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March REport from Dave Lehrschall

We are well into 2017 and the Southern Indiana Region of the Sports Car Club of America is off to a great start! We've just completed another Rally class. Bob Sonntag walked the participants through Rally rules and details. He also literally walked us through a half dozen sets of Rally route instructions with variations on Main Road Rules to demonstrate how these MRR's and RI's combine to create different challenges. It was a very good class. Those of you, who followed the class broadcast on Facebook Live have Paul Dornburg to thank for his coordination of the live-streaming class.

By the time you read this, the Women of the SIR will have formally met for the second time for a combined social and planning event. I'm proud to say that the BOD was smart enough to kick off a committee to pursue SIR women's interests, but at the same time I have to admit that the ideas these ladies are sharing are beyond what a group of guys would've come up with. You'll want to follow the updates from MacKenzi Crowe. If you are one of the SIR Women I encourage you to join in the committee meetings or get in touch with MacKenzi to exchange ideas.

Next Saturday, March 4th, we'll present this year's Solo Safety Steward and Autocross classes. These are also planned to be presented in a Facebook Live manner. I have rsvp's for the Autocross class from 6 people at this point. Hopefully, the class will prepare them to come to our Autocross events prepared and focused. Paul Dornburg will present the Solo Safety Steward class to qualify and renew qualifications for our Autocross Safety Stewards.

The biggest events coming up soon for the Southern Indiana Region are our Patch Parties. These work activities can qualify you 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 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 expectation is that you put in at least 2 full days of work to qualify for the bonus program. Please plan on this if you are interested in running 8 runs at each SIR Autocross event instead of the standard 6 runs. You know how that first fun-run time is always just a little faster than your official times? Join the bonus program, add runs to each event, and count those quicker runs!

Please check our website at www.sirscca.org and follow us on Facebook to catch our current Southern Indiana Region activities. We would also like to invite you to our next Membership meeting to dine, talk about motorsports, and meet our members. Our next meeting will be held at Smitty's Italian Steakhouse in Evansville on Tuesday, March 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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SIR SCCA - Board of Directors Meeting

February 7, 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; MacKenzi Crowe, Women of SIR; Matt Beasley; Advisor to the Board; Terry Davis, Stacy Grav, guests

Regional Executive Dave welcomed everyone to the meeting and called for officer reports. Treasurer Bob reported the club is in good financial position for this time of the year. The trailer registration has been paid, and the insurance bill will be due soon. MacKenzi reported that the first Women's division meeting saw 6 attendees. The group is considering naming a vice-chair if MacKenzi is not available. A report of the meeting will be in *Pit Stop* (not in the paper version; it has been updated online). The group would like to be called Women of SIR. MacKenzi would like some help creating a Facebook page for the group - Stacy volunteered. The next meeting will be February 28, 6:30, at 'Painting With A Twist'. Advisor Matt expressed happiness in returning to SIR activities.

Richard shared progress on the updated SIR website. It features lots of white space and a clean, uncluttered look. A feed from the club's Facebook page pulls in automatically. It has a unified Google calendar and simplified point entry. He is hoping to have the changes finalized by next week.

In Old Business, Dave reported that he has confirmed 2017 meeting dates with Smitty's, except for August, when he expects we will meet at the Log Inn (because Scorpio's is closed in August). He is going to look into using the TVs in the meeting room at Smitty's instead of the projector and screen. Also, the meeting rooms at the Main Library branch have been reserved for the February and March classes.

In new business, it was noted that the 2017 calendar has been updated on the new website. We are awaiting final word from the IL Department of Transportation regarding the autocross site, but all indications are that our requested autocross dates will be approved.

Bob shared his experience from the recent SCCA convention. His presentation went well, and he met most of the rally folks who attended the convention. A few regions are looking to build new rally programs. Members from the Indianapolis region asked if we were interested in joining in an "Indiana Challenge" of autocross events that would move from area to area. Bob was non-committal in his response. Weekend membership fees (for autocross) will increase by \$5. He also brought back information on the fancy (read: expensive) concrete patch material.

