

The Pit Stop

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October REport from Dave Lehrschall

Photo by Paul Dornburg

As usual, the Southern Indiana Region of the Sports Car Club of America has a full calendar. In the next few weeks we have a Rally scheduled on October 1st and an Autocross on the 8th. We have an SIR board meeting set for the 3rd and an SIR membership meeting on the 10th. These events will present a good mix of motorsports excitement, dinner and conversation, and SIR business management.

Our members are always invited to attend our SIR board meetings or to contact the board members to let us know how we can improve your Southern Indiana Region. The October 10th and November 14th membership meetings are especially important to the SIR. Nominations for our 2018 SIR board positions will be made during the October meeting. Elections will be held during our November membership meeting, and we will be voting on proposed amendments to our SIR By-laws.

I encourage you to read through these proposed amendments and give each your thoughtful consideration. Again, the voting will take place during our November membership meeting. Our By-laws committee worked through several revisions before presenting these proposals to you. The proposals address outdated language and detail, reflect how we actually go about conducting SIR business and include a proposal to add a board position. All of these proposals are very important. However, I have to ask that you pay particular attention to the proposal to add a Women's Chair position to the SIR Board. I have watched the growth of interest and enthusiasm of our female members as this past year has unfolded. Some of our most consistent event participants are women and they are very competitive! The number of active women in our organization has increased. MacKenzi Crowe has become an important ambassador to our SCCA national organization while promoting social and competitive events for the women of the SIR. MacKenzi has done an outstanding job in her role as a committee chairperson. In doing so, she has demonstrated to our SIR board that there is a need for a formal, voting representative of our SIR women. The SIR board voted unanimously to present this proposal to the membership. I ask that you please vote for the amendment to add the Women's Chair position to the SIR board.

SIR board position nominations will be made during our October membership meeting. If you have a candidate you'd like to nominate and you've confirmed they would agree to serve or if you would like to nominate yourself, please attend our next meeting and make that nomination. Our current board members have all agreed to serve again, if elected. We've also agreed that we would be okay with a new wave of board members.

Last weekend's Autocross-poolooza was a ball! I got there late on Saturday, but I still got to participate in our annual TMMI-SIR Autocross and then in our SIR points Autocross on Sunday. Wow! Thanks to the efforts of Paul Dornburg, Terry Davis, and others I've missed here, the course was set up and ready to run earlier on Saturday. The SIR members, who volunteered to support the event did an outstanding job! The feedback from the 20+ TMMI participants was very positive and several have expressed interest in regularly attending or joining. Paul's course was outstanding!

Bob Rothermel was the Rally Master for our September 10th Rally. Putting together a Rally requires a lot of work and time. Unfortunately, our scheduling packed this Rally between our 2017 Solo Nationals and SIR Autocross weekends. Many of our regular Rally participants had too many events this short period of time and our turnout was low. We'll work to avoid this next year and if Bob agrees we'll ask him to give us another shot at his Rally.

Our next membership meeting will be held at Smitty's Italian Steakhouse in Evansville on Tuesday, October 10, 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). We hope to see you there.

Dave Lehrschall
Regional Executive
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SIR SCCA

Board of Directors Meeting August 29, 2017

Present: Dave Lehrschall, Regional Executive; Paul Blaylock, Activities Chair; Jr Crowe, Assistant Activities Chair; Bob Sonntag, Treasurer; Lora Blaylock, Secretary; Paul Dornburg, *Pit Stop*; MacKenzi Crowe, Women of SIR; Terry Davis, guest

Regional Executive Dave called the meeting to order, welcoming all. Treasurer Bob reported that the club's finances are in good order. Activities Chair Paul Blaylock reported that events are scheduled and have chairs. In addition, he is working with Bob Rothermel on his upcoming rally, as Bob has had recent health issues. Assistant AC Jr. Crowe reported that the change to a 'one stop' tech area at the last autocross was a success. Having everything available at an arm's length made the task much easier. Paul Dornburg reported that *Pit Stop* should go to press this week. Also, the TMMI and Sunday autocross times have been posted via email and the website. MacKenzi, speaking for Women of SIR, expects to have much to report following SOLO Nationals. Dave reported that he has been promoting Saturday's autocross at TMMI.

The signup deadline for the TMMI autocross is September 8. There is concern that we will not achieve the minimum number of entrants and workers. There are currently 12 signed up to run, which is approximately the same number as last year at this time. Dave confirmed that we will use the same engine-based classing as last year, and that he will contact entrants directly to get the necessary information ahead of time. It was agreed that TMMI folks who arrive without being pre-registered will pay \$30 to participate. Paul Blaylock will be sure to bring trophies.

