



SCCA Southern Indiana Region Monthly Newsletter February 2017 Volume 64 Number 2

February REport from Dave Lehrschaal

There is so much going on with the Southern Indiana Region that it's hard to believe we're in the "off season." We still have a couple of months to go before we begin our Rally and Autocross seasons, but we're not sitting around waiting. There are four events coming up that everyone should note on their calendar. We will be working the Patch Party days again this year. We will also have another Rally school, Autocross Safety Steward school, and an Autocross school. These will all be happening soon.

If the idea of running 8 runs at each SIR Autocross event instead of the standard 6 runs interests you, you'll want to qualify for our Autocross bonus program. Qualification requires participation in 2 out of 3 Patch Party work days. The qualifying work days include 2 days devoted to digging out damaged concrete sections in our M.A.A.C. Autocross site and 1 day devoted to filling the holes with concrete. The expectation is that you put in at least 2 full days of work to qualify. The dig days are scheduled for April 23rd and April 30th. The fill date is planned for Monday, May 1st. The rain date for the fill date is May 8th. The bonus program is a nice incentive for coming out to work on the M.A.A.C. Autocross surface. Another is simply the benefit of having a nice surface to run on.

We have just a couple of weeks before our classes begin. All three of these SIR classes will be conducted at the Evansville Central Library located at 200 S.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd in the Large Group Room. Bob Sonntag will begin with training on Rally subjects on Saturday, February 18. The class is scheduled to run from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Bob has offered to focus on the most requested Rally topic. He has asked for the membership's feedback on these. Bob has training materials to help Rally participants become more competitive. He also has information that will equip potential Rally Masters to prepare and manage their own Rally events. If you have interest in attending, please send Bob an e-mail and let him know what type of training you are most interested in. Remember the class is in about two weeks so Bob will be finishing the class materials soon. Let him know which way you would like to go. (Editor's note: we will be 'Live streaming' the class on the SIR Facebook page)

Paul Dornburg will be presenting Autocross Solo Safety Steward training again this year. If your license is close to expiration or you are planning to qualify for a SSS license, you'll want to attend this class. Paul takes this subject very seriously and is always very thorough in his preparation for these classes. The SSS class will be held on Saturday, March 4th. The class will run from 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM. (Editor's note: we will be 'Live streaming' the class on the SIR Facebook page)

We will also present an Autocross class again this year. "Class" may be a little misleading. We will include a few planned technical discussions, but for the most part this will be an open discussion of topics or questions the participants present to a variety of our regular Autocross drivers. I will be facilitating the class, but I have drivers lined up who have years of experience and some who are first year competitors who remember what getting started felt like. Please invite anyone you think might be interested in Autocross events. The class will follow the SSS class and a quick lunch on Saturday, March 4th. The class will run from 12:00 PM to 2:30 PM. (Editor's note: we will be 'Live streaming' the class on the SIR Facebook page)

These classes will be presented soon. If you are interested, please let the instructor or facilitator know. Each of these will include some level of printed materials for you to take away and the instructors will need a little notice. Space is also somewhat limited. If our participant list grows beyond 20 or so for any of these classes, we will need to adjust our room reservations.

We have lots going on. You'll want to check our website and follow us on Facebook to keep track of activities and dates. Our next Membership meeting will be held at Smitty's Italian Steakhouse in Evansville on Tuesday, February 14, 2017. We'll gather around 6:00 PM for bench-racing, begin eating around 6:30, and then start the meeting at about 7:30 PM (Central).

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**SIRSCCA
Board of Directors Meeting - Ciholas
January 3, 2017**

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*; MacKenzi Crowe, Terry Davis, Stacy Grav, guests

Regional Executive Dave welcomed all to the meeting, including the Crowes via telephone. He noted that he will check with Matt Beasley to see if he would like to continue to serve as advisor.

Treasurer Bob reported that the club finances are in good order. We have a mysterious credit with SCCA for weekend memberships from the TMMI event, and two outstanding bills. The club's portion of the banquet was \$1,215.21.

