowe	4359	863		899	855	854		888	
18	MacKenzi Crowe	30	61	Joshua Pertzsch	6	18	Paul Blaylock	4	17	Jeremy Duke	4164	820	824	852	831	837			
19	Steve Backer	30	62	John Warren	5	19	MacKenzi Crowe	4	18	Jim Wooldridge	4154	771	868			861	853	801	
20	Jay Wolf	26	63	Robert Rehklau	5	20	Lora Blaylock	4	19	Dawn Sturgeon	4068		750	858		793	803	864	
21	Lora Blaylock	22	64	Ryan Bootz	5	21	Jr. Crowe	4	20	Duane Duke	3826	750	769	788	769	750			
22	Maurie Light	20	65	Victor Brunamonti	5	22	James Cannon	4	21	Corey Haurly	3627	907	912			902		906	
23	Ron Jochum	20	66	Derek Funk	4	23	Darlene Cannon	4	22	Darion Vowels	3393	841	850	878			824		
24	John McCarthy	19	67	Joe Mackey	4	24	Miles Moore	2	23	Chris Small	3393		821	833		858		881	
25	Jacob Dorris	18	68	Marcus Cook	4	25	Matthew Beasley	2	24	Tatsuo Noda	2705			974		950		781	
26	James Wooldridge	18	69	Matthew Beasley	4	26	John Maurus	2	25	James Nichols	2679			923			877	879	
27	Don Kelley	17	70	Michelle Deutsch	4	27	Jeff Wittman	2	26	Mike Blankenberger	2656		870	911		875			
28	Chris Small	16	71	Miles Moore	3	28	Jacob Dorris	2	27	Justin Carey	2581	840	874			867			
29	Mike Blankenberger	16	72	Barry Schonberger	2	29	Chris Small	2	28	Ron Jochum	2519	842			853	824			
30	Shawn Lansdale	16	73	Erich Hopf	2	30	Carrie Moore	2	29	Terry Keating	2510				818	815		877	
31	Jeff Schindler	15	74	John Maurus	2				30	Jacob Dorris	2351	791	787			773			
32	Darion Vowels	14	75	Morgan Oldham	2				31	Jeff Peachey	2277	750		777		750			
33	Don Crowe	14	76	Robert Barth	2				32	Jay Wolf	2250				750	750	750		
34	James Cannon	14	77	Sean Lips	2				33	Paul Gibson	2000	1000					1000		
35	Justin Carey	14	78	Yancy Smith	2				34	Josh Pertzsch	1959	974					985		
36	Kathy Crowe	14	79	Dale Fatland	1				35	Don Kelley	1902					968		934	
37	Jeremy Duke	13	80	Jan Bootz	1				36	Maurie Light	1748	811				937			
38	Josh Johnson	13	81	John Memmer	1				37	Jeff Schindler	1742	852		890					
39	Suelyn Lehrschall	13	82	Johnathan Kahre	1				38	Josh Johnson	1736	834						902	
40	Susan Roales	13	83	Mike Freeman	1				39	Jeff Wittman	1711		866	845					
41	Tatsuo Noda	13	84	Paul Condi	1				40	Gene Young	1684			820				864	
42	Terry Keating	13	85	Tim Green	1				41	Paul Blaylock	1677		791					886	
43	Mikeal Mercer	12							42	Michael Buente	1664	830				834			
									43	Julie Young	1652			793				859	
									44	Reginald Sandy	1621				806			815	
									45	Joe Mackey	1524	750				774			
									46	Bob Sonntag	1500	750						750	
									47	Derek Funk	915			915					
									48	Victor Brunamonti	907				907				
									49	Jim Cannon	895					895			
									50	Ryan Bootz	894		894						
									51	Brad Burkhart	889	889							
									52	Robert Barth	884	884							
									53	Marcus Cook	877	877							
									54	Sean Lips	876					876			
									55	Brent Sturgeon	868							868	
									56	Robert Rehklau	843			843					
									57	Yancy Smith	795							795	
									58	Erich Hopf	781					781			
									59	Stacey Grav	771	771							
									60	Morgan Oldham	750	750							

Rookie	
1	Dawn Sturgeon 0.643
2	Julia Yockey 0.505
3	Amanda McCarthy 0.455
4	Jacob Dorris 0.321
5	Chris Small 0.291
6	Shawn Lansdale 0.286
7	Mike Blankenberger 0.262
8	Justin Carey 0.209
9	Jeff Wittman 0.161
10	Darion Vowels 0.154
11	Josh Johnson 0.143
12	Brenton Sturgeon 0.107
13	Michelle Deutsch 0.100
14	Erich Hopf 0.030
15	Morgan Oldham 0.030

November 6th, 2016
 "Drivers Rally"
 Julia Yockey, Rally Master
 Stephen Yockey, Assistant Rally Master
 Early: - Late: +
 * Denotes Trophy Winners

Team	Class	Ckpt1	Ckpt2	Ckpt3	Ckpt4	Ckpt5	Total
1* Terry Davis / Bob Sonntag	A	19	-13	-11	3	-41	87
2 Chris Small / Jeff Wittman	A	548	-6	-54	-107	-55	770
5* Dawn Sturgeon / Kayla Moore	B	22	2	-19	38	-13	94
3 Ernie Roales / Sue Roales	B	-24	-13	-45	17	-31	130
4 Robert Rothermel / Debra Rothermel	Guest	49	28	277	-141	-45	540

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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Upcoming Events

Awards Banquet and Holiday Party, Friday, December 2nd.

Reservations are required!

Send meal choice to Bob Sonntag treasurer@sirscca.org, you will receive an email confirmation. Please, DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 6:30 P.M. Dinner at 7:30 followed by Awards and the game.

Starting in January, be sure to join us at our monthly membership meetings.

Tuesday January 10th, Membership Meeting, Smitty's Italian Steakhouse, 2109 W Franklin St, Evansville, IN 47712

Dinner is at 6:00 PM followed by the business meeting at 7:30 PM.