The board turned to discussion of the By-Laws. The committee shared the updated changes, many of which involve a move to gender-neutral language and the use of electronic (email, etc.) communication. The bulk of the discussion centered on the change involving standing committees of the board, in particular, Women of SIR and whether or not the chair of that committee should be a board position. There was concern that making a new board position would cause difficulty in the future with keeping the position filled. The version of the By-Laws as prepared by the committee establishes the Women of SIR committee "to focus on increasing participation by women in SIR/SCCA events." Dave moved to leave the By-Laws as presented to the board for presentation and vote by the membership; then, offer a separate amendment that the chair of the Women of SIR be a board position. The motion was seconded by Paul Blaylock. Further discussion followed, and Dave offered an amendment to the second half of his motion: to "a Women's Chair be created as a board position with responsibilities as described for the Chair of the current Women of SIR committee." The amended motion was seconded by Bob and passed without opposition.

After confirming that there are no term limits to board positions, it was noted that all board members are happy to continue serving another year, but would be equally happy for others to serve in their place. Perhaps Dave can write something for *Pit Stop* about joining the Board. Nominations will be received at the October membership meeting with voting taking place at the November membership meeting.

The credit card payment system seems to be working just fine. Paul Blaylock, Terry, and Dave are able to use their phones to take payments at events. Paul Dornburg will set up a payment option for the TMMI event.

In recent events, Paul Dornburg's rally and Jr. Crowe's autocross were well attended and ran smoothly. A note should be added to the autocross reminder to park close to each other and only between the white squares, as well as clear notation of all times.

Upcoming, Rallies 5 & 6, Autocross 6, and the September membership meeting will all take place before the board meets again on October 3.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

SIR SCCA

Membership Minutes September 12, 2017

Regional Executive Dave Lehrschall welcomed all to the meeting, noting that no guests were in attendance. He thanked Jorell, our server for his stellar service.

Although the reading of the minutes was dispensed with upon motion and second, Secretary Lora Blaylock reminded all that minutes are available online and in *Pit Stop*. In addition, don't forget that the club has a Facebook page - be sure to like it and share the club's events! Treasurer Bob

Sonntag noted that the club's finances are operating well, with over \$6,000 in available funds. Don't forget to buy your SIR patches! Activities Chair Paul Blaylock noted that events are ready for members and guests to take place in - the most recent rally was poorly attended (but well contested!). Be sure to come out to work at the TMMI autocross on Saturday, and come back on Sunday to drive the course yourself! Dave reminded all of the *Pit Stop* deadline and to watch for an article on SOLO Nationals by Paul Dornburg in your upcoming issue of *Pit Stop*. Assistant Activities Chair Jr Crowe, Assistant Regional Executive, Richard Grav, and RE Dave were all 'darn' glad to be in attendance.

Women of SIR chair MacKenzi reported that she and Stacy Grav went to the Women's Luncheon at SOLO Nationals with over 110 other women! They heard what has been happening with women-specific events in other regions, and expect to receive pictures and printed information from others soon. They were gratified to find that some of the things our club has already done were on other club's to-do lists. The Women's Initiative is gaining traction across SCCA. Another facet that is becoming a focus is children's Karting programs, which the Crowes expect they will learn about first-hand in the near future.

There were 10 teams vying for perfection at Carolyn Dornburg's "Brunch" Rally, including three guest teams. Two teams had a total score under 100 each, and several single-digit legs were also recorded. The 5-team class B won the day, with team Sturgeon/Eddmenson winning the day with a score of 62. Team Roales/Milam took the 2nd place trophy in class B, with team Lehrschall leading the low scoring class A.

17 classes (including weekend members and four ladies' classes) buzzed cones on Jr Crowe's "X Marks the Spot, Again" autocross. Best time of the day was recorded by Bob Sonntag in his blue LeGrand, with a 40.709 in B Modified. Well contested were the F Prepared and B and C Street classes, with three entrants each. Super Street Modified saw four entrants with two shared cars. Jr is working on his next course, which he expects will be the longest course possible in our space at Lawrenceville.

Looking ahead in the calendar, don't forget to come out to work at the TMMI autocross on September 16, and drive Paul Dornburg's autocross the next day. Workers for the TMMI autocross will earn Berry points, and fun runs for workers are expected at the end of the day. Steve Yockey's rally will start from the Donut Bank in Princeton on October 1. The board will meet at Ciholas on October 3, and Ernie Roales has an all-new "Quick and Dirty" autocross ready for October 8.

Nominations for Board positions will be received at the October Membership meeting. While all Board members are happy to continue serving for another year, they each welcome someone to take their place! Voting for Board positions as well as By-Law changes will take place at the November Membership meeting.