Pit Stop editor Paul Dornburg reported that the January's web edition will include the Ladies' article missing from the print edition. Paul Dornburg also noted that he has been updating the *Pit Stop* mailing list.

Ladies' Committee Chair MacKenzi reported that she has sent an invitation to all SIR ladies to attend the first meeting of the Women's committee on Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 p.m. at Cheddar's. She would like to see it become a monthly event. She also reported that she has been contacted by SIR member Dawn Spurgeon, who has fundraising and promotional ideas for the committee.

Assistant RE Richard reported that the club's domain name has been moved to his hosting site (thanks!), and the website should be settled on the new host by the end of the week.

In old business, the board reviewed the awards banquet: Paul Blaylock will get the rookie plaque to Dawn Sturgeon and Bob has made next year's reservation. Also reviewed was the 2017 calendar: meeting dates are all correct, and Dave is confirming availability at Smitty's. Bob has sent the autocross dates to the MAAC, and expects a response soon.

In new business, Paul Dornburg, Bob, and Dave agreed to serve on the 2017 By-Laws committee. Do feel free to send them any questions or suggestions for revisions.

Bob will be speaking about our rally program at the upcoming SCCA national convention. (Thanks, Bob!) There is not much interest, now, from the SCCA national office on our fledgling Women's programming, but expect there to be an opportunity next year.

Looking ahead, the time is coming to promote the upcoming Rally and Autocross classes in February and March. Dave will arrange for rooms at the main library branch. The board discussed making class information available on the web. Paul Dornburg will assist in putting the classes on Facebook live.

Dave reported that he received the incorporation documents, and will get them taken care of soon. He shared a spreadsheet of available car#/class combinations, based on prior year usage. It will be made available as a resource on the website and used at autocrosses to assign numbers.

Finally, he updated the board on an invitation he received to a Divisional level meeting. He offered to attend via conference call, and is awaiting word of agenda items that would pertain to SIR activities. However, he does not expect to attend, as it would require a 6-hour (one way) drive, and they were not interested in teleconferencing.

Women of SIRSCCA

The first ladies meeting was held January 18, 2017. We had 6 wonderful ladies in attendance.

At the meeting we decided to be the Women OF SIRSCCA instead of the Women's division. This way we are included instead of separate and divided.

Additionally, we discussed a Vice chair position, which will be decided upon at our next meeting. If you are interested please make arrangements to attend. The next meeting will be in March so watch your emails, Facebook, and the Pit Stop for date and location. We decided to have meetings bi-monthly and on Fridays before an Autocross to talk strategy.

We will be making a Facebook page for the Women OF SIRSCCA, to provide updates and information concerning the committee. Any help or thoughts would be greatly welcomed and appreciated.

I hope to see more ladies get involved. Let's make this great!!!

MacKenzi Payne-Crowe

Paul Dornburg reviewed filling out weekend membership and annual waiver forms with the board. He also gave a quiz on the By-Laws, which the board passed with flying colors.

Finally, it was noted that helmets for autocross will be available to drivers as a priority, and then passengers as they are available. SIR will need to buy new helmets this year. It is suggested that we ask borrowers to wear provided helmet liners (food service-type bonnets).

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

**SIR SCCA
Membership Meeting – Smitty's Italian Restaurant
January 10, 2017**

Regional Executive Dave Lehrschall welcomed all to the meeting, introducing visitors and new members. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with upon motion and second. Treasurer Bob Sonntag reported the club's finances were in good order, with a few outstanding bills. Activities Chair Paul Blaylock congratulated all in attendance for being tied for First Place in Berry points by attending the meeting. He noted that the calendar will be finalized soon, so keep an eye on the website for it. If you want to chair an event, let him know soon so you can have your choice of dates.

In new business, Dave invited interested members to join Paul Dornburg, Bob Sonntag, and himself on the 2017 By-Laws Review Committee. If you have questions or suggestions for updates to the by-laws (available on the website), be in touch with any member of the committee.