Bob is preparing for the February Rally class: following his interest survey, the class will be on how to participate in a rally. He is unsure of the status of the practical application part of the class due to the numerous construction projects downtown. Dave plans a similar experience to last year for March's Autocross class. He is looking for a few more speakers.

Dave would like to find a coordinator for the Patch Parties. Bob seems to be the defacto person for this task; however, he'd be happy to have a trainee or be replaced outright. Richard Grav and Jay Wolf are instrumental in procuring equipment. Dave will prepare a request to go out to the membership and contact John Memmer about water barrels and a source for concrete blades.

Dave suggested that Matt might be able to take on a new project: a hybrid vehicle economy run. It is hoped the

local dealership association would sponsor the event. The vehicle that uses the least fuel on a T/S/D rally route would win.

It was noted that the club needs to buy helmets this year, as the old ones have aged out (and are well-used). Discounts are hard to come by at the low numbers we need. Dave will check with TMMI on moving their event to May 20, as well as set up email reminders for 2017 events. Stacy has prepared 2017 SIR event cards, but is waiting on the final approval of dates before submitting the order.

There was some discussion on judging interest in a test and tune day, including skid pad, start/stop, and slalom areas. Also discussed was whether there was interest in creating an "in-between" class for Rally - one that would have minimal tech assistance. Our Comp Regs currently push all in-car GPS devices into class A. This in-between class would put those with in-car GPS but no other rally program or app into their own class.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

SIR SCCA - Membership Meeting

February 14, 2017

Regional Executive Dave Lehrschall the small group assembled for the meeting. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with upon motion and second. Treasurer Bob Sonntag reported the club's finances are in a good position. Paul Blaylock reminded all that we have events coming up, including the Rally and Autocross Classes as well as the first Rally on April 2, which is your first opportunity to earn first class points by being in charge! Dave noted that he has confirmed the 2017 meeting schedule with Smitty's, except for August, when we will likely meet at the Log Inn (because Scorpio's is closed in August).

In New Business, Dave invited all to consider becoming the Patch Party Coordinator. Bob has (inadvertently) taken the lead on this in the past, but is happy to take on an apprentice or be replaced outright. Contact Dave if you are interested in helping with this important work.

MacKenzi Crowe led the women's group meeting last month, which was well attended. The group would like to be known as Women of SIR. Their next meeting will be February 28, 6:30 p.m. at Painting with A Twist. For details, check out the club website or Facebook.

Bob is prepared to lead a Rally class this Saturday, February 18, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the Main Library. The class will introduce new competitors to rally, and improve the performance of those already familiar with the sport. Drop Bob a line if you're planning to attend.

We will have a Solo Safety Steward class on Saturday, March 4, 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. at the Main Library downtown, followed by an Autocross class at Noon. Questions? Contact Dave.

Richard reported that he has nearly completed the update of the SIR website. It is the same address, just with a new look and a few new features. Be sure to check it out!

The 'keeper trophy' for 2016 Rookie of the Year was presented to Dawn Sturgeon. Congratulations!

SCCA Club Racing corner worker shirts (and pants) are available courtesy a former SIR member - see Paul Blaylock if you're interested in obtaining one.

Steve Yockey won the door prize, after which, the meeting was adjourned.

2017 SIR/SCCA Schedule				
			March	
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) - "Coffee Cruzin" - Paul Blaylock	Donut Bank, Plaza East, 5 N Green River Rd Evansville, IN 47715
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	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (2 of 7)	TBD
5.08	Mon	10:00 AM	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
5.21	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (1 of 7) -- Paul Dornburg	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
			June	
6.04	Sun	12:30 PM	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	9:30 AM	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	Dairy Queen, 3224 New Hartford Rd. Owensboro, KY 42303
8.08	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:30, meeting follows)	Log Inn, 12491 County Rd 200 E Haubstadt, IN 47639
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@sirscga.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
12.05	Tue	5:45 PM	Possible Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD

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 March 7th, Board meeting, Ciholas, Newburgh, everyone is welcome

Tuesday March 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.

Sunday, April 2nd, 12:30 pm, "Coffee Cruzin" Road Rally, Donut Bank, Plaza East, 5 N Green River Rd, Evansville, IN 47715