Dave, as a member of the committee, shared proposed changes to the By-Laws. Proposal #1 clears up many housekeeping items, including gender-neutral language, electronic communication, and removal of counties that moved to the Western Kentucky region. Proposal #3 clarifies two standing committees, Membership and Women of SIR. Proposal #2 would add a position of Women's Chair to the board. This new position would look out for women's interests with the objective of providing a more rewarding membership experience for the women of SIR. Proposed changes to the By-Laws will be published in *Pit Stop* before the November Membership meeting. Many thanks to the By-Laws team for their efforts in this nit-picky job.

Dave presented a review of SOLO Nationals, where 9 of our members attended. There were 1,324 contestants over a week of driving. Interestingly, the fastest car at the event was a C Street Prepared, not A Modified! (*Ed. Note: This is an indexed time not a raw time. The fastest cars on course were indeed the A Mod cars*) Paul Dornburg ended at number 809 overall (*on indexed time*); Jr and Richard finished 1064 and 1065, respectively. (*on indexed time*) MacKenzi finished 7th in her class, earning respect from the four national champions she drove against. On Monday at the EVO driving school, Richard's black Solstice decided to throw the turbo's exhaust turbine wheel out! After quick consideration, they decided to take MacKenzi up on her offer to drive the Barbie car. They went all-in, picking up matching pink driving shirts and memorable socks. They attracted attention and respect as they continued trade fast times on the track. Watch the website and Facebook for some of the 3,805 pictures of the week taken by Richard and Stacy! Finally, the group gave a big thank-you to Terry Davis, who was the glue of the SIR group in Lincoln. Make plans now to join the fun in Lincoln next year!

Jay Wolf won the door prize, after which the meeting adjourned.

2017 SIR/SCCA Schedule				
October				
10.01	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (6 of 7) "The Donut Rally" -- Steve Yockey	Donut Bank, 1209 W Broadway St, Princeton, IN 47670
10.03	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
10.08	Sun	9:30 AM	Pt Autocross (7 of 7) -- Ernie Roales 9:30 Central Setup starts 9:30 Tech and registration open 10:30 Guided course walk for novices 11:00 Tech and registration close 11:30 Drivers meeting 11:45 First car off	Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville
10.10	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:00-6:30, meeting at 7:30)	Smitty's Italian Steakhouse
November				
11.05	Sun	12:30 PM	Pt Rally (7 of 7) -- Bob Sonntag	Hardees, 4249 US 41, Evansville, IN 47711
11.07	Tue	5:45 PM	Board Meeting (guests welcome)	Ciholas
11.14	Tue	6:30 PM	Membership Meeting (dinner at 6:00-6:30, 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	Christmas Board Meeting (guests welcome)	TBD

		The "Round & Around" Rally		9/10/2017				
		Bob Rothermel - Rallymaster						
		Paul Blaylock - Ass't Rallymaster						
				Leg1	Leg2	Leg3	Leg4	SCORE
1	A	Team 1	Terry Davis / Bob Sonntag	+47	-64	+41	-3	155
1	B	Team 2	Ernie Roales / Sue Roales	+1349	+77	+225	+20	1671
+ = late - = early ()=bought time								

		The "Donut Rally"		10/1/2017				
		Steve Yockey - Rallymaster						
		Ernie Roales - Ass't Rallymaster						
				Leg1	Leg2	Leg3	SCORE	
1	A	Team 1	Terry Davis / Bob Sonntag	+97	-3	+51	151	
1	A	Team 4	Dawn Sturgeon/Tonya Eddmenson	+501	-81	+120	702	
1	B	Team 2	Jr. Crowe/MacKenzi Crowe	(+201)	+187	-161	558	
1	B	Team 2	Gene Young/Paul Dornburg	(+390)	+120	(-84)	594	
1	B	Team 2	Jeremy Crowe/Jerry Crowe	+510	-236	+286	1032	
+ = late - = early ()=bought time								