Dave shared a draft version of the calendar, highlighting upcoming events:

January: Ladies' Committee meeting on 1/18 6:30 p.m. at Cheddar's
February: Membership Meeting on 2/14
Road Rally School on 2/18 - watch your email for a survey on whether the school will be on how to participate in or to put on a rally.
March: Solo Safety Steward and Intro to Autocross School on 3/4
Visit to MAAC to prepare for patch parties on 3/19
April: Patch Parties - mid/late month

Don't forget that the patch parties are your opportunity to join the autocross bonus run program.

For the program portion of the meeting, Dave shared information on autocross vehicle identification - a focus for SIR in the 2017 season. In addition to requiring clearly readable numbers, we are going to ask for class ID on the cars as well. To aid in assigning unique numbers, Dave has prepared a registry that will be available on the website showing all available number/class combinations. (Also available on the web are the details for size, readability of numbers.) Numbering a vehicle doesn't have to be a pricey proposition - you can print numbers on your home printer (one digit/page) and use painter's tape to attach them to the car. However you plan to mark your vehicle, please contact Dave first to reserve your desired number! Barry Schonberger announced that he has more copies of old race posters for sale. Large size prints are still in the works. SIR embroidered patches are also available from Bob.

Visitor Dave Lockett won the door prize of a free competition entry. As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned on motion and vote.

2017 SIR/SCCA Schedule

Date	Day	Time (Central)	February	Location
2.07	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
2.14	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
2.18	Sat	9:00 AM	Road Rally School	Bob-Evansville Central Library
March				
3.04	Sat	9:00 AM	Solo School -- Safety Steward & Intro to Autocross	Paul/Dave-Evansville Central Library
3.07	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
3.14	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
3.19	Sun	10:00 AM	Patch Party Preparatory Visit	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
April				
4.02	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (1 of 7)	TBD
4.04	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
4.11	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
4.22	Sat	10:00 AM	Patch Party -- Cutting Day	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.23	Sun	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Dig It (Day 1)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
4.30	Sun	9:00 AM	Patch Party -- Dig It (Day 2)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
May				
5.01	Mon	10:00 AM	Patch Party -- Fill 'em	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.02	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
5.07	Sun	12:30PM	Pt Rally (2 of 7)	TBD
5.08	Mon	TBD	Patch Party -- Fill It (Rain Date)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.09	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
5.20	Sat	9:30 AM	Proposed TMMI Date 1 -- Paul Dornburg	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
5.21	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (1 of 7) -- Paul Dornburg	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
June				
6.04	Sun	12:30PM	Pt Rally (3 of 7)	TBD
6.06	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
6.10	Sat	9:30 AM	Ladies Autocross	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.11	Sun	9:30AM	Pt Autocross (2 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
6.13	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
July				
7.04	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
7.11	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
7.16	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (3 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
7.23	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (4 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
August				
8.01	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
8.06	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (4 of 7) -- "Ice Cream Rally" -- Paul Dornburg	Owensboro DQ on 231
8.08	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting follows)	Log Inn, Warrenton
8.20	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (5 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
September				
9.05	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting?? (guests welcome)	Ciholas
9.10	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (5 of 7)	TBD
9.12	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
9.17	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (6 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
October				
10.01	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (6 of 7)	TBD
10.03	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
10.08	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (7 of 7)	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.10	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
November				
11.05	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (7 of 7)	TBD
11.07	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
11.14	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
11.25	Sat	End of Day	Awards Banquet Reservations Are Due!	Respond to treasurer@sirscca.org
11.26	Sun	8:00 AM	Fun Autocross	Roberts Park location, EVV
December				
12.01	Fri	6:30 PM	Awards Banquet & Holiday Party	Rolling Hills County Club, Newburgh, IN

All autocross dates are tentative pending FAA approval

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

Tuesday February 7th, Board meeting, Ciholas, Newburgh, everyone is welcome

Tuesday February 14th, 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.

Saturday February 18th, Rally School, Evansville Central Library located at 200 S.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd in the Large Group Room