Car	Class	Driver	Car	Run 1		Run 2		Run 3		Run 4		Run 5		Run 6		Best Time		
				Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen	Adj Time	Pen			
D Modified																		
1	DM	Mike Mounlio	White Festiva	47.144		47.323		46.576		46.954		46.437		46.539		46.437	BT	
Super Street Modified & D Prepared																		
136	SSM	Paul Dornburg	Green 911	42.376		42.474		41.767		42.549		42.639		41.950		41.767	BT	
36	SSM	Terry Davis	Green 911	46.576		46.363		45.812		45.779		45.684		46.562		45.684	BT	
201	SSM	Yancy Smith	Green Miata	49.519		47.316		46.732		47.920		DNS		DNS		46.732		
102	SSM	Jeff Peachey	Green Miata	56.903	(1)	52.494	(1)	48.663		49.313		50.527	(1)	50.107		48.663		
86	DP	Brad Schroeder	Black BMW	56.576		58.341		55.959		57.382		54.467		55.456		54.467		
E Street Prepared & Classic American Muscle Sports																		
19	ESP	Ryan Bootz	Silver BMW	54.807	(1)	48.722		52.133	(2)	49.885	(1)	47.202		47.395		47.202	T	
51	CAMS	Ernie Roales	Blue Corvette	49.706		47.921		47.700		48.421		48.480		48.660		47.700	B	
5	CAMS	Larry Pearsol	Blue Corvette	79.380	DNF	75.549	DNF	70.362		74.612	DNF	65.720		66.302		65.720		
Street Touring Roadster																		
82	STR	Jeremy Duke	Green Sky	50.226		49.582		48.455		49.140		49.478		48.981		48.455	T	
182	STR	Duane Duke	Green Sky	55.831		53.651		52.965		52.685		53.431		54.068		52.685		
A Street & Super Street																		
1	SS	Jeff Jackson	White Porsche	46.387		45.614		45.708		46.013		45.430		45.580		45.430	T	
98	AS	James Shade	Silver Porsche	50.071		50.855		49.334		53.263	(2)	48.951		50.860	(1)	48.951		
Classic American Muscle Traditional																		
7	CAMT	Mark Petry	White Pontiac	54.710		52.221		52.780		51.675		72.616	(1)	52.655		51.675	T	
80	CAMT	Russ Lockett	Gray Chevy	61.150		59.108		56.209		56.095		55.172		55.578		55.172		
B Street																		
96	BS	Don Kelley	Silver S2000	45.489		45.412		45.283		46.079		45.791		46.734		45.283	BT	
20	BS	Barry Beaman	Red Honda	47.143		45.847		45.583		45.416		45.529		45.525		45.416	B	
8	BS	Jeremy Crowe	White Corvette	52.828		52.474		52.618		52.513		54.674		50.865		50.865		
C Street & C Street Ladies																		
188	CS	Richard Grav	Gray Mazda	47.154	(1)	49.195	(2)	46.795	(1)	44.985		44.891		44.809		44.809	BT	
88	CSL	Stacy Grav	Gray Mazda	55.853	(2)	51.364		50.880		48.877		49.069		58.478		48.877	B	
3	CS	Darwin Graham	Gray Mazda	54.423		53.218		52.397		54.480	(1)	51.757		51.679		51.679		
F Street																		
79	FS	Dave Lehrschall	Green Mustang	46.405		45.554		46.097		46.781		45.633		46.546		45.554	BT	
92	FS	Jamsheed Reshad	Red Mustang	57.263		52.019		52.608		62.247	(1)	52.615	(1)	50.384		50.384		
192	FS	Samuel Reshad	Red Mustang	71.165		64.933		59.283		59.637		56.505		58.488		56.505		
D Street & D Street Ladies																		
56	DS	Jeff Metz	Blue Subaru	47.953		47.218		47.336		49.122	(1)	47.132		46.812		46.812	BT	
156	DSL	Stacey Metz	Blue Subaru	53.631		53.072		52.382		52.363		51.738		51.982		51.738		
E Street and E Street Ladies																		
33	ES	Jr Crowe	Pink Miata	47.167		46.520		47.032		47.190		46.934		47.505		46.520	BT	
882	ES	Shawn Lansdale	White Miata	46.610		54.457		47.126		46.941		46.807		47.044		46.610	T	
714	ES	M. Blankenberger	Orange Miata	49.646		48.918		48.604		48.173		51.377	(1)	48.476		48.173	B	
3	ESL	Mackenzi Crowe	Pink Miata	49.121		48.499		48.741		48.462		50.630	(1)	55.628	(2)	48.462	B	
H Street																		
77	HS	John McCarthy	Red Stealth	50.978		50.271		49.641		49.390		48.819		48.622		48.622	BT	
21	HS	Steve Backer	Maroon Scion	51.499		49.645		50.364		52.743	(1)	49.979		50.931		49.645	B	
Weekend Member Division																		
111	WCSP	Erich Hopf	Black Miata	50.828		49.325		48.318		47.453		48.235		48.716		47.453	0.860	40.810
11	WCSP	Justin Carey	Black Miata	53.416		51.770		50.114		48.165		48.339		48.165		48.165	0.860	41.422
18	WFS	Jonathon Corbett	White Pontiac	59.823	(1)	55.647		52.924		52.502		54.867		54.703		52.502	0.804	42.212
9	WASP	Shawn Grav	Black Pontiac	53.638		51.907		50.322		50.051		55.509	(2)	49.384		49.384	0.856	42.273
6	WASP	Scott Grav	Black Solstice	66.829		64.360		58.137		58.502		56.773		53.648		53.648	0.856	45.923

2017 Solo Nationals

Last year I was a Solo Nationals rookie and even though Paul and Terry had done an outstanding job of coordinating paddock spots, hotel arrangements, and everything else, I was still one of the new guys in a crowd of 1300 serious competitors. It was intimidating. This year I was ready. I didn't "win, place, or show", but I felt more competitive and not overwhelmed. I moved up a few positions in the class. At this rate, I should win just about the same time I turn 85.



Like last year we worked together and we supported each other. We shared course strategies and enjoyed each other's company. It was fun. After two trips to the Nationals I've probably worn out my "bucket list" argument for attending, but I'll go again if I can manage it.

My favorite memories revolve around what began as an unfortunate mechanical failure for Richard and Junior. These two quickly rearranged their entry status, picked up some very stylish duds, and went out and impressed everyone by pushing the Barbie Mazda for all it was worth. There were 1300+ participants there, but the back and forth, 0.025 second contest between these two was the show. Other, more experienced competitors in the class made a point of acknowledging their driving ability.

Dave Lehrschall

It all started with a radio call of, "Junior we need to check you trailer tire when we get there". Solo Nationals 2017 was a year to remember or forget depending on which side of luck you were on. Sunday evening after realizing that I had three out of four trailer wheel bearings loose and I was four threads of a strap from losing our golf cart I open a cold adult beverage. We were drinking liquid patience, and only time would tell how much of it we needed to drink.



Monday morning, we took our hot rod for testing. We had a few good runs and then a nice gentleman came over kicking what looked like a rock. He asked, "Did this come off your car?" I was thinking lord I hope not. The mystery piece on the ground was the exhaust turbine off the turbo. Team "Dark Knight" had just been eliminated from the competition and we hadn't even registered yet. One hour quick decision. Do we try to fix dark night? Do we rent a car from the local hertz? Do we man up and join team "Hot Barbie?"

Tuesday afternoon, Richard and I showed up with pink shirts, pink hats, and knee high gray socks with green polka dots. This is how you own it! We proceeded to put on one of the most entertaining shows for our group in a while. I had a slow start Tuesday and ended about 1 second behind Richard. I was a little disappointed but who better to get beat by than your teammate.

Wednesday, I took the lead from Richard on my first run. He then took it back after his second run, but was yet again behind before his third and final run at Nationals. I stood there watching the clock knowing if he has a time of 67.9 or worse I had overcome all odds to beat him. Vroom Vroom here comes the pink Miata. Clock? Clock? 67.9 it is. Holy moly he has put the pressure back on me on my final run. I roll up to the starting line with all 140 squirrels under the hood purring, knowing I am behind by 25 thousandths of a second. Where on earth will I find the inch of real estate to make up that difference?

Starter looks at me and says, "Are you ready"? Yep. What ensues was one of the most fun autocross runs I have ever made. I thought I messed up the shift in and automatic, and of course think I can make that up. Half way thru the run the tail end slides out a little bit costing at least another second. Hell, what's one second I can make that up. I drove thru the rest of the course trying to not use brakes, unless it is necessary. This means unless my mother walks in front of the car brakes don't exist. The last sweeper is coming what will happen here? The front tires have thrown in the towel and are letting Barbie head for the cones and out to pasture. I left foot brake a little to try and set the nose for the last slalom. WOW the car took the input well and here we go thru the last slalom throttle at 150% the squirrels are now screaming like a kid wanting cake. I make thru the first two gates and here comes the last. I make it around the cone and WHOO HOOO here comes the rear end passing the front end right as I go thru the finish line. I didn't make the winning run. I didn't beat Richard. I didn't win the nationals. What I did do was have the most fun losing in my career. We were competing for like 55th and 56th place. I don't think the guys competing for 1st and second of the entire event had the fun that we had. This is only the beginning of our incredible adventure. That is probably a story for a different venue. The solo nationals with the SIR group is an amazing adventure and I look forward to in all 365 days from the time it ends till it starts again...
Jr. Crowe

I had great time at solo nationals this year; weather was perfect - NO RAIN! My class, BS, was first class off

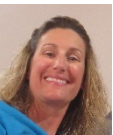


Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, things were in a rush - walking the course both days before daybreak in the cold, trying to warm the car, 50-degree tires - mental note on that, find grid spot, try to relax.

Besides the driving events, we attended the KONI shocks seminar, talked at length with Bridgestone reps, and witnessed the ES pink Miata shootout between Junior and Richard Grav.

One of the most enjoyable times was with our club members sitting around our camp one evening sharing stories of cars and relationships. The whole trip was a great experience shared among friends; and Junior's radio commentary kept us entertained while on the road.
Barry Beaman

My experience at Nationals this year was an exciting one for sure.



On Monday I attended the Women's Initiative Luncheon which gave me insight into what other regions are doing to grow their women's programs. Last year about 20 women attended the luncheon and this year we had over 110 women. Simply Amazing! As we were writing down what our region did to grow our program, I can say with confidence we have to be a front runner. I am hopeful our program just continues its upward spiral to grow.

I drove Barbie on Tuesday and Wednesday in the second heat both days. In my class, ESL, alone I had four (4) National Champions, which was a bit intimidating to say the least. However, I knew that Barbie and I were going to give it all we had to be competitive. I ended up in 7th place and could not be prouder of myself. After the event was over the ladies in my class told me I had earned their respect and asked me to join their racing circuit. Above all this to me was my biggest achievement. But let's be serious there is no way I could do that as I have to work my day job to race.

Nationals never disappoints. For the last two (2) years the experience and atmosphere is second to none. I can't wait until next year as I will be back and striving to finish even better.

Mackenzi Payne-Crowe



Refusing to believe I couldn't compete any better than well over half of field in 2016 and having thoroughly enjoyed the time with last year's SIR team, going back in 2017 seemed like a natural thing to do. With Paul's coaching and one year of experience under my belt, reservations and plans fell right into place. Unlike last year, tires seemed to be hooking up pretty good at home events and Barry finished 1st in B Street at a BG event, so that expense could be averted. Suspension was tuned a little better thanks to Richard Grav's frame by frame photos from last year. All facets seemed to be aligning with the planets for the silver S2000 to move up to the top half of the field in '17.

Should have read the tea leaves a little better going into the trip when couple of last days' home activities and an early departure time with the group helped me to start out sleep deprived. Popping no doze only worked due to the constant walkie talkie chatter, mostly between Crows and Gravs kept Ron Dave, Barry, and me entertained the whole 12 hours. We learned a lot about motor homes running starts at hills, different bladder management efforts, numerous critiques and 4 letter expletives for the bone heads that seemed determined to interrupt our progress and separate our caravan, all punctuated with horror/gross out screams when a large juicy bug tried to block a windshield view. At the end of the trip, Paul and Terry were in place at the Paddock and helped us unload, set up, and then thanks to Stacy and McKenzie hospitable food service enjoy some wind down discussion about all the tribulations to that point in time.

Prefer to not detail my competition, or lack thereof, due to a much less than desired outcome. Top side only, first day found my inability to hold my lines and target points but due to a fortunate rerun call on my last turn allowed my best segment on 4th run. Felt like I was back home on the bonus program. The second day began with the temps sub 50's. We started walking the course at 6:30 AM in the dark except for the moonlight. Anxiety escalated when Brian Johns of Nashville explained how he was screwed in his Vette due to the cold temps and no tire warmer, unlike the other leaders in BS. Thanks to Barry I at least had that advantage. Wasn't provided the luxury of a rerun the second day and two DNFs coupled with my grasshopper legs bumping my key to off on what I thought to be the run of all runs cemented my disappointment.

Note that my disappointment cannot hold a candle to Richard's "Bad Sol" turbo failure. Even with that big bummer both Richard and John made the excitement of the week for us with their heads up Pink Barbie exciting competition the last heat of the days that was closely followed not only by SIR team mates, but most of the ES spectators in attendance.

All in all, an enjoyable week, in spite of no gold.

Don Kelley



It is a long drive for a short sprint, however, it is a major experience in your motor sports adventures. It was truly a great trip because of the magnitude of the event, but mostly because of the wonderful group of members I had the opportunity to get to know so much better. Thanks for the experience.

Ron Jochum



I guess I've been going to Nationals for the last 20-25 years. Last year and this year were special because of all the club members who have started going. It's fun to see their reaction to the size of the whole event. Really big site with over 1,000 competitors, the largest motor sports event in the world. It's fun to help folks get the most out of their experience. Trivia question: How many times did you cross the Missouri river on the way home.

Terry Davis



I really enjoy going to the Solo Nationals. It's like a big party for car people. You get to see such a variety of cars and people. I see some autocrossing friends just once a year at this place. One can experience the high of a well driven run or the crushing feeling of a DNF before you cross the starting line. I really felt bad for Richard. His car puked the turbo's hot side impeller rendering the car unusable until a new turbo was procured. I've been in the "engine failure" mode and it's disheartening especially when you build your own car to compete. The good side to Richard's story is that he got to drive the "Barbie" Miata and he made the best of it. He and Jr. dressed the part and then had a ding-dong battle for bragging rights. I was on the other course when I looked over and saw Richard completing his last run. He thrust his arms up and I knew he was happy. It turns out he had just beaten Jr. for their bragging rights. They didn't care where they were amongst the other competitors, they were in their own competition and they had a ball making the best of the situation.



We all ended up running Tuesday and Wednesday and as a result we were all over the place. Don and Barry were on the East course in heat one. MacKenzi, Ron and Dave were in heat 2 on the East Course. Terry and I were on the west course working heat 2 and running heat 4 while Mac, Ron and Dave were working. Rich and Jr. ran heat 5 on the east course while I was working the heat on the west course.

We did get to spend some time together Monday night when we sat in our paddock area eating pizza and sharing stories about our racing lives. The things you learn.

Wednesday, we swapped courses and went at it again. I was in 14th place after day 1 and was hoping to improve. My second run was my best as I chopped 2 seconds off my time and boosted myself to 12th position in the 21-car field. I felt good about being able to compete against new cars which included a very expensive 2012 McLaren (\$135,000 when new) and a 2017 C7 Vette. We'll do it again next year on September 4-7.

2017 Points as of 9/29/17

Berry Points	
1	Paul Dornburg
2	Ernie Roales
3	Bob Sonntag
4	Terry Davis
5	Richard Grav
6	Dawn Sturgeon
7	Jr. Crowe
8	Don Kelley
9	Barry Beaman
10	Stacey Grav
11	David Lehschall
12	Jeff Metz
13	Jeff Jackson
14	Mackenzi Crowe
15	Paul Blaylock
16	Bob Rothermel
17	Jeremy Duke
18	Jay Wolf
19	Shawn Lansdale
20	John McCarthy
21	Mike Blankenberger
22	Ron Jochum
23	Steve Backer
24	Lora Blaylock
25	Steven Yockey
26	Woody Gallagher
27	Mike Mounlio
28	Deb Rothermel
29	Jacob Dorris
30	Ben Davis
31	Susan Roales
32	Carolyn Dornburg
33	Jeff Peachey Jr.
34	Stacey Metz
35	Corey Haury
36	Duane Duke
37	Mark Petry
38	Suelyn Lehschall
39	Brad Schroeder
40	James Woolridge
41	Robert Rehklau
42	Terry Keating
43	Gary Griffith
44	James Shade
45	Robert Graber
46	Breeze Sturgeon
47	Darlene Cannon
48	Darlene Cannon
49	Gene Young
50	Julia Yockey
51	Yancy Smith
52	Chris Kinnaman
53	Michael Buente

Berry Points (cont.)	
54	Don Crowe
55	Julia Young
56	Kathy Crowe
57	Aaron Miller
58	Amanda McCarthy
59	Chad Griffith
60	Chris Shieldsmith
61	Clifton Dodd
62	Darren Daubenspeck
63	George Behring
64	James Cannon
65	Jason May
66	Jeff Wittman
67	Josha Pertsch
68	Ken Lumpkin
69	Mike Hutchens
70	Russ Luckett
71	Ryan Bootz
72	Sue Wolf
73	Barry Schonberger
74	Drew Gerth
75	James Hayes
76	Kristin Parker
77	Larry Pearsol
78	Matthew Beasley
79	Sonny Colston
80	Michelle Deutsch
81	Darvin Graham
82	Eric Shade
83	Evan Shade
84	Frank Miller
85	Ian Boyan
86	Jacob Wilkerson
87	Jae Choi
88	Jansheed Reshad
89	Jeremy Crowe
90	Joseph Doroff
91	Jose Renda
92	Josh Johnson
93	Reginald Sandy
94	Samuel Reshad
95	Tony Hawkins
96	Victor Brunamonti
97	William Erlinger
98	Chris Moore
99	Cooper Lilly
100	Dale Fathand
101	Jeff Schindler
102	John Warren
103	John Whitaker
104	Lisa Posey
105	Michelle Whitaker
106	Paul Condi

Rally Points	
1	Ernie Roales
2	Bob Sonntag
3	Ben Davis
4	Bob Rothermel
5	Susan Roales
6	Terry Davis
7	Dawn Sturgeon
8	Jr. Crowe
9	Carolyn Dornburg
10	Paul Blaylock
11	Paul Dornburg
12	Deb Rothermel
13	Darlene Cannon
14	David Lehschall
15	Don Crowe
16	Kathy Crowe
17	Lora Blaylock
18	Mike Hutchens
19	Suelyn Lehschall
20	Don Kelley
21	Matthew Beasley
22	Steven Yockey
23	James Cannon
24	Julia Yockey
25	Mackenzi Crowe

Autocross Points		AX1	AX2	AX3	AX4	AX5	Total
1	Barry Beaman	988	983	1000	951	975	4907
2	Don Kelley	993	991	998	910	971	4863
3	Richard Grav	960	959	975	931	914	4739
4	Jeff Metz	919	957	972	917	964	4729
5	Paul Dornburg	984	750	974	939	986	4633
6	Mike Blankenberger	942	912	948	890	921	4613
7	Dawn Sturgeon	938	922	944	881	909	4594
8	Jeremy Duke	912	884	895	845	890	4426
9	Ernie Roales	892	894	893	843	858	4380
10	Duane Duke	812	790	825	782	789	3998
11	Woody Gallagher	1000	1000	981	939		3920
12	Shawn Lansdale	976	941	979		975	3871
13	Stacy Metz	750	817	755	750	778	3850
14	Jeff Jackson	948	970		938	986	3842
15	Junior Crowe	963	943	961		949	3816
16	Mackenzi Crowe	929	905	925		924	3683
17	Terry Davis	921	953		848	900	3622
18	Stacey Grav	827	857	780	750	3107	3214
19	Jeff Peachey	767		840	750	750	3107
20	Mike Mounlio		750	750	750	750	3008
21	Brad Schroeder		750	750	750	750	3000
22	Breeze Grav		750	750	750	750	3000
23	David Lehschall	969		897	911	2777	
24	Gary Griffith		890	943	860		2693
25	Steve Backer	847			874	938	2659
26	John McCarthy	890	846			896	2632
27	Yancy Smith	887		838		858	2583
28	Ron Jochum		750	915		880	2545
29	Bob Rothermel		812	804		750	2329
30	Robbie Graber		986	993			1979
31	Chris Kinnaman		879	859			1738
32	Mike Buente	896	826				1722
33	Bob Sonntag			750		946	1696
34	James Shade			858		829	1687
35	Kristin Parker			750		869	1619
36	Bob Rehklau			867	750		1617
37	Jay Wolf			860	750	1610	1610
38	Mark Petry			815	794	1609	1609
39	Jacob Dorris	811	762				1573
40	James Hayes		750	750			1500
41	Drew Gerth	750				750	1500
42	Aaron Miller				1000		1000
43	Josh Pertsch					1000	1000
44	Chris Shieldsmith					978	978
45	Sonny Colston		937				937
46	Corey Haury	930					930
47	Ken Lumpkin		922				922
48	Frank Miller				905		905
49	Josh Johnson	904					904
50	Chad Griffith				899		899

Autocross Points		AX1	AX2	AX3	AX4	AX5	Total
51	Victor Brunamonti					892	892
52	Joseph Doroff					891	891
53	Terry Keating			885			885
54	Julia Young			876			876
55	Jeff Wittman			870			870
56	Jose Renda			870			870
57	Ian Boyan				863		863
58	Gene Young				860		860
59	Jae Choi					858	858
60	Jason May					839	839
61	Brent Sturgeon				838		838
62	Jacob Wilkerson					817	817
63	Cliff Dodd					777	777
64	Russ Luckett					773	773
65	Reginald Sandy				773		773
66	Julia Yockey					750	750
67	Stephen Yockey					750	750
68	Tony Hawkins					750	750
69	William Erlinger					750	750
70	Eric Shade					750	750
71	Evan Shade					750	750
72	George Behring					750	750
73	Larry Pearsol					750	750
74	Jim Woolridge					750	750
75	Darren Daubenspeck					750	750

Rookie Points		
1	Jeff Metz	0.276
2	Mark Petry	0.245
3	Bob Rothermel	0.237
4	Mike Mounlio	0.195
5	Brad Schroeder	0.164
6	Deb Rothermel	0.132
7	Jeremy Crowe	0.118
8	Stacey Metz	0.112
9	James Shade	0.078
10	Kristin Parker	0.073
11	Russ Luckett	0.044
12	Jason May	0.043
13	Tony Hawkins	0.033
14	William Erlinger	0.033
15	Darwin Graham	0.018
16	Jansheed Reshad	0.018
17	Samuel Reshad	0.018
18	Eric Shade	0.017
19	Evan Shade	0.017
20	John Whitaker	0.009
21	Michelle Whitaker	0.009

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Upcoming Events – All Times Central

Tuesday, October 3rd, Board meeting, Ciholas, Newburgh, IN

Sunday, October 8th, Autocross Points Event #7, Mid-American Air Center, Lawrenceville, IL

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM – Tech, Registration, course walks
10:30 AM – Instructed course walk for novice/new drivers
11:00 AM – Tech and Registration close
11:15 AM – Drivers Meeting
11:45 AM – First car off

Tuesday, October 10th, Membership Meeting, Smitty's Italian Restaurant, W. Franklin St., Evansville
6:00 PM Dinner, 7:30 PM Business meeting

Sunday, November 5th, Points Rally #7, Sonntag Rally, Starting point, Hardees, 4249 US 41, Evansville, IN 47711
12:30 PM Registration and Tech.
First car off at 1:00ish